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The 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: 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

Distribution Hymn: 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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

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

Closing Hymn: 752 "Be Still, My Soul"

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 (nursing home); Marilynne Ohlde (pain)

Acolyte today - Kingston Voelker

Acolyte Oct. 1 - Samuel Bott

Ushers today - *Elijah Meier, Ryan Stuenkel, Dylan Ohlde, & Greyson Ohlde

Ushers Oct. 1 - * Eli Thalmann, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Daniel Nabors

LYF Mowing Sept. 30th - Daniel Nabors & Liam Voelker

LYF Mowing Oct. 7th - Camryn Beikmann & Aiden Sweet

LYF Serving for Bible Class today & Oct. 1 - Noah Thalmann & Liam Voelker

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 24 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Sept. 27 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
- Oct. 1 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
4:30 p.m. LLS Association Meeting at St. John (see announcement)
5:00 p.m. Annual Hayrack Ride & Hotdog Roast
(See announcement below for details)
- Oct. 4 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation

Announcements

- We are planning an Association Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on October 1st at St. John before the hayrack ride. The agenda is to approve the security door bid and minibus discussion.
- St. John Men's Club & Linn Lutheran School PTL invite you to the Annual Hayrack Ride & Hotdog Roast on **Sunday, Oct. 1st**. Everyone is welcome to join us! Order of events:
 - 5:00 p.m. - Hayrack Ride
 - 6:00 p.m. - Hotdog Roast (please bring a side dish or dessert to share)
 - 7:00 p.m. - PTL Meeting
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: 1 Samuel 12:24 - **"Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you."**
- 63rd Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale** - Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg) on **Sunday, October 1st**. Featuring: pan fried chicken, ham, BBQ meatballs, & homemade pies. Serving from 4:30-8:00 p.m.; adults-\$12, children-\$5, & preschool-free. Parish hall is handicap accessible.
- CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org**: Study Leviticus 23-27 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Joshua 7-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into Good Works in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/30 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

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 (*Psalms 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 (*Psalms 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.

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.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Second Commandment

[God's Name]

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive, by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

33. What is lying and deceiving by God's name?

Lying and deceiving by God's name is

A. teaching false doctrine and saying that it is God's Word or revelation;

99 **Deuteronomy 12:32** - See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.

100 **Jeremiah 23:31** - Yes, declares the Lord, I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, "The Lord declares."

101 **Matthew 15:9** - They worship Me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.

Bible narrative: The lie of a false prophet caused the prophet of God to be deceived and killed (**1 Kings 13:11-30**).

B. covering up an unbelieving heart or a sinful life by pretending to be a Christian.

102 **Matthew 7:21** - Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

103 **Matthew 15:8** - These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.

Bible narratives: Many scribes and Pharisees were hypocrites (**Matthew 23:13-33**). Ananias and Sapphira were hypocrites (**Acts 5:1-11**).

34. What does God require of us in the Second Commandment?

We should call upon His name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

104 **Psalms 50:15** - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me.

105 **Psalms 103:1** - Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

106 **Psalms 118:1** - Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

107 **John 16:23** - My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.

108 **Ephesians 5:20** - Give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bible narratives: The 10 lepers called upon Jesus in their trouble (**Luke 17:11-13**). The grateful stranger thanked Jesus and glorified God for the healing (**Luke 17:15-16**).

Hannah petitioned and thanked God for the gift of a son (**1 Samuel 1-2**). Mary's Song (**Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55**). Zechariah's Song (**Benedictus, Luke 1:68-79**).

The Sunday of the Widow's Son



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