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April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Hymn of the Day: 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Distribution Hymn: 155 "This Is the Feast"

Distribution Hymn: 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"

Distribution Hymn: 660 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Distribution Hymn: 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Closing Hymn: 484 "Make Songs of Joy"

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)

Loved ones of Rev. Gene Holtorf

Acolyte today - Sophia Hiltgen

Acolyte April 21 - Lucious Petesch

Ushers today - *Aaron Stuenkel, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Eli Thalmann

Ushers April 21 - *Elijah Meier, Conner Ohlde, Noah Thalmann, & Aiden Sweet

LYF Serving for Bible Class today - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Serving for Bible Class April 21 & 28 - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

Upcoming Events

- April 14** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- April 21** 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
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~12:00 p.m. New Member Potluck followed by Qtrly Voters Mtg
- April 25** 7:00 p.m. Joint Communion Service at Zion

Announcements

- Linn Lutheran 3rd/4th grade class invites you to Chapel on **Wednesday, April 17**, at 8:25 a.m. at Zion. There are 19 students in the 3rd/4th grade class this year, and they will be leading Chapel. Chapel is every Wednesday at 8:25 a.m. at Zion; you are always welcome to join us!!
- The Blessings of Marriage Seminar:** Marriage comes with its own set of challenges, whether you are newlyweds or celebrating your golden anniversary. Rev James Woelmer (pastor at Christ Lutheran in Manhattan) will dive into the Biblical significance of marriage, its enriching aspects, and how it enhances our understanding of Christ and the church. You are invited to attend either April 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm or April 27 from 3:00-5:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church 4592 Green Valley Rd, Manhattan, KS. Please RSVP: jwoelmer@gmail.com or call 785-776-2227.
- This summer/fall, join fellow Lutherans and other Christians at regional LCMS marriage enrichment seminars around Kansas! We will meditate upon God's gift of marriage and how we can build each other up in a world where marriage and family are under constant assault! Dates, locations, and speakers will be announced soon. For more information, email the KS-LCMS Parish Education Committee chair, Rev. Philip Hoppe, at pastor@ihoppe.com.
- Save the Date....** VBS 2024 at St. John will be June 17th-21st!
- St. John has \$15,656.00 left to match in the 2024 Endowment Fund Matching Program for Linn Lutheran School. The Matching Program runs until July 15, 2024. Checks can be mailed or dropped off at Linn Lutheran. Thank you for using the Matching Program!
- LCMS memory verse challenge this week: **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** - "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

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 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a)*

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Al- | leluia.*
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Al- | leluia.

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you | righteous!*
Praise befits the | upright.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear him,*
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
that he may deliver their | soul from death*
and keep them alive in | famine.
Our soul waits | for the Lord;*
he is our help | and our shield.
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 of Easter

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 2:21-25*

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 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. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Verse (*Luke 24:35b; John 10:14*)

Alleluia. [The Lord] was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *John 10:11-16*

¹¹ [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

As We Gather...

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezekiel 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). “For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25).

From

“A Summary of the Christian Faith” by David Chytraeus (1568)

How is the Church gathered and governed in this world?

Through the ministry of the Gospel or through hearing, reading, meditating, etc., on the Word of God; through which Christ Himself is effective, converts the hearts and minds of its hearers to God by His Holy Spirit, and with the true knowledge of God and faith illumines, comforts, governs and sanctifies them to eternal life.

“Everyone who believes in Christ will be saved. But how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher? So then faith comes from the hearing of the Word of God,” Romans 10. “Thy word gives me life,” Psalm 119. “In Thy word I have hoped,” Psalm 130. “He will speak to you the words through which you and your household will be saved,” Acts 11.

- *The quotation above is by David Chytraeus and is from his 1568 work A Summary of the Christian Faith. The English translation is by Rev. Dr. Richard Dinda and is published by Repristination Press. For information on this book and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.*

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Ninth Commandment

[God's Gift of Contentment]

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

63. What is coveting?

Coveting is having a sinful desire for anyone or anything that belongs to our neighbor.

212 **Romans 7:8** - Sin...produced in me every kind of covetous desire.

213 **Matthew 15:19** - Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

64. What coveting does God forbid in the Ninth Commandment?

God forbids every sinful desire to get our neighbor's possessions openly or by trickery.

214 **Micah 2:1-2** - Woe to those who plan iniquity...They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud a man of his home, a fellowman of his inheritance.

215 **1 Timothy 6:8-10** - If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Bible narrative: Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard and got it in a way which only seemed right (**1 Kings 21:1-16**).

65. What does God require of us in the Ninth Commandment?

We should be content with what God has given us and assist our neighbor in keeping what God has given that person.

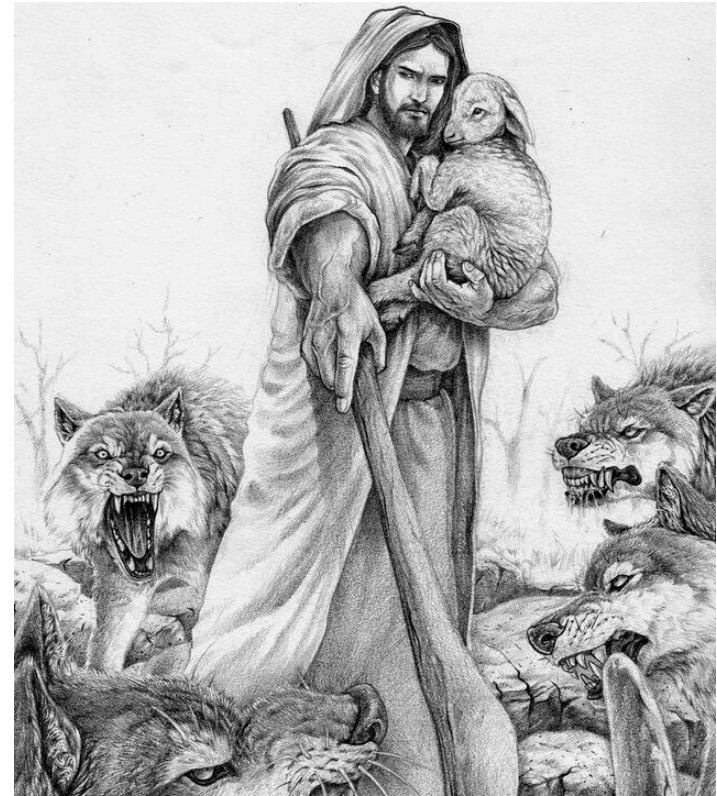
216 **Philippians 4:11** - I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

217 **1 Timothy 6:6** - Godliness with contentment is great gain.

218 **Hebrews 13:5** - Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Bible narrative: Paul overcame coveting (**Acts 20:32-35**).

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