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Quinquagesima

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: 558 "Not unto Us"

Hymn of the Day: 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Distribution Hymn: 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Distribution Hymn: 573 "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Closing Hymn: 417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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)

Acolyte today - Kingston Voelker

Acolyte Feb. 18th - Samuel Bott

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Liam Voelker, Dylan Ohlde, & Ethan Bott

Ushers Feb. 18th - *Tyler Ohlde, Greyson Ohlde, Daniel Nabors, & Eli Thalmann

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

LYF Serving for Bible Class Feb. 25 & Mar. 3 - Aiden Sweet & Camryn Beikmann

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 11 8:45 a.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Feb. 12 7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
- Feb. 14 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Holy Communion
- Feb. 18 8:45 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
5:30-7:30 p.m. LLS Annual Roller Skating Party in Beatrice

Announcements

- On **Wednesday, March 6**, at 7 p.m. our congregations will hold a joint Lent service and hymn festival at St. John, Palmer. The theme Praise the precious blood! (from LSB 433) centers on our Lord's Passion and Death as well as His presence with us in the Lord's Supper. You are invited to submit a hymn request. Any hymn from LSB can be requested, but hymns which reflect our theme or which receive multiple votes will gain greater consideration. While not limited to these, thematic hymns can be found in the ranges LSB 418-456, 617-643. Not all requests can be chosen, but there will be future hymn festivals rotating among our congregations and pastors. Write your request on the request sheet or text "Hymn request #123" to Pr. Hayes at 720-897-6829. Then come and see if your hymn was selected!
- Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment times are approaching for the 2024-2025 School Year. Returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), & current LLS Families- your enrollment opening date is set for **Thursday, Feb. 15**. Otherwise, your enrollment opening date is **Monday, March 18**. 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.
- For over 100 years Lutheran Hour Ministries has been committed to sharing the Gospel with those who need to hear it. Today, LHM energizes, equips, and engages Christians to share the Gospel throughout North America and around the globe. We are able to offer many free or low-cost resources because people like you have already joined our mission. Learn more about how you can get involved at lhm.org/discoverlhm.
- Linn Lutheran School is seeking a full-time third and fourth grades elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. This person should be motivated to work with our school students and help them to grow in their knowledge and faith in our Lord. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree with a Kansas Teaching License or ability to obtain one. Other qualifications include the passion to work with elementary students, exceptional verbal, written, and interpersonal skills, creative, resourceful, and a flexible team member. If you are interested, please send your resume, cover letter, a reference letter, and the enclosed application to David Beikmann at david.beikmann@cune.org. You can also mail this information to the school.
- Linn Lutheran 1st-8th grade students will be singing at St. John on **Sunday, Feb. 18**. Please have students in the Parish Hall to warm up by 9:15 a.m. On **Sunday, Feb. 25**, they will be singing at Zion, please have students in the basement to warm up by 9:15am.
- Sunday, Feb. 18** - Linn Lutheran PTL invites you to the Annual Roller Skating Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Rolla-Rena Skate Center in Beatrice, NE. Cost is \$6.00 per skater; refreshments will be available for purchase.

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 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b-3)*

Be a rock of refuge | for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me!

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;*
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!

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 Quinquagesima

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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: *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Gradual (*Psalm 77:14-15*)

**You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but

have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Tract (*Psalm 100:1-3*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:31-43*

³¹ Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸ And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴² And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Sixth Commandment (Cont.)

[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.

56. What does God forbid in the Sixth Commandment?

A. God forbids divorce except for marital unfaithfulness (adultery or desertion).

176 **Matthew 19:6** - They are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.

177 **Matthew 19:9** - Anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery.

178 **1 Corinthians 7:15** - If the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances.

Bible narratives: David committed adultery with the wife of Uriah (**2 Samuel 11**). Herod took his brother's wife (**Mark 6:18**).

B. God forbids sexual intercourse between unmarried persons.

179 **1 Corinthians 6:18** - Flee from sexual immorality.

180 **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** - Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders...will enter the kingdom of God.

C. God forbids sexual sins such as rape, homosexual activity, incest, sexual child abuse, obscenity, and the use of pornographic materials.

181 **Romans 1:24, 26-27** - Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another...Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

182 **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** - Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

D. God forbids sexually impure thoughts and desires.

183 **Matthew 5:28** - I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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

The Sunday of Faith Alone



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