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February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Gruoner, 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: 409 "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

Sermon Hymn: 591 "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

Communion Hymn: 616 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

Communion Hymn: 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Closing Hymn: 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at gholtorf@bluevalley.net.
Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Robbie Oeschlager – chronic pain **Kay Bott – cancer recovery**
Henry Maseman - congestive heart failure

Acolytes this Sunday - Elijah Meier & Riana Spiels

Acolytes next Sunday - Ryan Stuenkel & Ethan Bott

Ushers this Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, Brett Peters, Aaron Stuenkel, & Eli Thalmann

Ushers next Sunday - *Jacob Bott, Trey Voelker, Brady Kolle, & Alec Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

February 24

8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school
1:00 p.m. Day of Prayer Service at Immanuel, Linn
5:00-8:00 p.m. St. John soup supper

February 27

5:30 p.m. St. John Midweek

March 3

8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school
2:00 p.m. LLS Musical @LHS old gym

March 6

5:30 p.m. St. John Midweek

Announcements

- * MIXED CHOIR will sing next Sunday, March 3rd; please meet before the service at 8:00 a.m. in the parish hall to practice the hymn.
- * Immanuel Lutheran Church of Linn (Strawberry) will be hosting the Day of Prayer Service TODAY at 1:00 p.m. You can download the service from the LWML website.
- * The soup supper hosted by the St. John Men's Club is this evening! They will again be serving grilled cheese sandwiches this year. The free will donations will be going towards Men's Club mission projects, Orphan Grain Train, and sponsoring missionaries with Brent Smith at Mission Central.
- * Linn Lutheran School will be celebrating Lutheran Schools' Week March 4-8. To show our appreciation for the congregation's support of Lutheran Education, we would like to invite you to join us for chapel, followed by refreshments on Wednesday, March 6, at 8:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. Please call the school office to let us know you are planning to join us. This will help us plan for enough refreshments! RSVP to Sheila at 348-5792 during morning hours of school by Monday, February 25th.
- * **ENDOWMENT GIVING PROGRAM:** Voters at the Linn Lutheran School Association meeting have again approved the matching fund program through the Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund. This year there will be \$35,000 available in matching funds. A portion of this amount will be allocated to each member congregation according to the percentages used for the school bill allocation as of January 20th, 2019. Any of the \$35,000 allocation remaining as of July 15th, 2019 will be used to add 50% to any donation to the school from any association member, regardless of congregational affiliation. Your donations may be mailed to the school, dropped off there, or given to a Linn Lutheran staff member; checks need to be payable to Linn Lutheran School.

(MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BACK!)

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. David Gruoner, Vacancy 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.

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

Introit



Be still before the Lord and wait patient- | ly for him; *
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

**Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers; *
be not envious of | wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade | like the grass*
and wither like | the green herb.
Trust in the Lord, | and do good; *
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.
Delight yourself | in the Lord, *
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
Commit your way | to the Lord; *
trust in him, and | he will act.
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 still before the Lord and wait patient- | ly for him; *
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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This week on KFUE.org, we begin an exciting new series on February 28 on Sharper Iron digging into the book of Genesis (8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the study of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship together during Daily Chapel services weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

**Old Testament Reading:
Genesis 45:3-15**

3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

4So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ 12And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 13You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” 14Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

**Epistle Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42**

21For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

30Why am I in danger every hour? 31I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! 32What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” 33Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” 34Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

35But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” 36You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 39For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

**Gospel Reading:
Luke 6:27-38**

27[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

32“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

37“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

THE LORD’S PRAYER

as the Head of the Family Should Teach It in a Simple Way to His Household.

The Introduction:

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition:

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God’s name kept holy? God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition:

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God’s kingdom come? God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

- * Just a reminder that the applications for the Edgar Fajen Memorial Scholarship, School Loan Debt Reduction, and Circuit 7 Scholarship are due March 15th. The scholarship is available for a member of St. John, enrolled in school full-time and intend to enter full-time LCMS church work. The School Loan Debt Reduction is for someone who has previously received the Edgar Fajen scholarship and/or current member of St. John who is in full-time LCMS church work. The Circuit 7 scholarship is for a member of one of the Circuit 7 churches, enrolling in synodical school full-time and intend to enter full-time LCMS church work. Please contact the church Treasurer, Annette Bott or committee members Nate Meyerhoff, Dennis Bott, Ann Ohlde or Royce Ohlde for an application.
- * We want to say a big "Thank You!" to all who donated attended the LYF silent auction and potato bar meal! Thanks to your generosity, we have a great start to raising the funds we need for our trip to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis this July! We truly appreciate your support! - St John LYF group
- * The Men's Club of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Marysville is hosting a spaghetti dinner today from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in their fellowship hall (1710 Jenkins Street in Marysville); there will be a free-will donation.
- * Good Shepherd PTL is hosting a soup dinner on Sunday, March 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran School (206 S. 17th Street in Marysville); there is a free-will offering. Contact Mark & Maxine Mason at (785) 337-2465 with any questions.
- * St. Peter's Lutheran Church, south of Barnes, is hosting a spaghetti dinner on March 3rd, serving from 11:00-1:00. Pasta, salad, bread sticks, and dessert will be available. There will be a free-will donation for local food banks and the Orphan Grain Train. We hope to see many of you at St. Peter's for dinner and visiting!

From Martin Luther's 1528 Confession of Faith

In the next place, I believe that there is one Holy Christian Church, which is the congregation and sum total or assembly of all Christians in the whole world, the only bride of Christ and His spiritual body, of which also He is the only Head; and the bishops or ministers are not her heads nor lords nor bridegrooms, but servants, friends and (as the word bishop indicates), overseers, curators or ministers. And this same Christendom is found not only in the Romish Church or under the pope, but in all the world; as the prophets have foretold, that the Gospel of Christ should come into all the world. Psalm 2; 19:5. So that Christendom is dispersed under and among the pope, Turks, Persians, Tartars and everywhere bodily, but spiritually united in the one Gospel and faith, under one Head, which is Jesus Christ. For the papacy is certainly the true antichristian government or tyranny, which sits in the temple of God and rules with the commandments of men, as Christ says, Matthew 24:24 and St. Paul 2 Thessalonians 2:4. The Turk and all heresy, wherever found, also belong to the abomination of which it is foretold that it shall stand in the holy place, but they are not, like the papacy, the antichrist.

*from *The Distinctive Doctrines of the Different Christian Confessions in the Light of the Word of God* by Karl Graul (1814-1864). The 1897 English translation by D. M. Martens is in the public domain.

... and from him who takes away your cloak do not withhold your coat as well.



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