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October 13, 2024

The 20th 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: 703 "How Can I Thank You, Lord"

Hymn of the Day: 828 "We Are Called to Stand Together"

Distribution Hymn: 640 "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Distribution Hymn: 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

Closing Hymn: 666 "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

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); Peggy Rikli (cancer)

Acolyte today - Emma Hiltgen Acolyte Sun., Oct. 20th - Emmerich Hornkohl

Ushers today - *Ethan Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Noah Thalmann, & Dylan Ohlde

Ushers Oct. 20th - *Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, Liam Voelker, Greyson Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Service today - Mason & Emmitt Tiemeyer

LYF Fellowship Service Oct. 20th & 27th - Noah Thalmann & Cash Stunkel

- LCMS memory verse challenge: Exodus 34:6 - "The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'"

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 13 8:30 a.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Oct. 16 5:30 p.m. NO Midweek/Confirmation
- Oct. 20 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
11:50 a.m. Potluck with Quarterly Voters' Meeting following
2:30 p.m. Linn Zone LWML Fall Event (see details below)
- Oct. 21 7:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting at LLS
- Oct. 23 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

Announcements

- Pastor Hayes is on vacation this week. In case of emergency, please reach out to Pr. Koch (785-747-7633), Pr. Gaschler (308-414-1023), or Pr. Jahnke (620-338-7418).
- Linn Lutheran invites you to join us for Chapel on **Wed., Oct. 16**, at 8:30 a.m., led by Vicar Harding. We will also recognize students' October baptism birthdays.
- The Linn Zone LWML invites you to the Fall Event **Sunday, Oct. 20**, at St. John, Palmer. Registration begins at 2:00 and the event will start at 2:30. Pastor Gaschler will lead our Bible study, and we will be making quiet bags for the zone churches. Please join us for a time of fellowship and fun!
- Linn Lutheran Endowment Auction is **Sat., Nov. 23**. Donation forms were due **Thurs., Oct. 10**, in order for the donation to be in the printed book.

As We Gather...

Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: "See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast". But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: "He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food.". Those rejecting the Spirit's work shall experience God's wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ's righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 48:1, 9-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,*
for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
Glorify your | name, O Lord;*
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

**Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.
We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.
Let Mount Zion | be glad!*Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Gradual (*Psalm 145:15-16*)

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 5:15-21*

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 130:1-2a*)

Alleluia. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:1-14*

¹ Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed – The First Article

God Still Takes Care of Me and All Creatures

111. Why does God do this for us?

“All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.”

372 **Genesis 32:10** - I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness You have shown Your servant.

373 **Psalm 103:13** - As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

Bible narratives: The centurion of Capernaum confessed that he did not deserve to have the Lord come under his roof (**Luke 7:6-7**).

112. What do we owe our heavenly Father for all His goodness?

It is our duty to

A. “Thank and praise, serve and obey Him;”

374 **Psalm 116:12** - How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

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

B. be good stewards of His creation

376 **Genesis 2:15** - The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Note: We are good stewards when we avoid polluting air, land, and water; carefully dispose of waste; use rather than waste natural resources; conserve rather than waste energy; recycle or reuse materials whenever possible; and value and take care of all God’s creation.

113. Why do we close the explanation of the First Article with the words, “This is most certainly true?”

Everything I confess in this article is plainly taught in God’s Word, Holy Scripture. Therefore, I firmly believe it.



The Sunday of the Wedding Garment



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