

***St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church***  
***The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod***  
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Church Office: 641-864-2672      Parsonage: 641-864-2766  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.      Adult Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
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# To God Be the Glory!

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023

**HOLY COMMUNION** Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion not only does Jesus give us forgiveness; He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

We seek to receive our Lord's Supper according to the guidelines God has established in His Word. God's Word states that the Sacrament is to be an expression of like-mindedness in faith (same in doctrine) and that only those should commune who are worthy to receive it (who have been properly instructed and are truly repentant).

In keeping with God's instruction, and out of deep love for the souls of His people, we invite visiting members of other Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, who are members in good standing, to receive Holy Communion with us after announcing their intent to the pastor. Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from the Sacrament at this time. Thank you.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Liturgy: Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Hymns: 531, 427, 420, 615, 620, 707

Choir Anthem: "O That I Had A Thousand Voices"

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Skyler Mennenga

Ushers: Stan Penning, Al Doering

### **THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER**

Wednesday: 6:00-7:15p.m. Midweek Classes

6:00-6:45p.m. Handbell Choir

6:45-7:15p.m. Senior Choir

**7:30p.m. Lenten Vespers**

**Next Sunday:** 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes  
10:00a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

Acolyte: Aleighia Roberts

Ushers: Stan Penning, Al Doering

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Mark & Marcia Granzow.

**CONFIRMAND PARENTS:** There will be a short meeting in the fellowship hall after church **today** to discuss the flowers and pictures for this year's confirmation class.

**LENTEN VESPERS:** We will have Lenten vespers on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m.

**CANADA FISHING TRIP:** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to go on the Canada fishing trip scheduled for July 22-29, 2023.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Today-Landon Quam, Velda Stotser, Mara Hanson; Mon.-Jennifer Sheldahl; Tues.-Curtis Winter; Wed.-James Dubberke, Kora Chaplin, Kaycee Chaplin; Thurs.-Kevin Chaplin; Fri.-Connie Wubbena; Sat.-Ellie Roberts.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** Sat.-Roger & Peggy Penning (34).

**PSALM 121:1-8**

antiphon vs. 5



<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your | keeper; \*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*  
From where does my | help come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your | foot be moved; \*  
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, he who keeps | Israel\*  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your | keeper; \*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

<sup>6</sup>**The sun shall not strike | you by day,\*  
nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all | evil; \*  
he will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will keep  
your going out and your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your | keeper; \*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

### **GENESIS 32:22-32**

<sup>22</sup>And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok.

<sup>23</sup>He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had.

<sup>24</sup>Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

<sup>25</sup>Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.

<sup>26</sup>And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

<sup>27</sup>So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup>And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

<sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup>And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

<sup>31</sup>Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.

<sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.

*A This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

<sup>2</sup>for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

<sup>3</sup>For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

<sup>4</sup>that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

<sup>5</sup>not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

<sup>6</sup>that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

<sup>7</sup>For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

*A This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **MATTHEW 15:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup>And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

<sup>23</sup>But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

<sup>24</sup>But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

<sup>25</sup>Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

<sup>26</sup>But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

<sup>27</sup>And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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## Vestments for Ukraine

This summer the LCMS will establish full fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (ELCU). There is not a church body in the world right now facing greater trials. Our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Ukraine are facing the loss of every material possession they have, and worse; they face the very real possibility of death. Their Bishop was recently hospitalized after visiting a Lutheran congregation in Kherson. He was wounded by shrapnel from Russian artillery.

Besides these terrible hardships, the ELCU was recently removed from their Cathedral Church in Odesa. The Church was built by the liberal EKD (Evangelische Kirche Deutschland) for the Ukrainian Lutherans. However, they demanded that the Ukrainians adopt their liberal European theology, which included ordaining women into the pastoral office and accepting the LGBTQ agenda. The Ukrainians refused to compromise their theology and for that, they were barred by the EKD from the Church in Odesa built for them.

Through this the Ukrainian bishop, Rev. Serge Maschewski, lost all his liturgical vestments. They were confiscated by the EKD when they took the Cathedral Church away from the Ukrainians.

The congregations of the Eldora Circuit would like to help. Galatians tells us to “***bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.***” To help with their burden, we are gathering funds to buy new vestments for Bishop Maschewski. We will gather funds until the end of March. The Bishop will be coming to the U.S. in July to establish formal fellowship with the LCMS at our Synod Convention. Our plan is to have his new vestments by then, and present them to him at the convention.

Considering all they are facing, it is our hope that this small gesture can bring them some joy and let them know they are loved by their brothers and sisters here in Iowa.

See:

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/amid-war-in-ukraine-the-churchs-mission-remains/>