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May 30, 2021

The Sunday of the Most Holy 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: 590 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

Hymn of the Day: 498 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Distribution Hymn: 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Distribution Hymn: 876 "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

Distribution Hymn: 811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Closing Hymn: 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

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.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel,

Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Charlotte Voelker (recovery)

Pamela Poppe

Roger Lange

Acolyte this Sunday - Liam Voelker

Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Ushers this Sunday - *Aaron Stuenkel, Brady Kolle, Jacob Bott, & Cody Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *John Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Cody Ohlde, & Tyler Ohlde

LYF Mowing June 5th - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Mowing June 12th - Ryan Stuenkel & Mason Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

May 30 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

June 6 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Association Meeting at Zion

Announcements

- * This morning, Kate Elizabeth Bott will be brought to the Holy Waters of Baptism. She was born to Luke and Madeleine Bott on January 15, 2021.
- * Pastor Hayes will be out of town until June 9th. For emergency pastoral care, you may call Pastor Durance at (989) 573-0182.
- * Linn Lutheran is having an association meeting at Zion on **Sunday, June 6th**, at 7 p.m. to call/hire a 3rd & 4th grade teacher.
- * St. John has \$12,458.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until **July 15, 2021**, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Jeremiah 9-13 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), begin the book of 2 Kings on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and hear practical application of our Catechism for daily living on Concord Matters (**Saturday, June 5th, at 10 a.m.**). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org, the KFUE Radio app, or wherever you get your podcasts!

As We Gather...

The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "Woe is me!" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (**Isaiah 6:1-7**). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (**John 3:5**). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for" (**Isaiah 6:7**). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!" (**Isaiah 6:3**). "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen" (**Romans 11:33-36**).

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 8:1-2a, 3-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text)*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy | to us.

O Lord, | our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,*

the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*

and the son of man that you | care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*

and crowned him with glory and | honor.

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 Holy Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-7*

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”
⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”
⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Epistle Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”
³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”
³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: *John 3:1-17*

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it

comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

From “A Summary of the Christian Faith” by David Chytraeus (1568)

Recite the descriptions and difference of the three persons of the divinity.

The Father is the first person of the divinity who from eternity begot the eternal Son, His own image. He, along with the Son and the Holy Spirit, created all things out of nothing and preserves them

The Son is the second person of the divinity, begotten from eternity by the Father and is the substantial and complete image of the eternal Father. This Son afterward became the Intercessor between God and the first people who fell and He was established as the Mediator. He assumed His human nature from the Virgin and became a sacrificial victim on our behalf. Through Him and for His sake alone does the eternal Father grant forgiveness of sin, justice and eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and proceeds from the Father and the Son from eternity. He fosters all things born and gives life to all in the original condition. Afterwards He is sent in all times to control the ministry of teaching in the Church and to give new life and to sanctify the hearts of the devout through the Gospel; that is, to kindle in them a new light of the true knowledge of God, a new consolation in all tribulations, and true righteousness, life and joy.

* The quotation above is by David Chytraeus and is from his 1568 work *A Summary of the Christian Faith*. The English translation is by Rev. Dr. Richard Dinda and is published by Repristination Press. For information on Elements of Religion and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholiam.net.

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts!”

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles’ Creed - The Third Article

II. The Church, the Communion of Saints *(Continued)*

179. What do the Scriptures teach about our life in the church?

They teach that

A. we should seek always to be and remain members of the invisible church, Christ’s body, by sincere faith in Christ, our Savior;

614 **John 15:5** - I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

615 **2 Corinthians 13:5** - Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

B. we should be faithful to that visible church, or denomination, which professes and teaches all of the Bible’s doctrine purely and administers the sacraments according to Christ’s institution;

616 **John 8:31-32** - If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

617 **Acts 2:42** - They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

618 **1 Corinthians 1:10** - I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Note: A religious denomination is a church body or organization with a distinct name and a distinct body of doctrine.

C. we should avoid false teachers, false churches, and all organizations that promote a religion that is contrary to God’s Word;

619 **Matthew 7:15-16** - Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them.

620 **Romans 16:17-18** - I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

621 **2 Corinthians 6:14** - Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. (See also **vv. 15-18**).

622 **Galatians 1:8** - Even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

623 **2 Timothy 4:3** - The time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

624 **1 John 4:1** - Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.



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