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September 1, 2024

Fourteenth 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: 693 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

Hymn of the Day: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Distribution Hymn: 630 "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"

Distribution Hymn: 743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Distribution Hymn: 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

Distribution Hymn: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Closing Hymn: 895 "Now, Thank We All Our God"

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 next Sunday, Sept. 8 - Samuel Bott Acolyte Sept. 15th - Cade Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Conner Ohlde, Aiden Sweet, & Zac Hiltgen

Ushers Sept. 8th - *Ryan Stuenkel, Greyson Ohlde, Ethan Bott, & Cash Stunkel

LYF Fellowship Service Sept 8th & 15th - Liam Voelker & Aiden Sweet

LYF Mowing by Sept. 8th - Liam Voelker & Deavon Ohlde

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

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO Children's Sunday School or Adult Bible Class

Sept. 4 11:00 a.m. Funeral for Floyd Meyer
5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

Sept. 7 11:00 a.m. Choral Concert at Zion (see announcement)

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. 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

Announcements

- The mixed choir will sing during Floyd Meyer's funeral. For those able to attend, we will meet Wed. morning of the funeral at 10:30 to rehearse "Abide With Me".
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Monday, Sept. 2** - No School!
 - **Wednesday, Sept. 4** - Linn Lutheran Chapel will be with Vicar Harding at 8:30 a.m. at Zion. Our Chapel offering for the 1st quarter is going to Lutheran Bible Translators. Hope you can join us!
 - **Wednesday, Sept. 11** - Grandparents' Day at LLS; 8:30 a.m. - chapel at Zion; 9:00 a.m. (following chapel) - donuts & BINGO in Zion's basement. All grandparents are welcome to join us for this fun annual event!
- 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 Wednesdays. Mark your calendar. We look forward to another year of growing together in God's Word!
- 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.
- 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.

Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 4:10-23*

- ¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of the evil.
¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.
²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.
²¹ Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
²² For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.
²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

Gradual (*Psalm 92:1-2*)

**It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.**

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:16-22*

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality,

impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 65:1*)

Alleluia. Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

As We Gather...

The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (*Luke 17:11-19*). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (*Gal. 5:16-24*). Thus we cry out with the lepers, “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (*Prov. 4:10-23*).

Luther's Thoughts on the Epistle...

This Epistle...admonishes those who have the Holy Spirit through faith to do good works or to [bear] the fruits of faith. It does this so that people see that this teaching does not intend to forbid good works or to sanction evil and not punish it, or no longer to preach the Law. Rather, it clearly shows that God seriously wants Christians to flee and avoid the desires of the flesh, if they want to remain in the Spirit. Thus having and retaining the Spirit and faith cannot stand together with carrying out the desires of the flesh. The two, he says, "are opposed to each other" (Galatians 5:17), and there is an intense struggle between them, so that neither can tolerate the other, but one must retain the upper hand and do away with the other. This is why he clearly names some works of the flesh which obviously and easily are seen to be not from the Spirit (Galatians 5:19-21). He immediately concludes that those who carry out and do these things are not in the situation of inheriting God's kingdom but have lost the Holy Spirit and faith (Galatians 5:21).

However, he also shows where Christians obtain strength so that they can resist the desires of the flesh, namely, that they have received the Spirit through faith and know that they have a gracious God. This is how their heart obtains the desire and love to obey God and guard against sin. Therefore, they resist and do not follow the desires of the flesh, so that they do not again provoke God to anger. Even though they still feel weakness in this struggle, the Law nevertheless cannot condemn them, because through faith they are and remain in Christ.

- LCMS memory verse challenge: Acts 4:12 - "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Sunday of the Ten Lepers



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