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March 26, 2023

Fifth 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 (Page 184)

**No more Gloria or Alleluia until Easter*

Opening Hymn: 440 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

In place of Kyrie: 945 "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

Hymn of the Day: 430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Distribution Hymn: 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Distribution Hymn: 437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Distribution Hymn: 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Closing Hymn: 438 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail 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, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home); **Carter John & Allie Elizabeth Meier** (NICU)

Acolyte this Sunday - Deavon Ohlde **Acolyte next Sunday** - Annalise Orona

Ushers today - *John Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Lance Gerleve, & Elijah Meier

Ushers April 2 - *Aaron Stuenkel, Aiden Sweet, Ethan Bott, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Aiden Sweet & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour April 16th & 23rd - Sophia & Ethan Bott

**No fellowship hour on April 2nd or 9th*

Upcoming Events

- March 26** 8:30 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. Linn Lutheran School Science Fair in Zion's basement
- March 29** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:15 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 4
- March 31** 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Questioning
- April 1** Annual Church Cleaning
- April 2** 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * Palm Sunday is next week, and the children will be singing at the beginning of the service. Please have your kids at church next week by 9:10 for a quick rehearsal. Thank you!
- * Linn Lutheran School invites you to our Science Fair! 1st-8th grade students will have their projects on display and will be available to answer questions! The Science Fair will be held **TODAY, March 26th**, at 2:00 p.m. in Zion's basement.
- * Linn Lutheran School is looking for a bus driver (full- or part-time) for the 2023-24 academic year. Please contact the school office at (785) 348-5792 with any questions or if you're interested in serving Linn Lutheran School in this way.
- * St. Peters Lutheran, south of Barnes, is hosting a spaghetti dinner **today**, serving from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pasta, salad, bread sticks, and desserts will be available. Free-will donation proceeds will be given to the Linn Lutheran School. Hope to see many of you at St. Peters for dinner and visiting.
- * Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment is now open to the public for the 2023-2024 school year. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old by August 31, 2023. Incoming and returning students may call the school starting at 8:00 a.m. at (785) 348-5792 or stop in the school office to sign up their student. Questions, please contact teacher, Mrs. Laura Stunkel or Linn Lutheran School.
- * LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **1 John 1:8 - "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."**
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** We begin Lent with an Organ Recital and Worship Service on Ash Wednesday (2/22 at 11 a.m.), study John 9-10 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Became Flesh" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and study 2 Timothy 1-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.).

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 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 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a)*

Vindicate | me, O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil
with- | in me?*
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my
God.

Vindicate | me, O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
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Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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 22:1-14*

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Gradual (*Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*)

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

[You] delivered me from my enemies;

you rescued me from the man of violence.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 9:11-15*

¹¹ When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the sprinkling of defiled

persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Tract (*Psalm 129:1-4*)

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”—

let Israel now say—

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made long their furrows.”

The Lord is righteous;

he has cut the cords of the wicked.

Gospel Reading: *John 8:46-59*

⁴⁶ “Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

Section 3 TABLE OF DUTIES

CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS,
ADMONISHING THEM ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Of Citizens

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. **Matthew 22:21**

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. **Romans 13:5-7**

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. **1 Timothy 2:1-3**

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. **Titus 3:1**

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. **1 Peter 2:13-14**

To Husbands

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. **1 Peter 3:7**

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. **Colossians 3:19**

To Wives

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **Ephesians 5:22**

They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. **1 Peter 3:5-6**

To Parents

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. **Ephesians 6:4**

To Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" - which is the first commandment with a promise - "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." **Ephesians 6:1-3**

The Sunday of Jesus' Rejection



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