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February 2, 2020

The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

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: 902 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Hymn of the Day: 519 “In His Temple Now Behold Him”

(men - verses 2 & 7; women - verses 3 & 8; all sing the other verses)

Distribution Hymn: 798 “The God of Abraham Praise”

Distribution Hymn: 620 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

Distribution Hymn: 555 “Salvation unto Us Has Come”

(men - verses 2 & 7; women - verses 3 & 8; all sing the other verses)

Distribution Hymn: 398 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Closing Hymn: 921 “On What Has Now Been Sown”

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.

Chad Stunkel

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Arnold Lohmeyer

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

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

Upcoming Events

- February 2** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
- February 5** 5:30 p.m. Midweek
6:30 p.m. NO Adult Mixed Choir Practice
- February 9** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Announcements

- * Pastor Joshua Hayes and his family come to St. John Lutheran Church from Colorado, where Pastor Hayes 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.
- * Following the soup supper, a glass deep dish pie pan belonging to Martha Hornbostel went home with someone else. Her name is on the bottom of the pan. Please check to see if you brought hers home by mistake and return it to her if you have it. Thank you!
- * 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** (lhfmissons.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

Acolyte this Sunday - Aiden Sweet

Acolyte next Sunday - Noah Thalmann

Ushers this Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, & Tyler Ohlde

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

LYF Fellowship Hour this Sunday - Tyler Ohlde & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour February 9th & 16th - Claire Beikmann & Elijah Meier

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, hear meditation on scriptures on Moments of Assurance with Pastor Mark Hawkinson (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT & weekends at 7:45 a.m. CT), dig into curious theological topics on Cross Defense with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller (2/3 at 2:00 p.m. CT), and continue in the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron's "All Righteous Fulfilled" series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find programs on demand wherever you get your podcasts!

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

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*

in the city | of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the earth,*

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.

Within her | citadels*

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

**As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in
the city | of our God,***

which God will establish for- | ever.

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.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

Collect for the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord
Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

As We Gather...

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. Simeon and Anna rejoiced, and we with them, for we know that because of Christ we, too, can face death unafraid and "depart in peace" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever.” ²³ Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴ And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.”

And he worshiped the Lord there.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-32

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man

was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

From Martin Luther’s 1528 Confession of Faith

These are the three persons and one God who has given Himself freely to all of us with all that He is and has. The Father gives Himself to us with heaven and earth, together with all creatures, that they may serve us and be useful to us. But this gift was obscured and rendered useless by the fall of Adam. Therefore the Son afterward gave Himself also to us, all His works, suffering, wisdom and righteousness, and reconciled us with the Father, in order that we might again live and be justified and also know the Father and have Him and His gifts. But since such grace would be of no use to any one, if it should remain concealed,, and could not come to us, the Holy Spirit also comes and gives Himself to us unreservedly; He teaches us to recognize and know such benefaction of Christ, helps us receive and keep it, make good use of it, spread it abroad, increase and promote it. And this He does both within and without us; within us through faith and other spiritual gifts, without us through the Gospel, through Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar, through which as through three means or ways He comes to us and applies to us the suffering of Christ that it may serve for our salvation.

* 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 Sixth Commandment (Cont.)

[*God's Gift of Marriage*]

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

57. What does God require of us in the Sixth Commandment?

A. God requires us to avoid all temptations to sexual sin.

- 185 **Genesis 39:9** - How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?
186 **1 Corinthians 6:18** - Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

B. God requires us to be clean in what we think and say.

- 187 **Ephesians 5:3-4** - Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.
188 **Philippians 4:8** - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praise-worthy - think about such things.

C. God requires us to use our sexuality in ways pleasing to Him.

- 189 **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** - Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

58. What does God require especially of married people?

God requires married people to love, honor, and respect each other. The wife is the husband's God-given helper, and the husband is the wife's God-given head.

- 190 **Genesis 2:18** - The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
191 **1 Corinthians 7:4** - The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.
192 **Ephesians 4:32** - Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
193 **Ephesians 5:21-23, 25** - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior...Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.
Note: See "To Husbands" and "To Wives" under the Table of Duties.

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