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September 8, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Hymn of the Day: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Distribution Hymn: 634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

Distribution Hymn: 754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

Distribution Hymn: 752 "Be Still, My Soul"

Distribution Hymn: 746 "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

Closing Hymn: 736 "Consider How the Birds Above"

Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott,

JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home)

Acolyte today - Samuel Bott

Acolyte next Sunday, Sept. 15th - Cade Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Greyson Ohlde, Ethan Bott, & Cash Stunkel

Ushers Sept. 15th - *Aaron Stuenkel, Daniel Nabors, Mason Tiemeyer, & Kingston Voelker

LYF Fellowship Service today & Sept. 15th - Liam Voelker & Aiden Sweet

LYF Fellowship Service Sept. 22nd & 29th - Zac Hiltgen & Dylan Ohlde

LYF Mowing by Sept. 15th - Dylan Ohlde & Zac Hiltgen

LYF Mowing by Sept. 22nd - Cash Stunkel & Kingston Voelker

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 8** 8:15 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- Sept. 9** 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- Sept. 11** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Sept. 15** 8:15 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- Sept. 18** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Sept. 22** 8:15 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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Announcements

- On **Wednesday, Sept. 11** - Chapel will be at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Beikmann leading. It's also the day we are celebrating Grandparents' Day!! Following Chapel we will have donuts & play Bingo in the basement! Hope you can join us!
- The members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Hanover extend a cordial invitation to all our members to attend their 40th annual "all you can eat" church supper on **Sunday, Sept. 29th**. Serving will be from 4-8 p.m. Their flier is posted in the hallway, which includes the menu and pricing.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), begin a study of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and tune in for a discussion of Christ's return for judgment on Concord Matters (9/14 at 11:00 a.m.). Remember to save the date for KFUE Radio's 100th Anniversary Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m.! Tune in at kfuo.org or RSVP for the in-person event at kfuo.org/rsvp.
- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Psalm 73:25-26** - "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
- Joann Ohlde has moved to assisted living in Fairbury. Her address is as follows:
Joann Ohlde
Cedarwood Assisted Living Apt 216
828 22nd Street
Fairbury, NE 68352

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. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit *(Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3)*

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

**Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.
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.**

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Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *1 Kings 17:8-16*

8 Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” 13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Gradual (*Psalm 118:8-9*)

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.**

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.**

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:25-6:10*

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

6 One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 95:1*)

Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6:24-34*

24 [Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

As We Gather...

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (Matthew 6:24-34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8-16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 5:25-6:10).

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed – The First Article

The Angels

100. What else does the Bible tell us about angels? (Cont.)

D. The evil angels are also many and powerful. They hate God and seek to destroy everything that is good, especially faith in Christ.

336 **Mark 5:9** - Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many."

337 **Ephesians 6:12** - Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

338 **Mark 4:15** - Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes along and takes away the word that was sown in them.

339 **John 8:44** - You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

340 **1 Peter 5:8-9** - Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Bible narratives: The serpent led Eve into sin (**Genesis 3:1-5**). Satan sought the destruction of Job (**Job 2**). The tempter tried to mislead Jesus (**Matthew 4:1-11**).

Humanity

101. Who are human beings?

Human beings are the most important visible creatures. God created Adam and Eve in His own image with authority over all the earth.

341 **Genesis 2:7** - The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

342 **Genesis 1:26-28** - God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

343 **Mark 10:6** - [Jesus said,] "At the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'"

The Sunday of the Birds and the Lilies



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