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September 22, 2024

Seventeenth 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: 768 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Hymn of the Day: 557 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

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

Distribution Hymn: 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Distribution Hymn: 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Closing Hymn: 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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 - Piper Hiltgen

Acolyte next Sunday, Sept. 29th - Sophia Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Elijah Meier, Noah Thalmann, Dylan Ohlde, & Liam Voelker

Ushers Sept. 29th - *Eli Thalmann, Emitt Tiemeyer, Zac Hiltgen, & Greyson Ohlde

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

LYF Fellowship Service Oct. 6th & 13th - Mason & Emit Tiemeyer

LYF Mowing - This will be done by Canaan & Jess from now on.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 22 8:30 a.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Sept. 25 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

Sept. 29 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; NO Children's Sunday School

Sept. 30 8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

Announcements

• Linn Lutheran School News:

- Mon., Sept. 23 - NO School!
- Wed., Sept. 25 - Chapel at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Koch. Come join us!
- Sun., Sept. 29 - 1st-8th grade sing at Zion at 9:30 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 30 - School Pictures
- Sun., Oct. 6 - PTL Annual Hayrack Ride & Hotdog Roast; 5 p.m. at St. John

- The LYF's mowing responsibilities will be carried out by Canaan and Jess from now on. Please contact one of them if you have any questions or need the grass mowed by a certain time.

- JoAnn Ohlde is turning 80! As her children, we would like to shower our mom with cards to help her celebrate her special day on October 11. Please mail your card to

- JoAnn Ohlde - Room 208
- % Cedarwood Assisted Living
- 828 22nd St.
- Fairbury, NE 68352 Thank you! Tamera, Pamela, John, & Jeanette

- 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.

- Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg) will be hosting its 64th Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale on **Sunday, October 6th**, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. The meal will be featuring: pan-fried chicken, ham, bbq meatballs, and homemade pies. Adults: \$13; children: \$6; Preschool & younger: free. The parish hall is handicapped accessible.

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Romans 1:16** - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

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 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124)

Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.

**Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the Lord!
Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!
Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.
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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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: *Proverbs 25:6-14*

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
8 do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
9 Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
10 lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.
11 A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
12 Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
13 Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.
14 Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

Gradual *(Psalm 33:12, 6)*

**Blessèd is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-6*

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia Verse *(Psalm 116:1)*

Alleluia. I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1-11*

1 One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. 2 And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. 3 And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" 4 But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. 5 And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" 6 And they could not reply to these things.
7 Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, 9 and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

As We Gather... **Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted**

"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence" (Proverbs 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, move up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

Catechetical Review

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

The Sunday of the Pharisee's Dinner

Humanity (Continued)

106. What was the image of God?

The image of God was this:

A. Adam and Eve truly knew God as He wishes to be known and were perfectly happy in Him.

354 **Colossians 3:10** - Put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him (NKJV).

B. They were righteous and holy, doing God's will.

355 **Ephesians 4:24** - Put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness (NKJV).

107. Do people still have the image of God?

No, this image was lost when our first parents disobeyed God and fell into sin. Their will and intellect lost the ability to know and please God. In Christians God has begun to rebuild His image, but only in heaven will it be fully restored.

356 **Genesis 3:8-10** - The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

357 **Genesis 5:3** - [Adam] had a son in his own likeness, in his own image.

358 **1 Corinthians 2:14** - The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

359 **Psalms 17:15** - In righteousness I will see Your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing Your likeness.



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