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March 17, 2024

Fifth 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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 440 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Hymn of the Day: 430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Sanctus: 960 "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"

Agnus Dei: 434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

Distribution Hymn: 431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

Distribution Hymn: 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Distribution Hymn: 437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Distribution Hymn: 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Closing Hymn: 438 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

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);

Kamden Peters (surgery & recovery); Pastor & Michelle Tessaro (daughter Melody & family)

Acolyte today - Cade Hiltgen

Acolyte March 24 - Samuel Bott

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

Ushers Mar. 24 - *Evan Bott, Conner Ohlde, Daniel Nabors, Aiden Sweet

LYF Serving for Bible Class today - Daniel Nabors & Liam Voelker

LYF Serving for Bible Class Mar. 24 & 31 - Zac Hiltgen & Noah Thalmann

Upcoming Events

- March 17 8:30 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
~11:45 a.m. Baked Potato Bar (LYF fundraiser for Nat'l. Youth Gathering)
2:00 p.m. LWML Zone Spring Event at Zion (see announcement below)
- March 18 7:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting
- March 20 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 5
- March 23 9:00 a.m.-? Annual Spring Church Cleaning
- March 24 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- The Linn LWML Zone Spring Event will be **TODAY, March 17**, at Zion Lutheran Church in Linn, KS. Registration will begin at 1:30 and the event will begin at 2:00. Pastor Timothy Koch will be the speaker. In-gathering will go to Swaddling Clothes in Greenleaf and area food pantries. Items needed are most food items, especially canned fruit and meat with pop-top lids, Ramen noodles, toilet paper, feminine hygiene items, diapers and wipes. Elections will be held. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship!
- The Sunday School children will be singing before the Palm Sunday Service. Please have them to the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. on Palm Sunday, **March 24th**. Thank you!
- Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment times are near for the 2024-2025 School Year. Returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), & current LLS Families- your enrollment is open. If you do not fall under the above criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for **tomorrow, March 18**. To enroll, call LLS @ 785-348-5792 or stop in the office to get your child's name on our list starting at 8 a.m.
- 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.
- The 2024 Middle School Huddle (MSH) will be held **April 19-20** at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch, south of Junction City. More information and registration can be found here: <https://kslclms.org/education-youth/youth-ministry/middle-school-events/>
- St. Peters Lutheran, south of Barnes (2647 3rd Rd), is hosting a spaghetti dinner on **April 7**, serving from 11:00-1:00. Pasta, salad, breadsticks, and desserts will be available, and the proceeds will go to Linn Lutheran School. The dinner will be in the church basement, and there is a chair lift to assist getting down the steps. Hope to see you there!

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 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a)*

Vindicate | me, O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil
with- | in me?*
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my
God.

Vindicate | me, O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
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Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- LCMS memory verse challenge this week: **Luke 9:23** - "And he said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'"

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 22:1-14*

1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Gradual (*Psalm 143:9a, 10a: 18:48a, c*)

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

[You] delivered me from my enemies;

you rescued me from the man of violence.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 9:11-15*

11 When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of

goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Tract (*Psalm 129:1-4*)

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”—

let Israel now say—

**“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.**

**The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made long their furrows.”**

**The Lord is righteous;
he has cut the cords of the wicked.**

Gospel Reading: *John 8:46-59*

46 “Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

48 The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” 49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” 52 The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” 54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ 55 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Seventh Commandment

[God's Gift of Possessions]

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

60. What does God require of us in the Seventh Commandment?

A. We should help our neighbor to improve and protect that person's possessions and income.

198 **Matthew 7:12** - In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.

199 **Philippians 2:4** - Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Bible narratives: Abraham gave Lot the choice of the land (**Genesis 13:9**).

Abraham rescued Lot from the enemy and recovered Lot's property (**Genesis 14:12-16**).

B. We should help our neighbor in every need.

200 **Matthew 5:42** - Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

201 **Hebrews 13:16** - Do not forget to do good, and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

202 **1 John 3:17** - If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

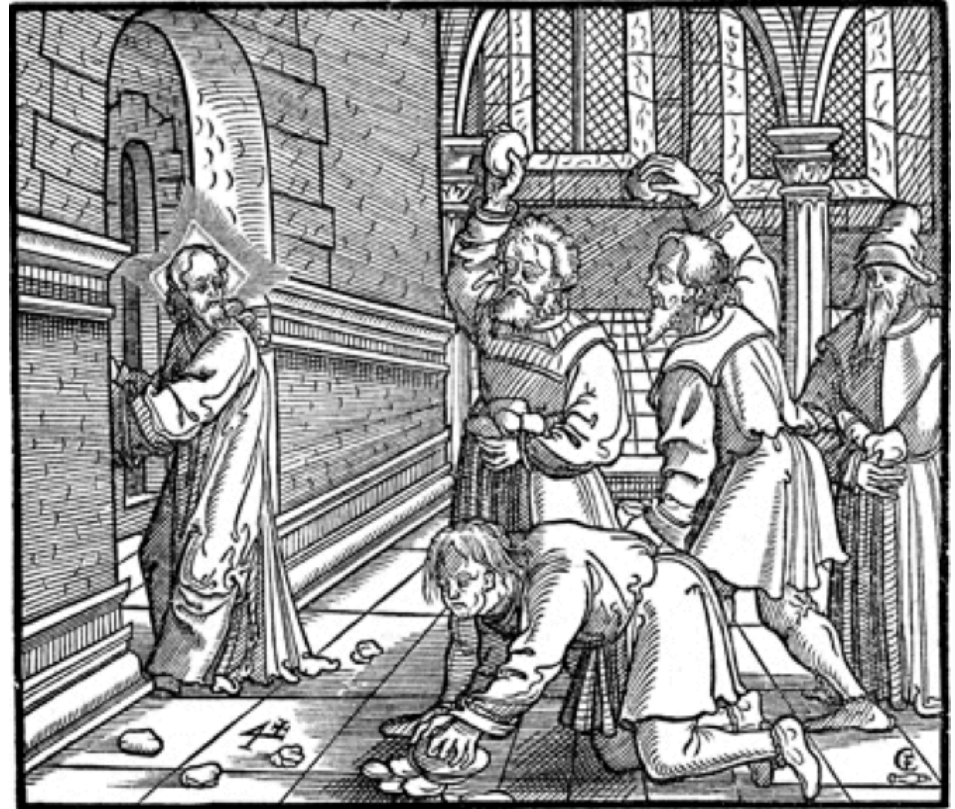
Bible narratives: Zacchaeus promised to give back four times what he had taken dishonestly and to give half of his goods to the poor (**Luke 19:8**). The good Samaritan helped his neighbor but the priest and Levite did not (**Luke 10:29-37**).

As We Gather...

Jesus Is Our Redemption

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (**John 8:51**). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (**Hebrews 9:11-15**). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (**Genesis 22:1-14**). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

The Sunday of Jesus' Rejection



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