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August 15, 2021

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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
Hymn of the Day: 613 "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"
Distribution Hymn: 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"
Distribution Hymn: 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"
Distribution Hymn: 630 "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"
Closing Hymn: 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail 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, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Zac Hiltgen

Acolyte next Sunday - Aiden Sweet

Ushers this Sunday - *Nathan Ohlde, John Bott, Lance Gerleve, Elijah Meier

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, Brady Kolle, Jacob Bott, Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing August 21st - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Mowing August 28th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

Upcoming Events

August 15 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Dedication/Back-to-School Night at Linn Lutheran

August 17 8:10 a.m. First Day of School at Linn Lutheran School

August 22 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- * The first Midweek session will be on **September 1 at 5:30 p.m.**
- * If you are willing and able to help assemble the Palmer Labor Day float for St. John, please contact Ron Bott.
- * **Sunday School News:**
 - * Sunday School will resume on **September 12**. Parents are asked to volunteer for teaching by signing up for the dates that work best for you. Sign-up forms are on the Sunday School bulletin board.
 - * **Know someone ready to start or resume Sunday School?** Please contact Diane Beikmann if you have a new Sunday Schooler of any age. (If you opted not to attend during 2020 and would like to restart, please let Diane know as well.) Children who are three years old and ready to attend preschool are eligible to attend Sunday School. Diane can be reached at church, on Facebook, or by emailing diane.beikmann@gmail.com.
- * We are in the process of updating the information for our members for the "Lutheran Witness" magazine. There is sheet in the hallway of the parish hall for those who have had a change in address or wish to begin or wish to cancel receiving it. Please do this by **TODAY, August 15th**. Thanks!
- * The Linn area congregations will hold their annual mission festival on **Sunday, September 19**, at the Linn High School gymnasium. The mission theme for the day will focus on Luke 10:2: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." The Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, LCMS executive director for Pastoral Education, will be our guest preacher. Please join us for the Bible study hour at 9 a.m., then stay for the special service at 10:00. If you are interested in being part of that choir, please call or text Diane Hayes at (970) 227-8600.
- * "Christian Culture" will be sent to you FREE! Sign up at lutherclassical.org. "Christian Culture" is the magazine of Luther Classical College. Published every quarter, "Christian Culture" aims to do exactly what its title suggests – promote genuine Christian culture in our churches, homes, and communities. We need Christian culture to fill our homes with strong fathers, faithful mothers, the reading of God's Word and good literature, the singing of hymns, and commitment to Lutheran church and school, so that we and our children can remain in the world but not be of the world.
- * CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Lamentations 1-3 on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), study Hebrews 6-9 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at **10 a.m.** Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on our 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, 22:23ff; 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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



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.

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.

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.*”

Atonement

A sonnet for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

by Rev. Andrew Richard

’Twas in the year when Judah’s archon died
That I beheld the Lord upon the tree,
Exalted, lifted up, and crucified,
While seraphim were singing rev’rently
The Sanctus of the Holy Trinity,
Which chanting made the very thresholds quake;
And I, with unclean lips, cried, “Woe to me!”
As Jesus bled and did atonement make.
With tongs a seraph winged his flight to take
The flesh of Him who died all-gloriously,
And touched it to my eager lips, and spake,
“Take, eat; the body of the Lord, for thee.”
“Amen! Amen!” with clean lips I replied,
And went down from the temple justified.

*From *Christian Culture* magazine.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Lord's Prayer *(Continued)*

203. When should we pray?

We should pray regularly and frequently, especially in time of trouble.

712 **Psalm 65:8** - Where morning dawns and evening fades You call forth songs of joy.

713 **Psalm 119:164** - Seven times a day I praise You for Your righteous laws.

714 **Daniel 6:10** - When Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

715 **Luke 18:1** - Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

716 **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18** - Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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

Bible narrative: The early Christians kept the customary hours of prayer (**Acts 2:46-3:1; 10**).

Note: See Luther's suggestions in this catechism for daily morning, evening, and mealtime prayers.

204. What prayer did Jesus give us to show us how to pray?

Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer.

Bible narratives: The Lord's Prayer (**Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4**).

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The Sunday of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector



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