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September 15, 2024

Sixteenth 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: 745 "In God, My Faithful God"

Hymn of the Day: 758 "The Will of God is Always Best"

Distribution Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Distribution Hymn: 741 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

Distribution Hymn: 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Distribution Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Closing Hymn: 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

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);

Aaron & Chelsie Peters and family (mourning a stillborn)

Acolyte today - Cade Hiltgen

Acolyte next Sunday, Sept. 22nd - Piper Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Aaron Stuenkel, Daniel Nabors, Mason Tiemeyer, & Kingston Voelker

Ushers Sept. 22nd - *Elijah Meier, Noah Thalmann, Dylan Ohlde, & Liam Voelker

LYF Fellowship Service today - Liam Voelker & Aiden Sweet

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

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

LYF Mowing by Sept. 29th - Mason & Emitt Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 15 8:30 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 8:30 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. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Announcements

- 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.
- 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."

As We Gather...

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

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 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5)*

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

**Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
for I am poor and | needy.
In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*
for you | answer me.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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 17:17-24*

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²² And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”

Gradual (*Psalm 102:15-16*)

**Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
For the Lord builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory.**

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 3:13-21*

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your

hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 115:11*)

Alleluia. You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 7:11-17*

¹¹ Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Catechetical Review

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

Humanity (Continued)

102. Why do we say, “God has made me?”

God created the first man and woman, and God has created each one of us.

344 **Genesis 1:28** - 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.”

345 **Psalms 139:13** - You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb.

346 **Jeremiah 1:5** - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

103. How did God first create life?

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.

347 **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.

348 **Psalms 139:14** - I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

104. What plan does God use for the reproduction of living things?

God created living things to reproduce “according to their kinds.” Animals, plants, and people can reproduce only living things like themselves.

349 **Genesis 1:21** - God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

350 **Genesis 1:24** - God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.

105. What is the Christian’s proper response to theories of evolution regarding the beginning of the world?

By faith Christians believe what the Word of God teaches about creation. Evolutionary theories are not scientifically verifiable.

351 **Hebrews 11:3** - 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.

352 **2 Peter 3:5-6** - They deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

353 **1 Timothy 6:20-21** - Guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

The Sunday of the Widow’s Son



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