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Septuagesima

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: 869 "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

Hymn of the Day: 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

(vv. 2 & 6 - Men; vv. 3 & 7 - Women)

Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Distribution Hymn: 744 "Amazing Grace"

Distribution Hymn: 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

Closing Hymn: 693 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

## Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto: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)

Acolyte today - Cash Stunkel

Acolyte Feb. 4th - Emitt Tiemeyer

Ushers today - \*Elijah Meier, Ethan Bott, Daniel Nabors, & Aiden Sweet

Ushers Feb. 4th - \*Eli Thalmann, Zac Hiltgen, Mason Tiemeyer, & Noah Thalmann

LYF Serving for Bible Class today & Feb. 4 - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

LYF Serving for Bible Class Feb. 11 & 18 - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

## Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 28 | 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     |
| Jan. 31 | 5:30 p.m.  | Midweek/Confirmation                             |
| Feb. 4  | 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     |
| Feb. 5  | 7:00 p.m.  | Commemoration of Jacob (w/communion) at Immanuel |

## Announcements

- Due to extreme cold temperatures last weekend, the New Member Potluck has been postponed to **April 21st**.
- Immanuel Men's Club will host their annual soup supper **TODAY**, from 5-7:30 p.m.
- Bethlehem Men's Club of Bremen will be hosting their annual Groundhog Day Pancake Feed next **Sunday, February 4th**, starting at 4:30 p.m. at their parish hall (4th & Arrowhead Rd.). The funds will support the KS District Projects with a majority being used for scholarships for students planning to enter full-time church work. Your support is greatly needed and will be appreciated.
- Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment times are approaching for the 2024-2025 School Year. Linn Lutheran Preschool returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), & current Linn Lutheran School Families- your enrollment opening date is set for **Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024**. If you do not fall under the above criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for **Monday, March 18, 2024**. NOTE: To enroll, call Linn Lutheran School @ 785-348-5792 or stop in the office to get your child's name on our list starting at 8am. \*Early enrollment prior to the dates listed above, enrollment via text, email and/or Facebook messenger will NOT be accepted and we will ask you to hold your request until the enrollment window is open accordingly, as listed above.

## As We Gather...

## Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Exodus 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matthew 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Corinthians 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

## 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.

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### 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.*

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### Introit *(Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5-6a)*

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.  
In my distress I called up- | on the Lord.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.

**I love you, O | Lord, my strength.\***

**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.**

**For you save a humble | people,\***

**but the haughty eyes | you bring down.**

**[You have] equipped | me with strength\***

**and made my way | blameless.**

**For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the | nations,\***

**and sing | to your name.**

**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 Septuagesima

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: *Exodus 17:1-7***

<sup>1</sup> All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

## **Gradual** (*Psalm 9:9-10, 18-19a*)

**The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.  
For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.  
Arise, O Lord!  
Let not man prevail.**

## **Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5***

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>1</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses

in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

## **Tract** (*Psalm 130:1-4*)

### **Out of the depths**

**I cry to you, O Lord!**

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,**

**O Lord, who could stand?**

**But with you there is forgiveness,**

**that you may be feared.**

## **Gospel Reading: *Matthew 20:1-16***

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.”

## Catechetical Review

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

#### The Sixth Commandment

##### [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.

#### 55. How do we lead a sexually pure and decent life?

We lead a sexually pure and decent life when we

- A. consider sexuality to be a good gift of God;
  - 171 **Genesis 1:27, 31** - God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ... God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.
  - B. honor marriage as God's institution, the lifelong union of one man and one woman;
  - 172 **Genesis 2:24-25** - For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.
  - 173 **Mark 10:6-9** - At the beginning of creation God "made them male and female." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.
  - C. reserve sexual intercourse for the marriage partner alone;
  - 174 **Hebrews 13:4** - Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.
  - D. control sexual urges in a God-pleasing way.
  - 175 **Titus 2:11-12** - The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.
- Note:* See also 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7.

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LCMS memory verse challenge this week: 1 Timothy 2:5-6 - "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time."

## The Sunday of Grace Alone



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