

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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March 22, 2020

### Fourth 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: 420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

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

Closing Hymn: 878 "Abide With Me"

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto: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** - Ayla Johnson

**Acolyte next Sunday** - Daniel Nabors

**Ushers this Sunday** - \*Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, & Eli Thalmann

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

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

### Upcoming Events

- March 22** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
NO Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
- March 25** 7:00 p.m. "Ask the Pastor" Bible Study  
NO Lenten Services
- March 29** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
NO Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

### Announcements

- \* On Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Hayes and Pastor Durance will be hosting an 'Ask the Pastor' Bible study on Facebook live, and we need your questions! Please email questions to Pr. Durance at [Pr.matthew.durance@gmail.com](mailto:Pr.matthew.durance@gmail.com), tune in at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday to ask any additional questions you may have, and we will go through them as time allows. Any questions see Pastor Hayes or Pastor Durance. See you on Wednesday!
- \* 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 KFUE.org, begin the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word with Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (**weekdays** at 11:00 a.m. CT), hear about gossiping on The Coffee Hour with Pastor Chris Hull (**3/24** at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study Matthew 24-25 on Sharper Iron's All Righteousness Fulfilled (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!
- \* The St. Peters Lutheran's spaghetti dinner that was scheduled for **TODAY** has been cancelled.
- \* Mark your calendars: **Saturday, March 28th**, is Spring cleaning at St. John!
- \* **Reminder:** Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by **March 31st**. Members can go online to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://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](mailto: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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at [theresa\\_meier@yahoo.com](mailto:theresa_meier@yahoo.com) by noon on Friday.



## Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-21

<sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?"

<sup>8</sup> And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" <sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup> And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." <sup>20</sup> But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

## Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup> But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup> Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;  
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!  
For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than those of the one who has a husband."

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. <sup>30</sup> But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." <sup>31</sup> So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

## Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

#### The Close of the Commandments (Continued)

*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.

#### 71. What does God mean when He threatens to punish the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Him?

If the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren also hate God and follow in the evil ways of their parents, then God will during their earthly lives punish them for the sins of their ancestors.

234 **Ezekiel 18:20** - The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him.

*Bible narratives:* The family of wicked Ahab and Jezebel were destroyed (2 Kings 9:7-8; 10:11). Israel was led into captivity for its disobedience and wickedness (2 Chronicles 36:17-21).

#### 72. Why does God threaten such punishment?

God threatens such punishment to make us fear His anger, so that we do not act against His commandments.

235 **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** - Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

236 **Matthew 10:28** - Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

#### 73. How does God bless those who love Him and keep His commandments?

He showers those who believe in Him and their God-fearing descendants with His constant love and good gifts.

237 **1 Timothy 4:8** - Godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

*Bible narrative:* God blessed Job for his faithfulness (Job 42:10-17).

## The Sunday of Feeding the 5,000



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