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March 5, 2023

Second 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: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

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

Hymn of the Day: 615 "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

Distribution Hymn: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Distribution Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Distribution Hymn: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Distribution Hymn: 763 "When Peace, like a River"

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 Oldehoft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home); family of Diane Beikmann; Gabriel Hayes (injured)

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde; Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Ushers today - *Cody Ohlde, Daniel Nabors, Aiden Sweet, & Noah Thalmann

Ushers March 12 - *Tyler Ohlde, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour today & March 12th - Dylan Ohlde & Zac Hiltgen

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

Upcoming Events

- March 5** 9:00 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
2:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Musical at LHS
- March 6** 7:00 p.m. Men's Club card night
- March 8** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:15 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 2
- March 12** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * We ask that those individuals/families that need to submit a photo for the church directory to please do so ASAP. 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.
- * Linn Lutheran annual school musical, **TODAY, March 5th**, at 2:00 p.m. at Linn Public School old gym. Come enjoy songs from the Preschool classes, and 1st-8th grade will present, "I Witness News: Live from Jericho." The musical kicks off Lutheran Schools Week at Linn Lutheran! We invite you to join us on **Wednesday, March 8th**, for our VIP Chapel at 8:25 a.m. at Zion. Afterwards, we will be going downstairs for donuts & Bingo!
- * Good Shepherd Lutheran School PTL will be having their annual free-will offering soup supper **today**, serving chicken noodle, chili, and vegetable soups, homemade bread, relishes, and dessert from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A carry-out option is available. The school is located at 206 S. 17th Street in Marysville.
- * The men of St. John are invited to the annual St. John Men's Club card night on **Monday, March 6th**, in the parish hall. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will include a devotional, Christian men's fellowship, and refreshments, along with the card games. The men from our area LCMS churches have been invited.
- * Mowing bids need to be turned in to the LLS School Board by **March 17th**.
- * Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment is now open for St. John & Zion members 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.
- * LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **Romans 5:8 - "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

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 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22)*

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*

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

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of
your goodness, | O Lord!**

**Good and upright | is the Lord;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.**

**For your name's sake, | O Lord,*
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**

**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.**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
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Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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: *Genesis 32:22-32*

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Gradual (*Psalms 25:17-18*)

**The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:1-7*

¹ Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Tract (*Psalms 106:1-4*)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the Lord,
or declare | all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,
who do righteousness | at all times!
Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your | people;
help me when you | save them.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28*

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

As We Gather...

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (**Genesis 32:22–32**). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (**Matthew 15:21–28**). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (**Matthew 15:27–28**). This is the sanctifying will of God (**1 Thessalonians 4:1–7**)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (**Romans 5:1–5**).

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

DAILY PRAYER

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH HIS
HOUSEHOLD TO PRAY MORNING AND EVENING

Morning Prayer

*In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you
choose, you may also say this little 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.

*Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten
Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.*

Evening Prayer

*In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you
choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that
You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all
my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

From Martin Luther's Sermon for Reminiscere - Lent 2 (Matthew 15:21-28)

Thirdly, she follows Christ into the house – as **Mark 7:24-25** informs us – she
perseveres, falls down at His feet, and says: “*Lord, help me!*” There she received her
last mortal blow, in that Christ said in her face, as the words tell, that she was a dog
and not worthy to partake of the children's bread. What will she say to this! Here
He presents her in a bad light, she is a condemned and an outcast person, who is
not to be reckoned among God's chosen ones.

That is an eternally unanswerable reply, to which no one can give a
satisfactory answer. Yet she does not despair, but agrees with His judgment and
concedes she is a dog, and desires also no more than a dog is entitled to, namely,
that she may eat the crumbs that fall from the Table of the Lord. Is not that a
masterly stroke as a reply? She catches Christ with His own words. He compares
her to a dog, she concedes it, and asks nothing more than that He let her be a dog,
as He Himself judged her to be. Where will Christ now take refuge? He is caught.
Truly, people let the dog have the crumbs under the table; it is entitled to that.
Therefore Christ now completely opens His heart to her and yields to her will, so
that she is now no dog, but even a child of Israel.

The Sunday of the Canaanite Woman



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