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August 1, 2021

Ninth 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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 504 "Father Most Holy"

Hymn of the Day: 730 "What Is the World to Me"

Distribution Hymn: 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Distribution Hymn: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Distribution Hymn: 734 "I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name"

Closing Hymn: 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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,

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

Acolyte this Sunday - Zac Hiltgen

Acolyte next Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Tyler Ohlde, Evan Bott, Brady Kolle, & Cody Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Jacob Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, John Bott, &

Andrew Tiemeyer

LYF Mowing August 7th - Elijah Meier & Daniel Nabors

LYF Mowing August 14th - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

- August 1** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 8** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 15** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Dedication/Back-to-School Night at Linn Lutheran
- August 17** 8:10 a.m. First Day of School at Linn Lutheran School

Announcements

* Linn Lutheran School Enrollment & School Cleaning:

- * Thursday, August 5 - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- * Friday, August 6 - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- * The floors at the school are going to be professional waxed Saturday, August 7. Since this is happening, we will **NOT** be having school enrollment or cleaning that day!
- * If these times don't work for you, please call Ann in the school office (785-348-5792) to set up a time. When coming to enrollment, please bring updated immunization records & 2 checks for enrollment fees. We will also be doing our annual school cleaning. Please set aside some time to help us get the school ready for students. If we can all work together to get the school ready, it helps lower janitorial costs for the year! We appreciate the support and are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

* Sunday School News:

- * Sunday School will resume on **September 12**. Parents are asked to volunteer for teaching by signing up for the dates that work best for you. Sign-up forms are on the Sunday School bulletin board.
- * **Know someone ready to start or resume Sunday School?** Please contact Diane Beikmann if you have a new Sunday Schooler of any age. (If you opted not to attend during 2020 and would like to restart, please let Diane know as well.) Children who are three years old and ready to attend preschool are eligible to attend Sunday School. Diane can be reached at church, on Facebook, or by emailing diane.beikmann@gmail.com.

- * We are in the process of updating the information for our members for the "Lutheran Witness" magazine. There is sheet in the hallway of the parish hall for those who have had a change in address or wish to begin or wish to cancel receiving it. Please do this by **Sunday, August 15th**. Thanks!
- * Linn Lutheran is looking for a janitor for the '21-22 school year. The work averages 10 hours a week. For more information, contact David Beikmann @ 402-200-9720.
- * CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (**Saturday, August 7th, at 10 a.m.**), finish the book of Jeremiah on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), and hear conversations about faith and family on Moments with KFUE Radio (**weekdays at noon**). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE 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, 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.



Introit *(Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4-5)*

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

**O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.**

**O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

**For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.**

**For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.**

**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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the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
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Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 22:26-34

26 “With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
27 with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
28 You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
29 For you are my lamp, O Lord,
and my God lightens my darkness.
30 For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
31 This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
32 “For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?
33 This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.
34 He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

1 [Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 3 And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ 5 So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill,

and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

As We Gather . . . The Steward’s Shrewdness Sanctified

“The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness” (Luke 16:1–9). The steward’s shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master’s name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father’s possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord’s Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Corinthians 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Samuel 22:26–34).

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

We must consider five points in this form of praying which Christ set forth in Luke 11 and Matt. 6:

I. Who God is whom we address, namely, the eternal Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who revealed Himself by sending this very Son, the Mediator, for whose sake we also flee for refuge to Him in faith, who embraces us with fatherly gentleness and accepts and hears our prayers. Our address of God, “Our Father,” contains this teaching.

II. The mandate of Christ which commands invocation and, in fact, the recitation of this verbal formula which Christ has given.

III. The promise that God certainly wants to accept and hear our invocation to reveal the desired blessings in that order and way which He expressed in the promise. We therefore say, “Our Father.” Thus He embraces us with parental gentleness and benevolence as we read in great detail in Luke 14: “If you then are veiled,” etc. Also, He is our Father, that is, not only loving His only-begotten Son, about whom He says: “This is My beloved Son,” but also loving us, His adopted children for His sake, having regard for us, caring for us, defending us, listening to us, saving us.

IV. The faith which adds its “Amen” to the divine promise. (page 161)

* 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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Lord's Prayer *(Continued)*

200. How does God answer prayer?

God hears the prayers of all Christians and answers in His own way and at His own time.

703 **Isaiah 65:24** - Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

704 **2 Corinthians 12:8-9** - Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Bible narratives: Jesus healed a centurion's servant (**Matthew 8:5-13**). Jesus healed a paralytic (**Matthew 9:1-8**). The Lord planned to rescue Israel from Egypt (**Exodus 3:7-10**). The parable of the persistent widow (**Luke 18:1-8**).

201. For whom should we pray?

We should pray for ourselves and for all other people, even for our enemies, but not for the souls of the dead.

705 **1 Timothy 2:1-2** - I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

706 **Matthew 5:44** - Pray for those who persecute you.

707 **Hebrews 9:27** - Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

Bible narratives: The tax collector prayed for himself (**Luke 18:13**). Abraham prayed for Sodom (**Genesis 18:23-32**). The Canaanite woman prayed for her daughter (**Matthew 15:22-28**). Jesus prayed for His enemies (**Luke 23:34**). Stephen prayed for his enemies (**Acts 7:60**).

202. Where should we pray?

We should pray everywhere, especially when we are alone, with our families, and in church.

708 **1 Timothy 2:8** - I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

709 **Matthew 6:6** - When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

710 **Luke 5:16** - Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

711 **Acts 12:5** - Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

The Sunday of the Shrewd Manager



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