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March 12, 2023

Third 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: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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

Hymn of the Day: 659 "Lord of Our Life"

Distribution Hymn: 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Distribution Hymn: 533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

Distribution Hymn: 750 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Closing Hymn: 647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

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); Denette Ohlde (hospitalized);

Dennis Woerman (thanksgiving for recovery); Kay Kandt (rehab)

Acolyte this Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Acolyte next Sunday - Annalise Orona

Ushers today - *Tyler Ohlde, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Elijah Meier

Ushers March 19 - *Jacob Bott, Daniel Nabors, Dylan Ohlde, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Dylan Ohlde & Zac Hiltgen

LYF Fellowship Hour March 19th & 26th - Aiden Sweet & Ryan Stuenkel

Upcoming Events

- March 12** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- March 13** 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- March 15** 5:30 p.m. NO Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 3
- March 19** 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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Announcements

- * Can you find a way to share the link to this interview in the bulletin on home devotions? Thanks!
- * The following is a link on the Issues, Etc. website. It is an interview with Pastor about home devotions entitled "The Word of God in the Home."
 - * <https://issuesetc.org/2023/03/02/0611-the-word-of-god-in-the-home-pr-joshua-hayes-3-2-23/>
- * Spring Break for Linn Lutheran runs Monday, March 13, through Friday, March 17.
- * If you would like an Easter lily displayed in front of church on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Ann Ohlde at (785) 632-0127. Easter lilies need to be to the church parish hall by Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m.
- * **Submitted photo deadline is March 20th.** We ask that those individuals/families that need to submit a photo for the church directory to please do so by March 20th. If submitting a hard copy (no original), of a photograph, it must be on photo paper and wallet size. We would prefer pictures to be in a digital image (jpg, gif, png) and can be emailed to anbott@bluevalley.net. We ask that the photos be in a vertical layout. If you have questions, please contact a committee member, Annette Bott, Ann Ohlde, Deb Peters or Karla Sweet. **An updated roster is on the bulletin board in the hallway. We ask that all members review their information to help with the accuracy of the church directory.** A blank paper is next to it for any info that is not correct. Thank you for your help!
- * Mowing bids need to be turned in to the LLS School Board by **March 17th.**
- * St. Peters Lutheran, south of Barnes, is hosting a spaghetti dinner on **Sunday, March 26th**, 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.
- * LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **1 Peter 2:24 - "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."**

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 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15-16)*

My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

To you, | O Lord,*

I lift | up my soul.

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

let not my enemies exult | over me.

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*

bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*

and forgive | all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

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 Third Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 8:16-24*

¹⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷ And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt.

¹⁸ The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹ Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

²⁰ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹ Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²² But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth.

²³ Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.’”” ²⁴ And the Lord did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

Gradual (*Psalm 9:19, 3*)

Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail;

let the nations be judged before you!

When my enemies turn back,

they stumble and perish before your presence.

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 5:1-9*

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let

no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

Tract (*Psalm 123:1-3a*)

To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

have mercy upon us.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:14-28*

¹⁴ Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

¹⁵ But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’” ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸ But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

DAILY PRAYERS

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH HIS HOUSEHOLD TO ASK A BLESSING AND RETURN THANKS

Asking a Blessing

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. [Psalm 145:15-16]

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. [Psalm 136:1,25; 147:9-11]

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank you, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

LWML Linn Zone Spring Event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2942 27th Road, Hanover, on **Sunday, March 19**. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m. with the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

We will have a business meeting with election of officers. The speaker will be Paul Yates, Executive Director of "I've Got a Name" from Lincoln, Nebraska. This organization raises community awareness to amplify the voices of survivors and prevent women and children from being exploited. He will tell us about potential signs or behaviors that may indicate a person is being involved with sex trafficking. Our in-gathering will be cash donations to be given to this organization. Come and learn about this and maybe change someone's life for the good. All ladies are welcome to attend this meeting.

The Sunday of the Christ, the Stronger One



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