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### The Twelfth 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:** 533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

**Hymn of the Day:** 545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

**Distribution Hymn:** 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

**Distribution Hymn:** 750 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

**Distribution Hymn:** 820 "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"

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

### Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto: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** - Annalise Orona

**Acolyte Sept. 3** - Cash Stunkel; **Acolyte Sept. 10** - Emitt Tiemeyer

**Ushers today** - \*Tyler Ohlde, Noah Thalmann, Dylan Ohlde, & Greyson Ohlde

**Ushers Sept. 3** - \*Ryan Stuenkel, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Conner Ohlde

**LYF Mowing Sept. 2nd** - Zac Hiltgen & Noah Thalmann

**LYF Mowing Sept. 9th** - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

## Upcoming Events

- August 27** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Sept. 3** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- Sept. 6** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
- Sept. 10** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (see announcement below)

## Announcements

- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 - **"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."**
- The Church Council will have a meeting on **Sunday, September 10th**, from 2 to 4 pm. This will be a meeting with our Circuit Visitor, Dr. Phillip Miller. This is an important meeting, and all Church Council members are asked to attend.
- The church directories are in the church boxes for those who submitted or had pictures taken. Extra directories can be purchased for \$10.00. Committee members are Ann Ohlde, Deb Peters, Karla Sweet and Annette Bott.
- The Lutheran campus ministries at Kansas colleges and universities provide a "church home away from home" for students. Visit the Campus Ministry page on the Kansas District website to find Campus Ministry locations and contact info. <https://kslcms.org/missions/specialized-ministries/campus-ministry/>
  - Upcoming events taking place with the **K-State LCMSU Campus Ministry**:
    - **Monday, August 28 @ 6:30 p.m.** - Welcome Bonfire with food, games, and Bible study at the Blue House in Manhattan (354 N. Delaware).
    - Table Talk (free meal!) is held at noon on the 1st Sunday of the month at Christ Lutheran Church (4592 Green Valley Rd) and the 2nd through 5th Sundays of the month at St. Luke's (4801 Anderson Ave.). The first Table Talk of this school year will be today, August 27, at noon at St. Luke's. (Please note that there will be no Table Talk on Sunday, September 3, Labor Day Weekend). More information can be found at St. Luke's Campus Ministry website page or LCMS U K-State website page.

## 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 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1-2a)*

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\*  
O Lord, make haste to | help me!  
Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion\*  
who | seek my life!

**Let them | be turned back\***  
**and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!**  
**May all who seek you | rejoice\***  
**and be | glad in you!**  
**You are my help and my de- | liverer;\***  
**O Lord, do | not delay!**  
**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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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 29:17-24*

- 17 Is it not yet a very little while  
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
- 18 In that day the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.
- 19 The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord,  
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of  
Israel.
- 20 For the ruthless shall come to nothing  
and the scoffer cease,  
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,
- 21 who by a word make a man out to be an offender,  
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,  
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.
- 22 Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the  
house of Jacob:  
“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,  
no more shall his face grow pale.
- 23 For when he sees his children,  
the work of my hands, in his midst,  
they will sanctify my name;  
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob  
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.
- 24 And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,  
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

## Gradual (*Psalm 34:1-2*)

**I will bless the Lord at all times;**

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;**

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

## Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 3:4-11*

4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? 9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 81:1*)

**Alleluia.** Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:31-37*

31 [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

## As We Gather...

## Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (*Mark 7:31-37*). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “*faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*” (*Romans 10:9-17*). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (*2 Corinthians 3:4-11*) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing “*Ephphatha*” opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*” (*Isaiah 29:18-24*) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

## 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.

#### **30. When are we permitted, and even required, to swear by God's name?**

We are permitted, and even required, to take an oath by God's name when an oath is necessary for the glory of God or the welfare of our neighbor. Examples include the following: testimony in court, oath of office, wedding vows.

90 **Romans 13:1** - Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities.

91 **Numbers 30:2** - When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.

92 **Deuteronomy 6:13** - Fear the Lord your God, serve Him only and take your oaths in His name.

93 **Hebrews 6:16** - Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.

*Bible narratives:* Jesus permitted Himself to be put under oath (**Matthew 26:63-64**). Abraham put his servant under oath (**Genesis 24:3**).

#### **31. When is swearing forbidden?**

Swearing is forbidden when it is done falsely, thoughtlessly, or in sinful, uncertain or unimportant matters.

94 **Leviticus 19:12** - Do not swear falsely by My name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.

95 **Matthew 5:33-37** - You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord." But I tell you, do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne, or by the earth, for it is His footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No," "No;" anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

*Bible narratives:* Peter swore falsely and thus committed perjury (**Matt. 26:72**). Certain Jews swore to commit murder (**Acts 23:12**). Herod swore in an unknown and unimportant matter (**Matt. 14:6-9**). Jephthah's thoughtless oath (**Judges 11:30-40**).

## The Sunday of the Deaf Mute



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