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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: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel,
Marilyn Ohlde, & Loraine Oldehoeft (our nursing home residents)
Tiffany Snyder (cancer) Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)
Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain) Kelly & Quinn Rhoades
Lorna Heitman

Acolyte this Sunday - Liam Voelker

Acolyte next Sunday - Conner Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, & Tyler Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Brett Peters

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - Ella & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty March 7th & 14th - Sophia Bott & Claire Beikmann

Upcoming Events

February 28

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

March 3

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 2

March 7

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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

Announcements

- * Linn Lutheran School will present the musical, "In the Big Inning-Heavy Hitters in the Hall of Faith," on **Sunday, March 7th**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Linn High School gym. Preschoolers will also be sharing some songs. *Masks are required.*
- * Linn Lutheran School is now accepting mowing bids. All bids need to be submitted to the school by **Monday, March 15, 2021**.
- * **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** FYI – When Choice Dollars are designated for St. John, the entire amount stays within our church; when Choice Dollars are designated to Linn Lutheran, the amount of credit gets divided into half, in which St. John and Zion both receive equal credit. Hopefully, this helps to clarify how the Choice Dollars are handled. Choice Dollars need to be designated prior to **March 31st**.
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, has postponed their annual Men's Club Soup Supper to **TODAY, February 28th**, due to the frigid temperatures! This year we will have both dine-in and drive through service at the Parish Hall. The dine-in service will be from 5-8 p.m. The drive through service will be from 4:00 to 7:30. If you wish to use the drive through service you can call ahead and place your order. (785 747-6293) Just drive between the Church and the Parish Hall and will bring your food to your car. We will have delicious soups and desserts available. There will be a free will offering and proceeds will go to the District LLL Project.
- * **Linn Lutheran Preschool enrollment times for 2021-22:** If you are: LL Preschool returning students, association member church families (St. John and Zion), or current LLS families, ...your enrollment opening date was **February 15th**. If you do not fall under the mentioned criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for **March 16th**. NOTE: To enroll, call LLS 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, email, and/or messenger will NOT be accepted, and we will ask you to hold your request until the enrollment window is open as specified above.
- * This week on KFUO.org, hear sacred music for Lent on Joy! with Ron Klemm on **3/3 at 1 p.m.**, worship with us in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on **3/3 at 11 p.m.**, study Mark 10-11 on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), and study Ephesians 4-6 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

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, 22:23ff; 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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



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.
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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.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

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.

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.

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**).

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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed - The Third Article

I. The Holy Spirit

The Person of the Holy Spirit

154. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and the Son - therefore not merely the power or energy of God.

542 **Matthew 28:19** - Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

155. How do you know that the Holy Spirit is God?

Because the Scriptures clearly call Him God, teaching that

A. the Holy Spirit has divine names;

543 **Acts 5:3-4** - Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit?...You have not lied to men but to God."

544 **1 Corinthians 3:16** - Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

B. the Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes (properties or characteristics);

545 **Psalms 139:7-10** - Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. (Omnipresence)

546 **1 Corinthians 2:10** - The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. (Omniscience)

547 **Hebrews 9:14** - Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! (Eternity)

Note: See **Matthew 28:19**. (Holiness)

C. the Holy Spirit does divine works (which only God can do);

548 **Genesis 1:2** - Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Creation)

549 **Titus 3:5** - He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Sanctification)

D. the Holy Spirit receives divine honor and glory.

550 **1 Peter 4:14** - The Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.



The Sunday of the Canaanite Woman



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