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Fifth 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: None

Hymn of the Day: 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Closing Hymn: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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.

JoAnn Ohlde - chemotherapy

Robbie Oelschlager - chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Daniel Nabors

Acolyte next Sunday (Palm Sunday) - Conner Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Brady Kolle, Trey Voelker, Ryan Stuenkel, & Alec Tiemeyer

Ushers next Sunday - *Evan Bott, John Bott, Jacob Bott, & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour April 5th & 12th - Liz Bott & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour April 19th & 26th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

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.

As We Gather...

Jesus Is Our Redemption

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Hebrews 9:11-15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Genesis 22:1-14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
and bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

C - Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me
with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear -
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P - In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C - Amen.
- P - Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins...
- P - Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C - Who made heaven and earth.
P - I said, I will confess my transgressions in the name of the Lord,
C - and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P - O almighty God, merciful Father,
C - I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities
with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your
temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them
and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy
and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a
poor, sinful being.
- P - Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and
ordained servant of the Word...
- C - Amen.

Introit (*Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a*)



Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- |
in me?*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.

Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

C - Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Distribution

Communicants will be admitted by household in a sanitized process through the front door. We encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sit.

Readings

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

¹¹ When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Gospel Reading: John 8:46-59

⁴⁶ “Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Apostles' Creed

C - I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Sit.

Hymn of the Day

From Martin Luther's 1528 Confession of Faith

Accordingly my advice has been and still is to leave the foundations and cloistery with their vows, and come out into the true Christian orders, so that one may escape the abominations of masses, and of blasphemous sanctity, as *virginity, poverty, obedience*, by which they attempt to be saved. For, praiseworthy as it was in the beginning of the Christian Church to observe the state of virginity, so horrible is it now, since by it they deny the help and grace of Christ; for it is possible to live as a virgin, widow and in chastity without such horrible abominations.

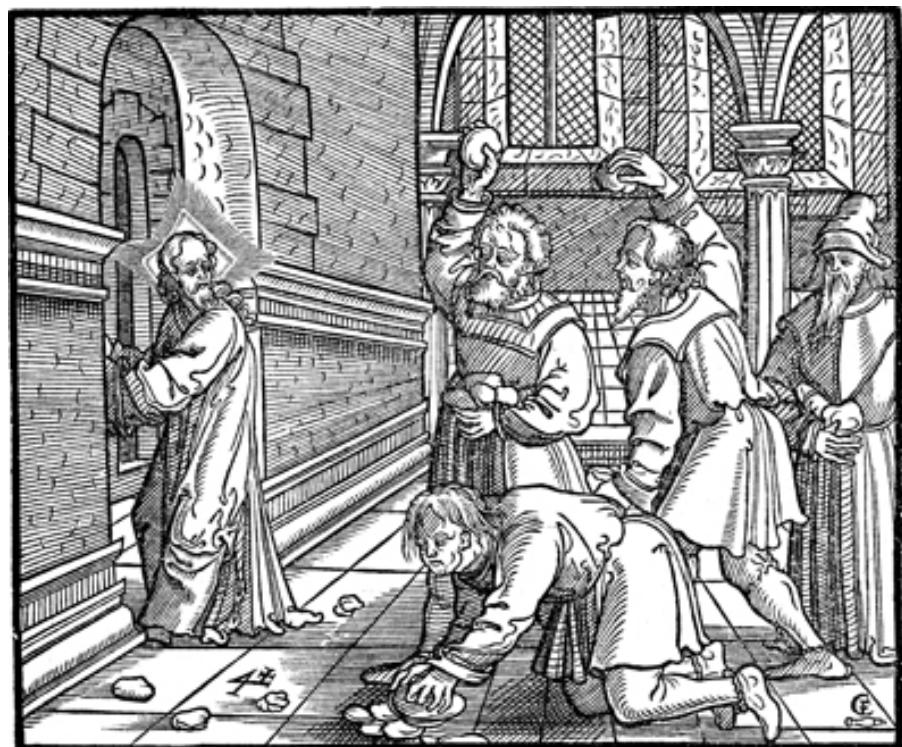
As to pictures, bells, vestments, churchly ornaments, altars, candles and the like, I regard them as coming within the domain of liberty; whoever wishes, may omit them. Although pictures representing Scriptural scenes and scenes from reliable history are very useful, yet I regard their use as free and optional; for I do not side with the iconoclasts.

* 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.

Announcements

- ❖ As special thank you to those who provided music in March while the organist took communion: Mixed Choir, Elijah Meier, & Merv Knox
- ❖ The pickup date for the Linn Lutheran plant sales has changed to **Sunday, April 26th**. Also, the final day to turn in orders has been moved to **April 6th**.
- ❖ The church cleaning that was scheduled for Saturday, **March 28th**, has been postponed until a later date. Thank you!
- ❖ 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!
- ❖ This week on KFUO.org, we begin our month-long celebration of LCMS volunteers during National Volunteer Month on The Coffee hour (**4/1** at 9:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays** at 11:00 a.m. CT), and near the end of our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (**weekdays** at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org!
- ❖ **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 Sunday of Jesus' Rejection



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