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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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To God Be the Glory!

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2022

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: 425, 440, 798, 437, 435, 427

Choir Anthem: "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

Soloist: Rebecca Neubauer

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Karlee Chaplin

Ushers: Dave Winter, Mike Fiscus

THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER

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

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

7:30p.m. Lenten Vespers

8:15p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday: 6:30p.m. Men's Club

Next Sunday: 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:00a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion

Rite of Confirmation

Acolyte: Addie Zoske

Ushers: Dave Winter, Mike Fiscus

QUESTIONING OF CONFIRMANDS: Being questioned today are Kaycee Chaplin, Kora Chaplin, Jaxon Neubauer, Kiersten Winter, Daniel Zoske, Kaydi Zoske, and Nathan Zoske.

SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS: We will meet after worship today for practice.

HUBBARD COMMUNITY CUPBOARD: Today is the main collection date in April for non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry.

LENTEN VESPERS: We will be having Lenten Vespers on Wednesday, April 6th, at 7:30p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a council meeting held on Wednesday, April 6th, after Lenten Vespers at 8:15p.m.

MEN'S CLUB: will meet Thursday, April 7th, at 6:30p.m. The host will be Keith Dubberke.

QUARTERLY REPORTS are due on April 7th.

BIRTHDAYS: Thurs.-Kaci Bradshaw, Caitlyn Riese, Joshua Doering; Fri.-Calvin Zoske

against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man
de- | liver me!

GENESIS 22:1-14

¹ Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

² Then He said, "Take now 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 and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

⁵ And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

⁶ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

⁷ But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

⁸ And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in

order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹ But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

¹² And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The Lord it shall be provided."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HEBREWS 9:11-15

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

JOHN 8:46-59

⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

⁴⁸ Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly 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 And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

⁵¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

⁵² Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.'

⁵³ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

⁵⁵ Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

⁵⁹ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Confirmation Examination

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To God Be the Glory!

On God's Word

1. What does it mean when we say the Bible is inerrant?

A: It means that because God is the primary author of the Bible and He is holy and without error that His Word also is holy and contains no errors.

2. What is the key to the correct understanding of the Bible?

A: Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is the heart and center of the Scripture and therefore the key to its true meaning.

3. What is the Law?

A: The Law is God's command for good works of thought, word, and deed. The Law condemns and punishes sin.

4. What is the Gospel?

A: The Gospel is the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ. The Gospel tells us that God forgives our sins because of Christ's life, death, and resurrection in our place.

The Commandments

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

5. Who is the only true God?

A: The only true God is the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct Persons in one Divine Being.

6. When do people have other gods?

A: They have other gods

- (a.) *When they regard and worship any creature or thing as God;*
- (b.) *When they believe in a god who is not the triune God
When they fear, love, or trust in any person or thing as they should fear, love, and trust in God alone;
when they join in the worship of one who is not the triune God.*

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

7. How is God's name misused?

A: God's name is misused when people

- (a.) *speak God's name uselessly or carelessly*
- (b.) *curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceived by His name.*

8. What does God require of us in the second commandment.

A: We should call upon His name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

9. When do we sin against the Third Commandment?

A: We sin against the Third Commandment when we despise preaching and the Word of God.

10. How is this done?

A: We despise preaching and the Word of God

- (a.) when we do not attend public worship;*
- (b.) when we do not use the Word of God and the Sacraments;*
- (c.) when we use the Word of God and the Sacraments negligently or carelessly*

11. What is the summary of commandments 1-3?

A: Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

12. Who are parents and other authorities?

A: Parents are fathers, mothers, and guardians; other authorities are all those whom God has placed over us at home, in government, at school, at the place where we work, and in the church.

13. What does God require of us in the Fourth Commandment?

A: God requires us

- (a.) to honor our parents and other authorities by regarding them as God's representatives;*
- (b.) to serve our parents and other authorities by gladly providing what they need or require;*
- (c.) to obey our parents and other authorities in everything in which God has placed them over us;*

- (d.) *to love and cherish our parents and other authorities as precious gifts of God.*

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

14. What does God forbid in the Fifth Commandment?

- (a.) *God forbids us to take the life of another person (murder, abortion, euthanasia) or our own life (suicide).*
- (b.) *God forbids us to hurt or harm our neighbor physically, that is, to do or say anything which may destroy, shorten, or make his or her life bitter.*
- (c.) *God forbids us to keep anger and hatred in our hearts against our neighbor.*

The Sixth Commandment: 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.

15. What does God forbid in the Sixth Commandment?

- (a.) *God forbids divorce except for marital unfaithfulness (adultery or desertion).*
- (b.) *God forbids sexual intercourse between unmarried persons. God forbids sexual sins such as rape, homosexual activity, incest, sexual child abuse, obscenity, and the use of pornographic materials.*
- (c.) *God forbids sexually impure thoughts and desires.*

The Seventh Commandment. 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.

16. What does God forbid in the Seventh Commandment?

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

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

17. What does God forbid in the Eighth Commandment?

- (a.) *God forbids us to tell lies about our neighbor in a court of law or elsewhere, that is, to lie about, lie to, or withhold the truth from our neighbor.*
- (b.) *God forbids us to betray our neighbor, that is, to reveal our neighbor's secrets.*
- (c.) *God forbids us to slander our neighbor or hurt our neighbor's reputation.*

18. What does God require of us in the Eighth Commandment?

- (a.) *We should defend our neighbor, that is, we should speak up for and protect our neighbor from false accusation.*
- (b.) *We should speak well of our neighbor, that is, we should praise our neighbor's good actions and qualities.*
- (c.) *We should put the best meaning on everything, that is, we should explain our neighbor's actions in the best possible way.*

The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

19. What does God require of us in the Ninth Commandment?

A: We should be content with what God has given us and assist our neighbor in keeping what God has given them.

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

20. What is the summary of the second table of the law?

A: Love your neighbor as yourself

The Close of the Commandments:

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.'" (Ex. 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.

21. What is original sin?

A: Original sin is that total corruption of our whole human nature which we have inherited from Adam through our parents.

22. What is actual sin?

A: Actual sin is every act against a commandment of God in thoughts, desires, words, or deeds.

The Apostle Creed

The First Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

23. How did God first create life?

A: God created all living things, both plant and animal, by His Word alone, from nothing. He created humanity specially, from dust, then gave us His own breath as life.

24. Does the Bible allow for evolution?

A: No. Hebrews 11:3 says, "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

The Second Article

I believe 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.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

25. What does it mean when you confess, “I believe in Jesus Christ?”

A: It means that I know and trust in Jesus Christ as my only Savior from sin, death, and the devil and believe that He gives me eternal life.

26. How do you know that Jesus Christ is true God?

A: Because the Scriptures clearly call Him God, teaching the following:

- (a.) Jesus has divine names*
- (b.) Jesus has divine attributes*
- (c.) Jesus does divine works*
- (d.) Jesus receives divine honor and glory.*

27. Why was it necessary for our Savior to be true man?

A: Christ had to be true man in order to

- (a.) act in our place under the Law and fulfill it for us*
- (b.) be able to suffer and die for our guilt because we failed to keep the Law*

28. What was Christ’s state of humiliation?

A: Christ’s humiliation was that as man He did not always or fully use His divine powers.

29. What is Christ’s exaltation?

A: Christ’s exaltation is that as man He now fully and always uses His divine powers.

30. How has Christ redeemed you from all sins?

- A: (a.) He took my guilt and punishment upon Himself.*
(b.) He freed me from the slavery of sin.

31. How does this work of redemption benefit you?

A: Christ was my substitute. In 9 my place under God’s judgment against sin. By paying the penalty of my guilt, Christ atoned, or made satisfaction, for my sins.

The Third Article:

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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the last Day He will raise me all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

32. What is the special work of the Holy Spirit?

A: The Holy Spirit sanctifies me (makes me holy) by bringing me to faith in Christ, so that I might have the blessings of redemption and lead a godly life.

33. Where is this holy Christian Church to be found?

A: The holy Christian Church is to be found where the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.

34. What do the Scriptures teach about our life in the Church?

A: They teach that

(a.) *we should seek always to be and remain members of the invisible Church, Christ only, by sincere faith in Christ, our Savior;*

(b.) *we should be faithful to that visible Church, or denomination, which professes and teaches all of the Bible's*

doctrine purely and administers the sacraments according to Christ's institution;

- (c.) *we should avoid false teachers, false churches, and all organizations that promote a religion that is contrary to God's Word;*
 - (d.) *we should maintain and extend God's church by telling others about Jesus Christ, by personal service, and by prayer and financial support.*
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The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.

35. To whom should we pray

A: We should pray to the true God only, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, not to idols, saints or anything God has created.

36. How should we pray?

A: We should pray

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(a.) In the name of Jesus, that is, with faith in Him as our Redeemer;

- (b.) *With confidence, that is with firm trust that for Jesus' sake our prayers will be answered;*
- (c.) *According to God's revealed will.*

The Sacraments

37. What is a Sacrament?

A: A Sacrament is a sacred act

- (a.) *instituted by God,*
- (b.) *in which God Himself has joined His Word of promise to a visible element,*
- (c.) *and by which He offers, gives, and seals the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ.*

On Baptism

38. Who instituted Holy Baptism?

A: God Himself instituted Baptism, for our Lord Jesus Christ commanded His Church to baptize all nations.

39. Why are babies to be baptized?

A: Babies are to be baptized because

- (a.) *they are included in the words 'All nations'*
Matt. 28:19 "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- (b.) *Jesus especially invites little children to come to Him; sinners, babies need what Baptism offers; babies also are able to have faith.*

40. What great and precious things are given in Baptism?

A: Baptism

- (a.) *works forgiveness of sins;*
- (b.) *rescues from death and the devil;*
- (c.) *gives eternal salvation.*

41. Does the Bible specifically say that Baptism forgives sins?

A: Yes at several places, like:

Acts 2:38-39 “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children.

Acts 22:16 “Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away.”

On Confession

42. What is the first part of confession?

A: The first part of confession is that we confess, or acknowledge, our sins.

43. What is the second part of confession?

A: The second part of confession is that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness of sin.

44. How should we regard the absolution spoken by the pastor?

A: We should receive the pastor’s absolution as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

On the Office of the Keys

45. Can human beings forgive sins or only God?

A: Jesus gave the power to forgive to the pastoral office through the Church when He said to His disciples: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22-23)

46. Whose sins are to be forgiven?

A: Those who repent and ask for forgiveness are to be forgiven.

47. Whose sins are not to be forgiven?

A: Unrepentant sinners, that is, those who are not sorry for their sins and do not believe in Jesus Christ, are not to be forgiven as long as they do not repent.

On the Lord's Supper

48. What does Christ give us in this sacrament?

A: In this sacrament Christ gives us His own true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

49. How does the Bible make it clear that these words of Christ are not picture language?

A: Christ's words in the Sacrament must be taken at face value especially because:

- (a.) These words are the words of a testament, and even an ordinary person's last will and testament may not be changed once that person has died;*
- (b.) God's Word clearly teaches that in the Sacrament the bread and wine are a communion or participation in the body and blood of Christ;*
- (c.) God's Word clearly teaches that those who misuse the Sacrament sin not against bread and wine but against Christ's body and blood.*

50. Do all communicants receive the body and blood in Sacrament, whether or not they believe?

A: Yes, because the Sacrament depends on Christ's word, not on our faith.

51. How are we to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament?

A: We are to examine ourselves to see whether

- (a.) we are sorry for our sins;*
- (b.) we believe in our Savior Jesus Christ and in His words in the Sacrament;*
- (c.) we plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives.*

52. What is the benefit offered in this sacrament?

- (a.) *The chief blessing of the Sacrament is the forgiveness of sins which Christ's body and blood have won for us on the cross.*
- (b.) *Together with forgiveness, God gives all other blessings as well, that is, "life and salvation."*
- (c.) *In the Sacrament Christ gives victory over sin and hell and strength for the new life in Him.*
- (d.) *As Christians partake of this sacrament together, they make a solemn public confession of Christ and of unity in the truth of His Gospel.*

53. Who must not be given the Sacrament?

A: The Sacrament must not be given to the following:

- (a.) *Those who are openly ungodly and unrepentant, including those who take part in non-Christian religious worship.*
- (b.) *Those who are unforgiving, refusing to be reconciled. They show thereby that they do not really believe that God forgives them either.*
- (c.) *Those of a different confession of faith, since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity of faith.*
- (d.) *Those who are unable to examine themselves, such as infants, people who have not received proper instruction, or the unconscious.*

54. Can you be sure you are saved?

A: Yes, because my salvation depends on Christ's perfect work for me and because He gives me grace and forgiveness through His Word and Sacraments.