

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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March 15, 2020

Third 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)

**We omit the Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluia until Easter.*

Opening Hymn: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Hymn of the Day: 659 "Lord of Our Life"

Distribution Hymn: 425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Distribution Hymn: 423 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Distribution Hymn: 564 "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"

Closing Hymn: 754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

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.

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday- Zac Hiltgen

Acolyte next Sunday & March 25th (Midweek Lent) - Ayla Johnson

Ushers this Sunday - *Aaron Stuenkel, Andrew Tiemeyer, Tyler Ohlde, Alec Tiemeyer

Ushers next Sunday & March 25th (Midweek Lent) - *Cody Ohlde, John Bott,

Ryan Stuenkel, & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Liz Bott & Ashley Gerleve

LYF Fellowship Hour March 22nd & 29th - Tyler Ohlde & Ryan Stuenkel

Upcoming Events

March 15

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
11:30 a.m. LYF Silent Auction & Baked Potato Bar

March 16

7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting

March 18

2:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at Zion
5:30 p.m. Midweek at St. John
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at Bethlehem

March 22

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
2:00 p.m. LLS Assoc. Mtg. at Zion (voting on bldg addition)

Announcements

- * Just a reminder that applications for the Edgar Fajen Memorial Scholarship for those going into full-time church work, those applying for the Church Worker's School Loan Debt Reduction or Circuit 7 Scholarships are due **TODAY, March 15th**. Please contact Annette Bott or a current committee member for an application.
- * St. John is looking for one or two people who would be willing to serve as a volunteer for our congregation's Thrivent coordinator. Responsibilities would mainly be coming up with ideas for funding, assisting members to apply for action grants, and helping members designate their choice dollars. If you would be willing to help, please contact Annette Bott. Thank you!
- * Linn Lutheran Preschool is now accepting pre-enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Enrollment is first open to the existing preschool students and congregational members until **TODAY, March 15th**. After that, enrollment will be open to the community.
- * **Calling all youth ages 4-11!!** Would you like to participate in a Bible based quiz bowl competing with other district Lutheran churches? Would you like to learn about the Catechism, hymns, and the church year in a fun environment? Would you like the chance to beat your parents and pastor in a head to head challenge? Then come to the Bethlehem Parish Hall on **March 22nd** at 1:00 to learn about Junior Lutherans, a competition which is meant to prepare you for Confirmation and grow in your faith. Pr. Devin Kerns from St. John's Lutheran, Topeka will be joining us to teach us about Junior Lutherans. There will be snacks and drinks as well; parents are invited too!
- * St. Peters Lutheran, south of Barnes, is hosting a spaghetti dinner on **March 22**, serving from 11:00-1:00. Pasta, salad, bread sticks and dessert will be available. Free-will donation for local food banks. Hope to see many of you for dinner and visiting.
- * **March 24th**, 6:30pm - 'Mom's Group' at DMD Designs for a fun Guided Painting Night. Bring along \$20 (covers all supplies) and be ready to have some fun! If you have any questions, talk to Miranda Meenen or Megan Hiesterman.
- * Mark your calendars: **Saturday, March 28th**, will be Spring cleaning at St. John!
- * **Reminder:** Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by **March 31st**. Members can go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836; if you still have questions, contact Lydia Hiesterman: (785) 370-6200 or e-mail: lydia.hiesterman@thrivent.com.
 - * 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 the credit.

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.

* Kansans For Life will be holding an informational meeting on the "Value them Both" Constitutional Amendment and a free showing of "Unplanned", starting at 5:30 p.m. **TODAY, March 15th**, in the Hanover Community Building at 2273 All American Road in Hanover. The public is invited to attend and hear about this legislation and see the movie. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Keep in mind the R rating of this film if you plan to bring the whole family. There will be parental/guardian permission forms to sign for youth under 17. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jim Zarybnicky at 785-767-3609 or Kansans for Life at 800-928-5433.



Introit *(Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15-16)*

My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

To you, | O Lord,*

I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*

bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

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.

My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

As We Gather...

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jesus is accused of doing evil when He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so he can to speak. Some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub. Like Pharaoh, their hearts were hard. They didn't recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 8:16-24

¹⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" ¹⁷ And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸ The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹ Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

²⁰ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹ Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²² But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. ²³ Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.'"" ²⁴ And the Lord did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:1-9

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I

cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸ But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

From Martin Luther's 1528 Confession of Faith

As to anointing with oil, if this were done according to the Gospel, Mark 6:13 and James 5:14, I would let it pass; but to make a sacrament of it will not do. For just as instead of vigils and masses for the soul we might preach a sermon concerning death and eternal life, and thus, in connection with the burial of the dead, pray and meditate on our end (as the ancients seem to have done), so also it were well to visit the sick, pray with them and admonish them, and if any one wishes besides this to anoint them with oil they should have liberty to do so in God's name.

Nor dare we make a sacrament of matrimony and the office of the priesthood; they are orders holy enough in themselves. And likewise repentance is nothing else than the use and power of Baptism; so that besides the Gospel there remains Baptism and the Supper of our Lord in which the Holy Ghost richly offers, gives and applies to us the forgiveness of sins.

* Martin Luther's 1528 confession of faith is 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. For information on Elements of Religion and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.

* This week on KFUO.org, worship with us this Lenten season with Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT and midweek service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview on 3/18 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find podcasts including The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge, Mission Field: USA—Church Planting, and End Goals from LCMS Youth Ministry at kfuo.org.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
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CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep my commandments." [Exodus 20:5-6]

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

69. Why does God call Himself a jealous God?

Because God is holy

- A. He hates sin and insists on strict and perfect obedience;
- B. He will not share with idols the love and honor we owe Him;
- C. He will punish those who hate Him.

227 **Psalm 5:4-5** - You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with You the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in Your presence; You hate all who do wrong.

228 **Isaiah 42:8** - I am the Lord; that is My name! I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols.

229 **Ezekiel 6:9** - I have been grieved by their adulterous hearts, which have turned away from Me, and by their eyes, which have lusted after their idols.

230 **James 4:12** - There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy.

70. What does God threaten to do to all who hate Him and break His commandments?

God threatens earthly punishment, physical death, and eternal damnation.

231 **Leviticus 26:18** - If after all this you will not listen to Me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over.

232 **Romans 6:23** - The wages of sin is death.

233 **Galatians 3:10** - Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.

MIDWEEK LENT SCHEDULE - "Lamb of God"

All services will be held at 7:00 p.m.

March 18 - Bethlehem

March 25 - St. John

April 1 - Zion

*A 2:00 p.m. service at Zion will also be held every Wednesday.

The Sunday of the Christ, the Stronger One



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