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Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy - Divine Service Setting Three (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Hymn of the Day: 615 "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

Sanctus: 960 "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"

Agnus Dei: 434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Distribution Hymn: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Distribution Hymn: 763 "When Peace, like a River"

Distribution Hymn: 754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

Closing Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com. Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home)

Kamden Peters (treatment)

Acolyte today - Lucious Petesch

Acolyte March 3 - Piper Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Conner Ohlde, Elijah Meier, & Aiden Sweet

Ushers Mar. 3rd - *Aaron Stuenkel, Daniel Nabors, Mason Tiemeyer, & Liam Voelker

LYF Serving for Bible Class today & Mar. 3 - Aiden Sweet & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Serving for Bible Class Mar. 10 & 17 - Daniel Nabors & Liam Voelker

Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 25 | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; NO Children's Sunday School |
| Feb. 28 | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 2 |
| March 3 | 8:45 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
2:00 p.m. LLS Annual Musical in Linn Public School old gym |

Announcements

- Men's Club dues for 2024 are \$30 and should be given to Caanan Ohlde. These dues go to support mission efforts in Kansas and beyond.
- On **Wednesday, March 6**, at 7 p.m. our congregations will hold a joint Lent service and hymn festival at St. John, Palmer. The theme Praise the precious blood! (from LSB 433) centers on our Lord's Passion and Death as well as His presence with us in the Lord's Supper. You are invited to submit a hymn request. Any hymn from LSB can be requested, but hymns which reflect our theme or which receive multiple votes will gain greater consideration. While not limited to these, thematic hymns can be found in the ranges LSB 418-456, 617-643. Not all requests can be chosen, but there will be future hymn festivals rotating among our congregations and pastors. Write your request on the request sheet or text "Hymn request #123" to Pr. Hayes at 720-897-6829. Then come and see if your hymn was selected!
- Linn Lutheran School's Annual Musical is **Sunday, March 3rd**, at 2 p.m. at the Linn Public School old gym. Preschool will share songs to begin, and then 1st-8th grade will present "Jonah's Druthers": Jonah's journey to Ninevah set in the wild, wild West! Following the musical, there will be refreshments.
- Wednesday, March 6th**, Linn Lutheran School invites you to our VIP Chapel at 8:25 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. Following chapel, we will have donuts and play bingo in the basement. Hope you can join us!
- The 2024 Middle School Huddle (MSH) will be held April 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch, south of Junction City. More information and registration can be found here: <https://kslclcms.org/education-youth/youth-ministry/middle-school-events/>
- Linn Lutheran School is seeking a full-time third and fourth grades elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. This person should be motivated to work with our school students and help them to grow in their knowledge and faith in our Lord. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree with a Kansas Teaching License or ability to obtain one. Other qualifications include the passion to work with elementary students, exceptional verbal, written, and interpersonal skills, creative, resourceful, and a flexible team member. If you are interested, please send your resume, cover letter, a reference letter, and the enclosed application to David Beikmann at david.beikmann@cune.org. or mail this info to the school.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit *(Psalm 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22)*

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your
goodness, | O Lord!**

**Good and upright | is the Lord;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.**

**For your name's sake, | O Lord,*
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 32:22-32*

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Gradual (*Psalm 25:17-18*)

**The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:1-7*

¹ Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Tract (*Psalm 106:1-4*)

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times!
Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you save them.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28*

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

As We Gather...

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Genesis 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Matthew 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Matthew 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thessalonians 4:1-7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Romans 5:1-5).

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Sixth Commandment (Cont.)

[God's Gift of Marriage]

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

56. What does God require of us in the Sixth Commandment?

A. God requires us to avoid all temptations to sexual sin.

185 **Genesis 39:9** - How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?

186 **1 Corinthians 6:18** - Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

B. God requires us to be clean in what we think and say.

187 **Ephesians 5:3-4** - Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

188 **Philippians 4:8** - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

C. God requires us to use our sexuality in ways pleasing to Him.

189 **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** - Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

56. What does God require especially of married people?

God requires married people to love, honor, and respect each other. The wife is the husband's God-given helper, and the husband is the wife's God-given head.

190 **Genesis 2:18** - The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

191 **1 Corinthians 7:4** - The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

192 **Ephesians 5:21-23, 25** - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior...Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

Note: See "To Husbands" and "To Wives" under the Table of Duties.

The Sunday of the Canaanite Woman



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