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Quinquagesima

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)

Opening Hymn: 573 "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

Hymn of the Day: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Distribution Hymn: 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

Distribution Hymn: 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

Closing Hymn: 417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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

Family of Carol Voelker

Lorna Heitman

Abram Close

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Eli Thalmann, & Nathan Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Brady Kolle, Elijah Meier, Ryan Stuenkel, & Lance Gerleve

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - Ryan Stuenkel & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour duty Feb. 21st & 28th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

Upcoming Events

February 14

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

February 17

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service with
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

February 21

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

Announcements

- * **Today**, February 14, the offering will be for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Last Sunday you saw what the LLL/LHM has done in the past and today. The issue of "The Lutheran Layman" is online for you and your family. Find the Winter 2020 issue—Do You Have a Spiritually Vibrant Home.. Tell others what you found and have a conversation with your family or someone. Again, thanks for your support.
- * The LWML Prayer Service at Zion scheduled for **TODAY** has been postponed until a date yet to be determined.
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, has postponed their annual Men's Club Soup Supper to **Sunday, 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.
- * The prayer chain for St. John has been updated. Whenever there is a prayer request, please contact Ann Ohlde at 785-632-0127 (cell) or 785-692-4244 at home (please use the home phone last) or annohlde@hotmail.com. Ann will begin the process of circulating the request. If all three ways to reach Ann have not worked, you can contact Annette Bott at 692-4272 or 632-7425 (cell), or e-mail anbott@bluevalley.net. If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be added, please contact Ann Ohlde at the above information.
- * **2021-22 Linn Lutheran Preschool enrollment:** If you are: LL Preschool returning students, association member church families (St. John & Zion), or current LLS families, ...your enrollment opening date is Feb. 15th, 2021. If you do not fall under the mentioned criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for March 16th, 2021. 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 Midweek Lenten Service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis on **Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m.**, study a curious theological topic on Cross Defense with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell **Monday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m.**, and hear a variety of topics and sacred music weekdays during Midday Moments at **noon**. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

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 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.

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



Introit *(Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b-3)*

Be a rock of refuge | for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*,
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me!
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.
Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;*
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Be a rock of refuge | for me,
a strong fortress to | save me!
For you are my rock and my | fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Collect for Quinquagesima

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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: *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish

ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:31-43*

³¹ Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.”

³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant.

³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸ And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴² And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.”

⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

As We Gather...

Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (**Luke 18:31–43**). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “*Son of David*.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (**1 Samuel 16:1–13**) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (**1 Corinthians 13:1–13**). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (**Isaiah 35:3–7**) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article *(Conclusion)*

The Savior in the State of Exaltation

151. What is the basis of our faith and life in Christ?

"He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

541 **Colossians 3:1-3** - Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

152. Why do you close this article with the words, "This is most certainly true?"

Because all that I confess in this article is plainly taught in the Bible, and I, therefore, firmly believe it.

The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

153. What five points does this article discuss?

- I. *The Holy Spirit*
- II. *The Church, the Communion of Saints*
- III. *The Forgiveness of Sins*
- IV. *The Resurrection of the Body*
- V. *The Life Everlasting*

The Sunday of Faith Alone



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