

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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February 9, 2020

Fifth 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 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: 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Hymn of the Day: 578 "Thy Strong Word"

Distribution Hymn: 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Distribution Hymn: 579 "The Law of God is Good and Wise"

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

Closing Hymn: 583 "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

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.

the family of Arnold Lohmeyer

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Noah Thalmann

Acolyte next Sunday - Mason Tiemeyer

Ushers this Sunday - *Nathan Ohlde, John Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Brett Peters

Ushers next Sunday - *Jacob Bott, Elijah Meier, Andrew Tiemeyer, & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour today & February 16th - Claire Beikmann & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour February 23rd & March 1st - Eli & Ella Thalmann

Upcoming Events

February 9

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

February 12

5:30 p.m. Midweek
6:30 p.m. Adult Mixed Choir Practice

February 16

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Announcements

- * The offering this Sunday will be for Lutheran Hour Ministries.
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Greenleaf will be hosting their annual soup supper from 5:00-8:00 p.m. **today**, February 9th, at the parish hall. There will be a free-will offering to support the Bethlehem Men's Club.
- * Pastor Joshua Hayes and his family come to St. John from Colorado, where Pastor was the minister at University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO. Pastor is a graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. After serving his vicarage in Carbondale, IL, he accepted his first Divine Call to St. John Lutheran Church in Kramer, NE. He served there from 2011 to 2016. He took a Call to University Lutheran Chapel in 2016. Pastor and Diane have four children: Mary, 7; Livia, 5; Simeon, 3; and Andrew, 1.
- * Flint Hills Lutherans for Life is hosting an event at Mt. Calvary Luth. Church in Wamego on March 1st; Lutherans for Life Exec. Director Rev. Michael Saleminik is presenting "Speaking the Truth in Love; Engaging Abortion Advocates' Arguments and Objections." All are welcome, and jr. high through college-age youth are especially encouraged to attend. Details are posted on the hallway bulletin board.
- * The following is a list of LCMS websites that are wonderful resources for a variety of purposes, including daily devotions, newsletters, articles, books, movie reviews, blogs, etc. Some of these are even geared toward youth and young adults:
 - * **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** (lhfmmissions.org)
 - * **Higher Things** (higherthings.org)
 - * **Concordia Publishing House** (cph.org) - great printed material and Arch books (a huge selection of Bible stories for kids)
 - * **CPH blog** (blog.cph.org) - topics of worship, read, study, teach, & serve
 - * **Lutheran Reformation** (lutheranreformation.org)
 - * **LCMS official webpage** (lcms.org)
 - * **Reporter** (blogs.lcms.org) - connects you to the latest news and other publications like LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission & Lutheran Witness
 - * **Joy:fully Lutheran** (joyfullylutheran.org)
 - * **LWML official webpage** (LWML.org)
 - * **KFUO Radio** (kfuo.org)
 - * **Lutheran Hour Ministries** (lhm.org)
 - * **THRED** (thred.org), a project of Lutheran Hour Ministries

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

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.

This week on KFUE.org, dig into a Mental Health topic on The Coffee Hour with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann (2/10 at 9:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dive in-depth into our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (2/11 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org!

For those of you who have Blue Valley Television, there are two programs that air Sunday evenings on Channel 3: "This is the Life" is at 6:00 p.m., followed by "Main Street Live," a worship service by the South Dakota LCMS. We thank BVTV for sponsoring these programs!

Introit



Blessèd are you, | O Lord;*
teach me your | statutes!

How can a young man keep his | way pure?*

By guarding it according | to your word.

With my whole heart I | seek you;*

let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

I have stored up your word | in my heart,*

that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

Blessèd are you, | O Lord;*

teach me your | statutes!

With my lips | I declare*

all the just decrees | of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies | I delight*

as much as in all | riches.

I will meditate on your | precepts*

and fix my eyes | on your ways.

I will delight in your | statutes;*

I will not for- | get your word.

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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teach me your | statutes!

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 warns that “*unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people “*the salt of the earth*” and “*the light of the world*” (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, “*but to fulfill them*” (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true works of love done with a free and merry conscience.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

3 “‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
4 Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
5 Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the Lord?
6 “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

13 [Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

From Martin Luther’s 1528 Confession of Faith

Therefore I maintain and know, that just as there is not more than one Gospel and one Christ, so also there is not more than one Baptism. And that Baptism in itself is a divine ordinance, as is also His Gospel. And just as the Gospel is not therefore false or wrong because some use or teach it falsely or do not believe it, so too Baptism is not false or wrong although some receive or administer it without faith or otherwise abuse it. Wherefore I reject and condemn altogether the doctrine of the Anabaptists and Donatists and whoever they may be who rebaptize.

* 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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Seventh Commandment

[God's Gift of Possessions]

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

59. What does God forbid in the Seventh Commandment?

God forbids every kind of robbery, theft, and dishonest way of getting things.

194 **Leviticus 19:35** - Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight, or quantity.

195 **Psalms 37:21** - The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.

196 **Ephesians 4:28** - He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

197 **2 Thessalonians 3:10** - If a man will not work, he shall not eat.

Bible narratives: Achan stole when he secretly took a garment and silver and gold (**Joshua 7:20-22**). Judas was a thief (**John 12:6**). Gehazi obtained a present by lying and trickery (**2 Kings 5:20-24**).

60. What does God require of us in the Seventh Commandment?

A. We should help our neighbor to improve and protect that person's possessions and income.

198 **Matthew 7:12** - In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.

199 **Philippians 2:4** - Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Bible narratives: Abraham gave Lot the choice of the land (**Genesis 13:9**). Abraham rescued Lot from the enemy and recovered Lot's property (**Genesis 14:12-16**).

B. We should help our neighbor in every need.

200 **Matthew 5:42** - Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

201 **Hebrews 13:16** - Do not forget to do good, and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

202 **1 John 3:17** - If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

Bible narratives: Zacchaeus promised to give back four times what he had taken dishonestly and to give half of his goods to the poor (**Luke 19:8**). The good Samaritan helped his neighbor but the priest and Levite did not (**Luke 10:29-37**).

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