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February 27, 2022

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 (Page 184)

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

Hymn of the Day: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Distribution Hymn: 531 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

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

Distribution Hymn: 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Closing Hymn: 417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde,

Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer treatment)

Troy Lange (recovering from heart attack)

Acolyte this Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Lance Gerleve, & Elijah Meier

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, Brady Kolle, Jacob Bott, & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Fellowship Hour March 6th & 13th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

Upcoming Events

February 27 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
2:00 p.m. LWML Day of Prayer Service at Immanuel, Linn

March 2 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Holy Communion

March 6 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
2:00 p.m. LLS Musical at Linn High School Auditorium

Announcements

- * LWML Day of Prayer Service is **today** at Immanuel at 2 p.m. with refreshments following the service. Printed service will be provided. All are welcome!
- * We are looking for someone to be in charge of the quiet bags. Contact Annette Bott for more information.
- * Linn Lutheran School will present the musical "Not your Average Joe - The Story of Joe with a 50's Twist," on **Sunday, March 6th**, in the Linn High School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. *Linn Lutheran Preschoolers will also be sharing some songs.
- * Linn Lutheran School students & staff invite you to a special chapel on **Wednesday, March 9**, at 8:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. Following Chapel, please join us downstairs for breakfast & bingo. Please call the school office to let us know you are planning to join us so we can prepare enough refreshments. RSVP to Ann at (785) 348-5792 during the morning hours of school by Monday, Feb 28th.
- * Members and staff of Kansas District congregations are invited to an Older Adult Symposium May 14, starting at 9:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Mission campus of Trinity Lutheran Church. Featured speakers include Dr. Richard Bimler, who will address the ministry and involvement of older adults in the church today, and Jim Bradshaw of the Kansas District, who will speak about encouraging and enhancing Older Adult Ministry in our Kansas congregations. A panel discussion, lunch, and a service project will follow. The cost, including lunch, is only \$10.00 per person. Register at: tlcms.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/99/responses/new
- * **Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year:**
 - * Enrollment is open for Linn Lutheran Preschool returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), and current Linn Lutheran School families. If you do **not** follow under the above criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for **March 15, 2022**.
 - * NOTE: To enroll, call Linn Lutheran School at 785-348-5792 or stop in the office to get your child's name on our list. Early enrollment prior to the dates listed above, enrollment via text, e-mail, and/or messenger will NOT be accepted, and we will ask you to hold your request until the enrollment window is open accordingly as listed above.

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 my 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.

Be a rock of refuge | for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
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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.

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.

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.

As We Gather...

Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (**Luke 18:31–43**). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “*Son of David*.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (**1 Samuel 16:1–13**) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (**1 Corinthians 13:1–13**). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (**Isaiah 35:3–7**) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

I. The Nature of Baptism *(Cont.)*

242. What does it mean to baptize “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”?

It means that in Baptism, God, the Holy Trinity, receives me into communion or fellowship with Himself.

243. Who is to baptize?

Normally the called ministers of Christ are to baptize, but in cases of emergency and when no pastor is available, any Christian should baptize.

834 **1 Corinthians 4:1** - Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God (NKJV).

244. Who is to be baptized?

“All nations” are to be baptized, that is, all people, young and old.

245. What distinction is to be made in baptizing?

A. Those who can receive instruction are to be baptized after they have been instruction in the main articles of the Christian faith.

835 **Acts 2:38-39** - Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

836 **Acts 2:41** - Those who accepted his message were baptized.

Bible narratives: The Ethiopian was instructed before he was baptized (**Acts 8:26-39**). The jailer was instructed before he was baptized (**Acts 16:25-33**).

B. Little children should be baptized when they are brought to Baptism by those who have authority over them.

837 **Mark 10:13-15** - People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

The Sunday of Faith Alone



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