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August 11, 2024

Eleventh 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: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Hymn of the Day: 559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

Distribution Hymn: 613 "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

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

Distribution Hymn: 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Closing Hymn: 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

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)

Ushers today - *Conner Ohlde, Mason Tiemeyer, Aiden Sweet, & Cash Stunkel

Ushers August 18 - *Ethan Bott, Noah Thalmann, Kingston Voelker, & Liam Voelker

LYF Mowing by August 18th - Aiden Sweet & Zac Hiltgen

LYF Mowing by August 25th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Romans 15:13** - "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Upcoming Events

- August 11 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 12 6:30 p.m. LLS Back-to-School Night
- August 14 8:10 a.m. First Day of School for LLS
8:30 a.m. LLS Opening Chapel @ Zion
- August 18 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- August 19 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting
- August 25 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Announcements

- We are in the process of cleaning out and reorganizing the church library. There are free books for the taking stacked up in the room across the hall. Books on the table are especially worth taking (usually they are something we have multiple copies of). Anything not claimed by the opening of Sunday School on August 18 will be donated/discarded.
- Midweek and Confirmation begins **Wednesday, Sept. 4**, for all 4th-8th graders who do not attend Linn Lutheran. Midweek school runs from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Mark your calendar. We look forward to another year of growing together in God's Word!
- Sunday School will resume **August 18th**. The teaching sign-up sheet is located on the Sunday School bulletin board in the hallway. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hornkohl.
- The Concordia University A Cappella Choir from Seward, Nebraska will be hosting a full-length choral concert at Zion Lutheran Church in Linn on **Saturday, September 7th**, at 11:00 a.m. This concert is open to everyone. Cost is free, though a free-will offering will take place during the concert.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - Back-to-School Night - **Monday, Aug. 12** @ 6:30 p.m. at Zion: Installation service, backpack blessing, and light meal. Students can visit their classrooms and bring in their school supplies.
 - **Wednesday, Aug. 14**- 1st Day of School at 8:10 a.m. and Opening Chapel Service at Zion at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us!!
 - **Monday, Aug. 19** - MWF Preschool begins.
 - **Tuesday, Aug. 20** - TU/TH Preschool begins.

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 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b)*

God is in his holy habi- | tation;*
[he] settles the solitary | in a home.
The God of Israel—he | is the one*
who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!
But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*
God is our sal- | vation.

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 4:1-15*

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰ And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Gradual (*Psalms 28:7b, 1a, 2a*)

In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-10*

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he

appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 90:1*)

Alleluia. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

As We Gather...

The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

“And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Genesis 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain’s offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:1-10). Therefore, “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

93. Who is God? (Continued)

In His Word, God has told us that He is

K. merciful (full of pity);

310 **Jeremiah 3:12** - "I am merciful," declares the Lord.

311 **Titus 3:5** - He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.

L. gracious (showing undeserved kindness, forgiving);

312 **Exodus 34:6-7** - The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin.

M. love.

313 **John 3:16** - God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

314 **1 John 4:8** - God is love.

Note: God's attributes tell us what God is. God is each of these, all of these, and more than these attributes.

94. Who is the only true God?

The only true God is the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one divine being (the Holy Trinity).

95. How are the three divine persons distinguished from each other?

The Father has begotten the Son from eternity; the Son is begotten of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit from eternity proceeds from the Father and the Son. To the Father especially is ascribed the work of creation; to the Son, the work of redemption; to the Holy Spirit, the work of sanctification.

315 **Psalms 2:7** - You are My Son; today I have become Your Father.

316 **John 15:26** - When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me.

317 **Galatians 4:6** - Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

The Sunday of the Pharisee & the Tax Collector



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