

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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October 12, 2025

Seventeenth 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 Werner, 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 One (pg. 151)

Opening Hymn: 768 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Hymn of the Day: 557 "Seek Where You May"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Distribution Hymn: 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Distribution Hymn: 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Closing Hymn: 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home); **Micah Helms** (cancer)

Acolyte today - James Werner

Acolyte Oct. 19 - Jase Meier

Ushers today - *Ethan Bott, Conner Ohlde, Deavon Ohlde, & Cade Hiltgen

Ushers Oct. 19 - *Evan Bott, Ethan Bott, Liam Voelker, & Cash Stunkel

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today - Zac & Sophia Hiltgen

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Oct. 19 & 26 - Noah Thalmann & Lucious Petesch

LYF Mowing Oct. 18 - Zac & Sophia Hiltgen

LYF Mowing Oct. 25 - Aiden Sweet & Greyson Ohlde

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 12** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. LBT Presentation & Children's Sunday School
5:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (open to congregation)
- Oct. 15** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
- Oct. 19** 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (new members welcome!)
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
11:40 a.m. Potluck Dinner followed by Quarterly Voters Mtg
5:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (open to congregation)
- Oct. 22** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

Announcements

- **TODAY, Oct. 12th**, Michael Ersland from the Lutheran Bible Translators will be presenting to our congregation during Bible class. Please join us!
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Wednesday, Oct. 15-** Linn Lutheran Endowment Benefit donation sheets due!! We don't need the actually donated item until the week of Nov. 17!
 - **Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 8:30am** - Chapel at Zion will be led by Pastor Jahnke. Everyone is welcome to join us!
 - **Friday, Oct. 17-** 11:30am dismissal-no lunch served.
 - **Monday, Oct. 20-** Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting-7pm
 - **Thursday, Oct. 23-** 11:30am dismissal-no lunch served- Parent/Teacher Conferences- Noon-7:00pm
 - **Friday, Oct. 24-** No School
- The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held **Sunday, October 19th**, following a potluck dinner. This meeting will include our election of new officers.
- The 85th Annual LLL Convention will be held **Oct. 31st-Nov. 1st**. If interested, please see the flyer posted on the hallway bulletin board.
- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Exodus 31:13** - **You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you."**

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. John Werner, 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 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124)*

Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.

**Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the Lord!
Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!
Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.
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.**

Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.
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Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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: *Proverbs 25:6-14*

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸ do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.
¹¹ A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
¹² Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.
¹⁴ Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

Gradual *(Psalm 33:12, 6)*

**Blessèd is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-6*

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia Verse *(Psalm 116:1)*

Alleluia. I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1-11*

¹ One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

As We Gather...

Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence" (Proverbs 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, move up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

Catechetical Review

As the head of the family should teach
it in a simple way to his household.

The Lord's Prayer

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

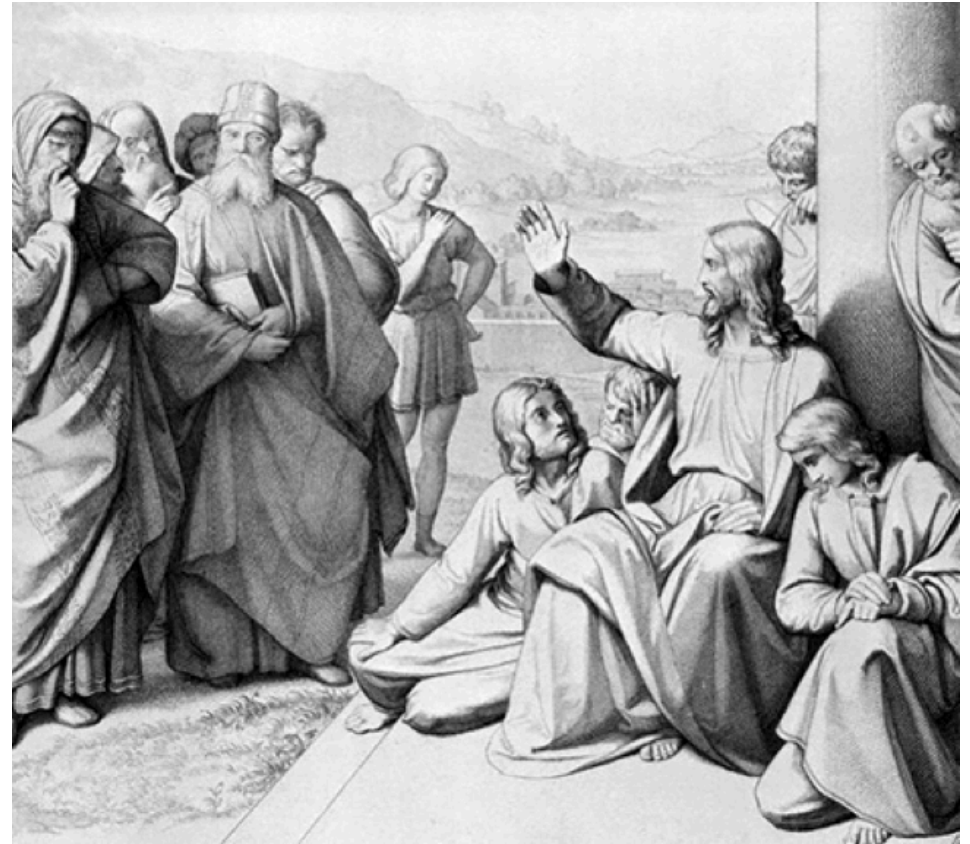
The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

The Sunday of the Pharisee's Dinner



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