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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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Hymn of the Day: 750 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Distribution Hymn: 545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Distribution Hymn: 754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

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

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 - Aiden Sweet

Acolyte next Sunday - Noah Thalmann

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

Ushers next Sunday -*John Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Eli Thalmann, Nathan Ohlde

LYF Mowing August 28th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing September 4th - Ethan & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

August 22 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

August 29 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

September 1 5:30 p.m. Midweek

September 5 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- * If you are willing and able to help assemble the Palmer Labor Day float for St. John, please contact Ron Bott.
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Bremen will be hosting their "Wilkomen" German Heritage Dinner on **Saturday, September 11th**. See the bulletin board for details!
- * **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.
- * The Linn area congregations will hold their annual mission festival on **Sunday, September 19**, at the Linn High School gymnasium. The mission theme for the day will focus on Luke 10:2: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." The Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, LCMS executive director for Pastoral Education, will be our guest preacher. Please join us for the Bible study hour at 9 a.m., then stay for the special service at 10:00. If you are interested in being part of that choir, please call or text Diane Hayes at (970) 227-8600.
- * "Christian Culture" will be sent to you FREE! Sign up at lutherclassical.org. "Christian Culture" is the magazine of Luther Classical College. Published every quarter, "Christian Culture" aims to do exactly what its title suggests – promote genuine Christian culture in our churches, homes, and communities. We need Christian culture to fill our homes with strong fathers, faithful mothers, the reading of God's Word and good literature, the singing of hymns, and commitment to Lutheran church and school, so that we and our children can remain in the world but not be of the world.
- * CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Lamentations 3-5 and Obadiah on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), worship with us in Daily Chapel services at **10 a.m.**, study Hebrews 9-11 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and hear practical application of our Small Catechism on Concord Matters (**8/28 at 10 a.m.**). Find programs on demand at kfuo.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.

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



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,
and 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.”

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.

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*” (**Rom. 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.

Luther on this Sunday's Gospel

"A Christian goes about his external life just like an unbeliever: he builds, tills, and plows like any other; he undertakes no special activity or work, not in eating, drinking, working, sleeping, or anything else. Only these two organs [the ears and tongue] make a difference between Christians and unbelievers, because a Christian speaks and listens differently and has a tongue which praises God's grace and preaches that the Lord Christ is the only Savior, etc. The world does not do this, but speaks about greed and other vices and preaches and praises its own splendor.

But then each side has special ears. Christians' ears have the same Word which the tongue speaks and the heart believes, but the world prefers to listen when people speak about its wisdom, reason, honor, and splendor. Thus the ears and tongue of Christians are different from the world's and unbelievers' ears and tongues; they do not care for silver or gold, but only for what people say about Christ and how they are to speak and preach about Christ."

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer *(Continued)*

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

205. In what way does the word "Father" in the Lord's Prayer encourage us to pray?

The word *Father* tells us that God loves us and wants us to pray to Him confidently and without fear.

- 718 **1 John 3:1** - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.
- 719 **Romans 8:15-16** - You received the Spirit of sonship...The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
- 720 **2 Corinthians 6:18** - I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.
- 721 **Hebrews 4:16** - Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
- 722 **Psalms 103:13** - As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

Bible narrative: The lost son (**Luke 15:11-32**).

206. What does the word "our" impress upon us when we pray, "Our Father"?

In Jesus all believers are children of the one Father and should pray with and for one another.

- 723 **Ephesians 4:6** - [There is] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- 724 **Galatians 3:26** - You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 725 **James 5:16** - Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

The Sunday of the Deaf Mute



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