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October 31, 2021

Reformation Sunday

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: 647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

Hymn of the Day: 954 "We All Believe in One True God"

Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 585 "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

Distribution Hymn: 627 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Closing Hymn: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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,
Lorraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman** (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Liam Voelker

Acolyte Sunday, Nov. 14th - Zac Hiltgen

Ushers this Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, & Tyler Ohlde

Ushers Sunday, Nov. 14th - *Evan Bott, John Bott, Jacob Bott, & Ethan Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Ethan & Sophia Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour Nov. 14th & 21st - Mason Tiemeyer & Conner Ohlde

Upcoming Events

- October 31** 8:45 a.m. Men's Choir
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
12:00 p.m. LYF Potato Bar & Reformation Sundaes
- November 3** 5:30 p.m. NO Midweek or Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir
- November 7** *NO Services here at St. John
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (at Washington County H.S.)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Convocation at WS Co. H.S.)

Announcements

- ✦ On **Sunday, Nov. 14**, Sunday School and Bible class will join for an all-generation event in which we learn about Advent wreaths and make one to take home before the Advent season begins. This will take place during the regular Sunday School hour. Please sign up by **today** on the orange sheet located on the Sunday School bulletin board if you would like to participate. All ages are welcome!
- ✦ Immanuel LLL (Hermansberg - Bremen) is holding their Annual Pancake Feed on **Sunday, November 7th**, from 4-8 p.m. There will be a free-will offering. The parish hall is handicapped accessible; the church is 1 mile east, 2.5 miles north of Bremen.
- ✦ Trinity Men's Club, Hanover, will be hosting their annual Pancake Supper on **Sunday, November 14**, from 4 to 8 p.m. Menu includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage & eggs. Free will offering. Proceeds go to Local & District projects.
- ✦ Rehearsals for our Christmas Eve program are right around the corner. If you know someone who would like to participate in the children's program who is not on the Sunday School roster, please let David or Diane Beikmann know. Likewise, if you do not plan to join in, please let us know as we prepare to distribute parts. Thanks!
- ✦ As we celebrate 91 years of The Lutheran Hour®, Lutheran Hour Ministries impact has grown beyond the radio signal reach in each of our homes, but spiritual growth within homes is still a vital component for strengthening the family of God. You are invited to join us on **Sunday, Nov. 7th**, in Bible Study and worship led by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, at Washington Co. High School, 115 N D St. The Bible Study will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the topic "Speaking of Jesus". The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Both are open to all to attend.
- ✦ Linn Lutheran School Endowment Fund Benefit Auction is on **Saturday, November 20th**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Palmer Community Building. Silent Auction and Meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. To-Go meals will be available, as well. Live Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Thank you for your generosity in supporting Christian education in our rural community!!
- ✦ **CHRIST FOR YOU** this week on KFuo.org: Happy Reformation! Study Ecclesiastes 4-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), Ezekiel 32-36 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10 a.m. from the LCMS International Center. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFuo 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. 10:16-17; 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 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 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46)*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

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.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.

The Lord redeems the life of his | servants;*

none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Collect for Reformation Sunday

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

First Reading: *Revelation 14:6-7*

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Epistle Reading: *Romans 3:19-28*

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Gospel Reading: *John 8:31-36*

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

As We Gather...

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (**Matthew 11:19**), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “*remain in the house forever*” (**John 8:35**). For He is “*a friend of tax collectors and sinners*” (**Matthew 11:19**), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “*to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people*” (**Revelation 14:6**), “*the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law*” (**Romans 3:21**), “*that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*” (**Romans 3:26**). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “*whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith*” (**Romans 3:25**), “*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (**John 8:31–32**).

From Elements of Religion (1894) by Henry Eyster Jacobs

But God does not justify without a ground of Justification. The guilt and punishment of man’s sin are not annihilated. Every penalty of transgression is exacted. All the disgrace of sin must have some one to whom it is imputed. God does not declare man righteous and worthy of everlasting life unless there is actually presented a complete equivalent for the most far-reaching demands of the Law. God’s mercy is not exercised at the expense of His justice. But, in Justification, the righteousness of Christ is accounted ours. Christ stands before God charged with our sins; and we stand before God, with all Christ’s merits regarded as ours.

It is not, then, our life in Christ, or Christ’s life in us, that justifies us, but it is alone what Christ was for us when He was made sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (**2 Corinthians 5:21**), when He bore our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness (pages 184-185).

* For information on *Elements of Religion* and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer

The Third Petition:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *(Continued)*

217. Why do we pray that the will of God be done?

We know that the will of God will always be done, but we want God's good and gracious will to be done in our lives.

"As God's name must be hallowed and His kingdom must come even without our prayer, so must His will be done and prevail even though the devil and all his host storm and rage furiously against it in their attempt utterly to exterminate the Gospel. But for our own sake we must pray that His will may be done among us without hindrance, in spite of their fury, so that they may accomplish nothing and we may remain steadfast" (Large Catechism III 68).

757 **Psalm 115:3** - Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him.

758 **Psalm 43:3** - Send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell.

759 **Philippians 1:21** - To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Bible narrative: The helplessness of the enemies of God (**Psalm 2**). The conversion of Paul (**Acts 9:1-19**).

218. How is God's will done in our lives?

God's will is done when

A. He breaks and hinders the plans of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which try to destroy our faith in Christ Jesus;

760 **Romans 16:20** - The God of grace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

761 **2 Timothy 1:12** - I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.

B. He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith and helps us lead God-pleasing lives;

762 **1 Peter 1:5** - [You] through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

763 **Psalm 119: 35** - Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight.

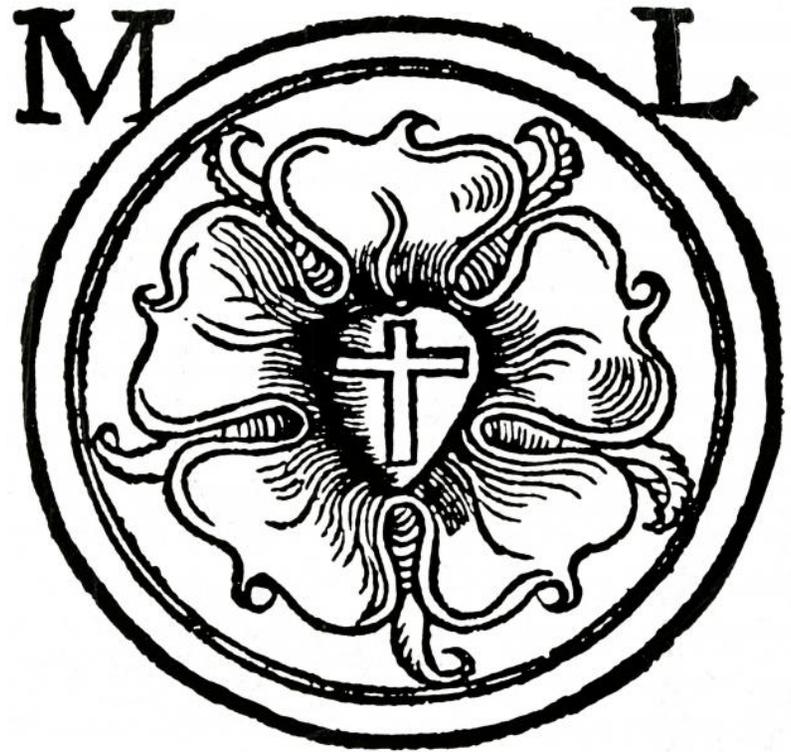
C. He supports us in all our troubles until we die.

764 **Romans 8:28** - We know the tin all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

765 **2 Corinthians 12:9** - He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."

Bible narratives: God hindered the evil will of Joseph's brothers and kept him faithful (**Genesis 50:15-21**). God would not let the devil destroy Job (**Job 1:1-2:6**).

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:15



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