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March 1, 2026

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

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: 754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

Distribution Hymn: 752 "Be Still, My Soul"

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

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home);

Annette Bott (cancer)

Acolyte today - Hendrix Stunkel

Acolyte March 8 - Ian Ohlde

Ushers today - *Aiden Sweet, Kingston Voelker, Liam Voelker, & Cash Stunkel

Ushers Mar. 8 - *Dylan Ohlde, Conner Ohlde, Zac Hiltgen, & Greyson Ohlde

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today - Sam & Ben Werner

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Mar. 8 & 15 - Cash Stunkel & Emitt Tiemeyer

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **1 Peter 2:24** - "He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 1** 9:00 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (*new members welcome!*)
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 Public (old gym)
- Mar. 4** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent 2
- Mar. 8** 8:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal (*new members welcome!*)
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Zone LWML Spring Event at Bethlehem, Greenleaf
- Mar. 9** 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting

Announcements

- Linn Lutheran School is doing a Food Drive for the Washington County Food Bank, **Mon., Mar 1 - Fri., Mar 6**. Items can be dropped off at Linn Lutheran School, 112 Church St. in Linn.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Sun., Mar. 1 - 2pm** (public school old gym) Linn Lutheran School would like to invite you to our annual musical; "Survivor Babylon" which is based on the Biblical Story of Shadrach, Meschach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Preschool will start with a few songs, followed by the 1st-8th grade students presenting the musical. Following the musical, we will have a cookie reception.
 - **Wed., Mar. 4** - 8:30am VIP Chapel at Zion; donuts & Bingo to follow in Zion basement. All are welcome to join us to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week!
 - **Tues., Mar. 10 at 7pm** - Kansas Lutheran Schools Scholarship Fund (tax credit program) informational meeting led by Rev. Dan Grams in the Zion basement.
 - **Wed., Mar. 11** - 8:30am Chapel with Pastor Gaschler at Zion. Come join us!
 - **Fri., Mar. 13 - 11:30am** dismissal. No lunch served. Buses run accordingly.
 - **Mon., Mar. 16-Fri., Mar. 20 - Spring Break**
- **Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment for 2026-27** - Preschool enrollment for Linn Lutheran is now open for St. John & Zion members & returning students. Incoming students must be 3 years old by Aug. 31, 2026. Parents may call the school at 785-348-5792 or come to the school office that morning. No early enrollment accepted. Enrollment will open to the public starting on March 23. After that date, enrollment will be open to the entire community on a first come, first serve basis.
- Mark your calendars for VBS. **June 8th-12th from 9:30am-Noon**. Open to ages 4 (attending preschool) through 5th grade.
- The Zone LWML Spring Event will be **Sunday, March 8 at 2:00**. Bethlehem, Greenleaf will be hosting a Kindness and Comfort Tea Party. Ladies are encouraged to dress in their best tea party attire. In-gathering will be baby and kid-size blankets for Swaddling Clothes and Orphan Grain Train, and cancer care kits (Aquaphor lip repair, Aquaphor ointment, gum, hard candy, stocking hats, mouth rinse for dry mouth and mouth sores, long charge cords for phones, etc.) We also will be collecting items you may have for the Orphan Grain Train. Tim and Michelle Voelker have graciously volunteered to deliver these items. Please join us for a fun afternoon!

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. John Werner, 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 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.

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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 (*Psalm 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 (*Psalm 106:1-4*)

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
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

Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

12. What are the Words of Institution?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacraments?

Yes, I believe it.

14. What convinces you to believe this?

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

The Sunday of the Canaanite Woman



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