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October 20, 2024

The 21st 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: 607 "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

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

Distribution Hymn: 565 "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Distribution Hymn: 585 "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

Distribution Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's 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); **Peggy Rikli** (cancer)

Acolyte today - Emmerich Hornkohl

Acolyte Sun., Oct. 27th - Nolan Meier

Ushers today - *Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, Liam Voelker, Greyson Ohlde

Ushers Oct. 27th - *Evan Bott, Emitt Tiemeyer, Zac Hiltgen, & Aiden Sweet

LYF Fellowship Service today & Oct. 27th - Noah Thalmann & Cash Stunkel

LYF Fellowship Service Nov. 3rd & 10th - Daniel Nabors & Deavon Ohlde

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Romans 6:23** - "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 20** 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
11:50 a.m. Potluck with Quarterly Voters' Meeting following
2:30 p.m. Linn Zone LWML Fall Event (see details below)
- Oct. 21** 7:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting at LLS
- Oct. 23** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Oct. 27** 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Oct. 30** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

Announcements

- On **Wed., Oct. 23**, Linn Lutheran's 7th & 8th grade class will lead chapel. We have 18 students in that class this year, and they invite you to chapel at 8:30 at Zion.
- On **Thurs., Oct. 24**, Linn Lutheran will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences, which run from noon to 7:00 p.m.
- The Linn Zone LWML invites you to the Fall Event **TODAY, Oct. 20**, at St. John, Palmer. Registration begins at 2:00, and the event will start at 2:30. Pastor Gaschler will lead our Bible study, and we will be making quiet bags for the zone churches. Please join us for a time of fellowship and fun!
- Immanuel Lutheran Men's Club Pancake Feed will be held **Sunday, Oct. 27th**, from 4-8 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 570 3rd Rd., Bremen. All proceeds from a free-will offering will go to benefiting Home, Zone and District Projects.
- St. John members are invited to join Ron and Anita Ohlde in celebrating 50 years of marriage at a "come and go reception" on **Sat., Nov. 2nd**, from 2-4 p.m. at the Palmer Community Building. The couple requests no gifts.
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Bremen is having their German Heritage Dinner "Willkommen" on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, from 4-7 p.m. at their Parish Hall. The menu includes: bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, ham, green beans, homemade bread, and desserts. Free-will donation for the meal.
- Linn Lutheran Endowment Auction is **Sat., Nov. 23**. Donation forms were due Thurs., Oct. 10, in order for the donation to be in the printed book.

51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering.
 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him,
 “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” 53 The father knew that was the hour
 when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his
 household. 54 This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea
 to Galilee.

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.



Introit *(Psalm 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: Liturgical Text)*

The whole world is | in your power,*
 O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.
 For you have made | heaven and earth,*
 you are | Lord of all!

**Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
 who walk in the law | of the Lord!
 Confirm to your servant your | promise,*
 that you | may be feared.
 Turn away the reproach | that I dread,*
 for your just de- | crees are good.
 Behold, I long for your | precepts,*
 in your righteousness | give me life!
 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.**

The whole world is | in your power,*
 O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.
 For you have made | heaven and earth,*
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Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in 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: *Genesis 1:1-2:3*

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Gradual (*Psalm 90:1-2*)

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

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and
the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 6:10-17*

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 125:1*)

Alleluia. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *John 4:46-54*

46 [Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” 49 The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” 50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

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As We Gather...

**God Declares Us Righteous
Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil**

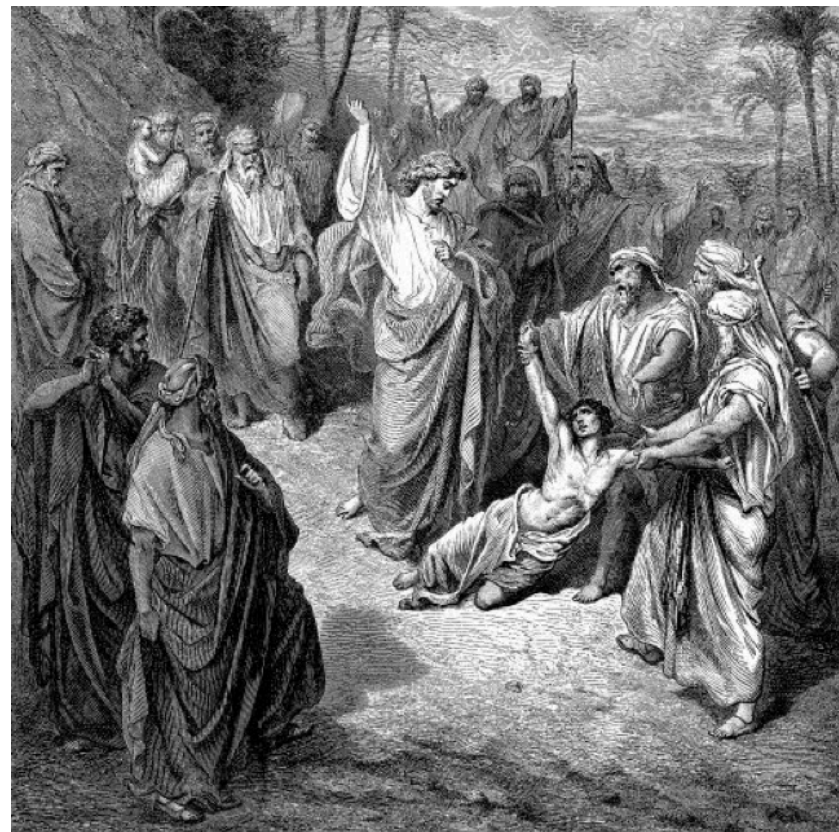
“Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Genesis 1:1–2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, “Go; your son will live” (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Ephesians 6:10–17). “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”

Want Your Kids to Stay Christian?

Families who pray and worship together tend to continue praying and worshipping together. The key to successful transmission of Christian faith across generations is not more youth groups or hipper pastors but the Holy Spirit working through the vocation of parenthood as parents take the time to share their faith with their own children...Christian parents do not catechize their children because social science says that catechesis works. We catechize our children because we are commanded to do so by God in Proverbs 22; Ephesians 6; Deuteronomy 4, 6, and 11; 1 Timothy 4; and by the very words of Christ in Matthew 19. When we fail to catechize our children, we sin against them, and the warning of Christ in Matthew 18—that “it would be better for [us] to have a large millstone hung around [our] neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea” (v. 6)—must weigh heavily upon us. But nonetheless, we can be encouraged by worldly evidence that backs up this calling and tells us that, yes, what we do at home has an enormous impact on our kids’ future faith. Controlling for parental religious beliefs, the odds that a child will leave the Christian faith are between one third and seven times greater in a household with little or no in-home catechesis than in a household where the family has regular religious practice together.

(Full Article:
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/february-web-only/discipleship-parenting-kids-stay-christian-home-catechesis.html>)

The Sunday of the Nobleman’s Son



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