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February 5, 2023

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 (Page 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: 744 "Amazing Grace"

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

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

Distribution Hymn: 559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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 Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home); **Edith Lange** (recovery)

Acolyte this Sunday - Emitt Tiemeyer

Acolyte next Sunday - Cash Stunkel

Ushers today - *Tyler Ohlde, Eli Thalmann, Noah Thalmann, & Daniel Nabors

Ushers Feb. 12 - *John Bott, Elijah Meier, Lance Gerleve, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour today & Feb. 12th - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Fellowship Hour Feb. 19th & 26th - Daniel Nabors & Elijah Meier

Upcoming Events

February 5 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

February 8 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Class

February 12 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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Announcements

- * The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Marilynne Ohlde's birthday and are from her children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren.
- * The meeting with Lydia Hiesterman with Thrivent Financial regarding the Edgar Fajen Memorial has been rescheduled for **Sunday, February 12th**, after the service (10:45-ish) in the church. It should only last about 20 minutes. The finance committee will also be in attendance.
- * The St. John Men's Club will have a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6. We will have Bible study and Christian fellowship as part of the meeting. In charge of refreshments are Brad Ohlde and Doug Bott. The men of the congregation are invited to join us and any men's club meeting and activities throughout the year.
- * **Linn Lutheran News:**
 - * PTL Skating Party - **Sunday, Feb. 19**, in Beatrice, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Come join us!
 - * Linn Lutheran 1st-8th grade students will sing at St. John on **Sunday, Feb. 19**, & then will sign at Zion on **Sunday, Feb. 26**, (9:30 a.m. service)
 - * NO SCHOOL - **Monday, Feb. 20**, for Linn Lutheran & Linn Public.
 - * LLS Board Meeting - **Monday, Feb. 20**, @ 7:00 p.m. at Linn Lutheran
- * Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund has started its matching program for 2023. Send your checks to Linn Lutheran School, and 50% will be match by Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund and will be subtracted from your churches bill that month. Matching will go until July 15, 2023; whatever is not matched will go to the 4th Teacher Fund.
- * Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment will open for St. John & Zion members on Feb. 15, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old by Aug. 31, 2023. Incoming & returning students may call the school on Feb. 15 starting at 8 a.m. @ 785-348-5792 or stop in the school office to sign up their student. Enrollment will open to the public on March 21, 2023. Questions, please contact teacher, Mrs. Laura Stunkel or Linn Lutheran School.
- * The LCMS publishes a weekly memory verse challenge: This week's memory verse is Leviticus 19:18 - "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

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 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*

¹ 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. ² 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?” ³ 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?” ⁴ So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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 (*Psalms 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*

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹ I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock

that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 20:1-16*

¹ [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. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ 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?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ 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.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² 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.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

CONFESSION

HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO CONFESS

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and

second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." [John 20:22-23]

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

The Sunday of Grace Alone



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