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October 29, 2023

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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: TLH 260 "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold"

(printed on back of bulletin)

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

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

Distribution Hymn: 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

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

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

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 *(nursing home)*

Quillyn Ruth Ohlde *(newborn)*

Acolyte today - Lucious Petesch

Acolyte Nov. 5th - Deavon Ohlde

Ushers today - *Aaron Stuenkel, Ethan Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Conner Ohlde

Ushers Nov. 5th - *Elijah Meier, Daniel Nabors, Conner Ohlde, & Noah Thalmann

LYF Mowing Nov. 4th - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

LYF Serving for Bible Class today - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Serving for Bible Class Nov. 5th & 12th - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 29** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Nov. 1** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
- Nov. 5** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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Announcements

- The following is a list of the results of the elections of church officers held during the Quarterly Meeting last Sunday, October 22nd:
 - Recording Secretary - Jim Hornbostel;
 - Treasurer - Annette Bott;
 - Board of Elders - Shane Ohlde & Marlon Walter;
 - Board of Trustees - Greg Bott & Kurtis Voelker;
 - Sunday School Superintendent - Debi Hornkohl
- 16th Annual Linn Lutheran Endowment Auction:
 - Saturday, November 18th**, at the Palmer Community Building
 - Dinner from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 - Silent Auction from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - Live Auction starts at 7:00 p.m.
 - Please have item donations to the LLS office by **Friday, Nov. 17th**.
- Immanuel Lutheran Laymen's League, Bremen (Hermansberg) will be having a Pancake Feed **today, October 29th**, from 4-8 p.m. Free will offering. Handicapped accessible parish hall. Hope to see you there!
- Trinity Lutheran Men's Club, Hanover, will be hosting their annual Pancake Supper on **Sunday, November 13th**. Serving will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to local and district projects.
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: John 8:31-32 - **"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**
- CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Blessed Reformation (observed)! Hear about Church Discipline on Free-Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (11/3 at 11:00 a.m.), study Hebrews 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and have some fun with our first Pie Social on The Coffee Hour (11/2 at 9:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org and the KFUE Radio app!

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.”

Gradual (*Psalms 48:1a, 12-14a*)

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!**

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

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.

Alleluia Verse (*Luke 12:32*)

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Alleluia.**

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).

1 O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold And let Thy pit - y wak - en;
 2 With fraud which they themselves invent Thy truth they have con-found-ed;
 3 May God root out all her - e - sy And of false teach-ers rid us
 4 There-fore saith God, "I must a - rise, The poor My help are need-ing;

How few are we with-in Thy fold, Thy saints by men for-sak - en!
 Their hearts are not with one con-sent On Thy pure doc-trine ground-ed.
 Who proud-ly say: "Now, where is he That shall our speech for-bid us?
 To Me as-cend My peo-ple's cries, And I have heard their plead-ing.

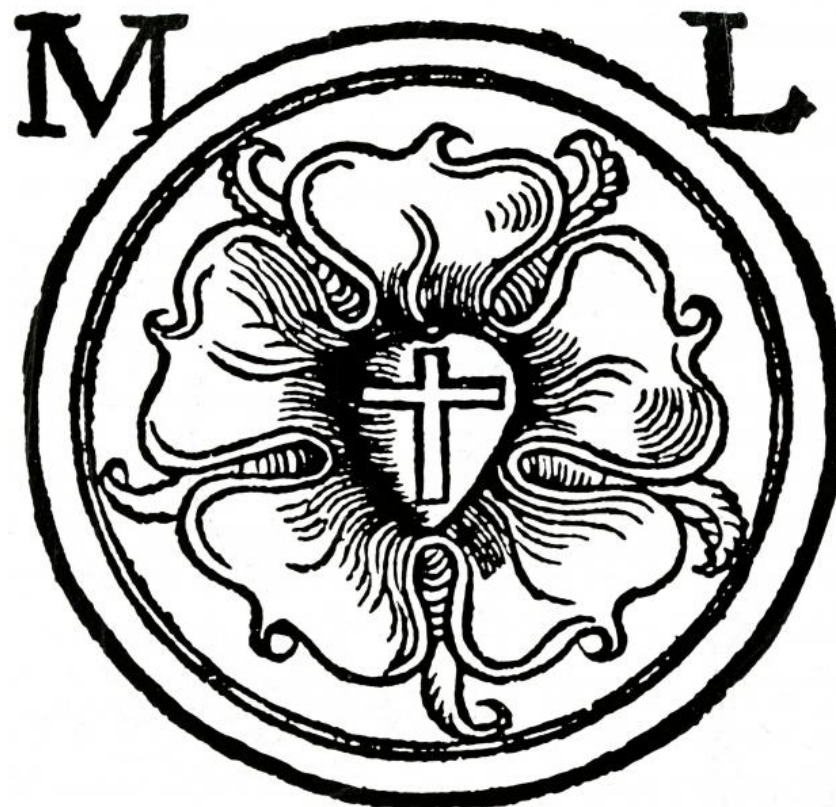
True faith seems quenched on ev - 'ry hand, Men suf - fer not Thy
 While they pa - rade with out-ward show, They lead the peo - ple
 By right or might we shall pre - vail; What we de - ter - mine
 For them My sav - ing Word shall fight And fear-less - ly and

Word to stand; Dark times have us o'er-tak - en. . . .
 to and fro, In er - ror's maze as - tound-ed. . . .
 can - not fail; We own no lord and mas - ter." . . .
 sharp-ly smite, The poor with might de - fend - ing." . . . A - men.

5. As silver tried by fire is pure
 From all adulteration,
 So through God's Word shall men endure
 Each trial and temptation.
 Its light beams brighter through the cross,
 And, purified from human dross,
 It shines through every nation.

6. Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay
 This evil generation;
 And from the error of its way
 Keep Thine own congregation.
 The wicked everywhere abound
 And would Thy little flock confound;
 But Thou art our Salvation.

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



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