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September 12, 2021

15th 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: 738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Hymn of the Day: 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"*

**(vs. 2-men, 3-women, 7-men, 8-women)*

Distribution Hymn: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Distribution Hymn: 752 "Be Still, My Soul"

Distribution Hymn: 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Closing Hymn: 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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)

Family of Roger Lange

Acolyte this Sunday - Gretchen Bott; Acolyte Sunday, Sept. 26 - Zac Hiltgen

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, & Tyler Ohlde

Ushers Sunday, Sept. 19 (Mission Festival) - *Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Lance

Gerleve, & Aaron Stuenkel

Ushers Sunday, Sept. 26 - *Jacob Bott, Elijah Meier, John Bott, & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing Sept. 18th - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Mowing Sept. 25th - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Mowing October 2nd - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

Upcoming Events

- September 12** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- September 13** 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting
- September 15** 5:30 p.m. Midweek
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir (rehearse for Mission Festival)
- September 19** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Linn High School Cafeteria
10:00 a.m. Joint LCMS Mission Festival at Linn High School
- September 22** 5:30 p.m. Midweek
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir
- September 26** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Announcements

- * There will be a short meeting with all LYF and current 8th graders and their parents **TODAY** after church in the HS Sunday school room. This will be a meeting regarding the National Youth Gathering coming up in July of 2022.
- * **Wednesday, Sept. 15**, is Grandparent's Day at Linn Lutheran School!! Join us for chapel at Zion at 8:30 a.m., and then following chapel, come downstairs at Zion for donuts, juice, coffee and some Bingo! Masks are optional and available upon request! Hope you can join us!!!
- * The Linn area congregations will hold their annual mission festival next **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.
- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanover, extends a cordial invitation to all of our members to attend their 38th annual "all you can eat" church supper on **Sunday, September 26th**. Serving will be from 4-8 p.m. The menu will include: BBQ beef, pan-fried chicken, grilled ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, green beans, homemade pies and desserts, homemade breads, and salad bar. Prices: adults - \$9; children 12 & under - \$5; preschool - free. Meal tickets will be purchased at the door. Raffle tickets for prizes are being sold in advance by members of Trinity and may also be purchased the night of the supper. Winners will be contacted by phone.
- * CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin studying the book of Leviticus on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), begin studying the book of Ezekiel on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services **weekdays at 10 a.m.** Find your programs 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 my 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 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*)

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.
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 15th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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: *1 Kings 17:8-16*

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:25-6:10*

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6:24-34*

²⁴ [Jesus said:] “No one 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.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being

anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

As We Gather... Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (**Matthew 6:24–34**), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (**1 Kings 17:8–16**). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (**Galatians 5:25–6:10**).

From Elements of Religion (1894) by Henry Eyster Jacobs

There is probably no place where the treatment of doctrine has to be more carefully guarded, than in enforcing the duty of good works. That it is a most important part of the preaching of the Christian minister is manifest from **Titus 3:8**: “I will that thou affirm constantly that they, which have believed in God, might be careful to maintain good works.” The danger lies in so enforcing this duty that the doctrine of Justification by faith alone is obscured. This danger is avoided when it is clearly taught that the necessity for good works, arises not from the necessity for salvation, since neither salvation nor continuance in a state leading to salvation depends upon man’s good works. but from the fact, that it belongs to the nature of the Christian to perform good works, just as it belongs to the nature of the sun to shine, or of fire to burn. (pages 194-195).

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
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Luther's Thoughts For This Sunday...

The world will always worry about the future and think that it is making its affairs more certain in that way. It thinks that it is accomplishing so much that it can defy danger and protect and preserve itself. It does not see that this is in vain and that its calculations fail. It is true, and experience testifies, as Christ here says, that each day brings its own misfortune and evil. This is why it happens that with all its own calculations and cleverness, by which it intends to safeguard itself and get ahead of all future danger, the world only causes more misery and harm.

When they see that things do not happen the way they thought they should, or there is an accident, then they begin to hesitate, fall from one thing to the next, and imagine that they must seek help, protection, and deliverance wherever and however they can. Thus they have recourse and strive to help matters with all kinds of unusual intrigues and tricks by which they stir up unbelief against God and conscience, so that they can carry out what they have in mind, even though they see that God does not grant it success. From this comes much misfortune, misery, murder, warfare, and all the evil tricks of the godless world. Each one intends to carry out his affairs without God, to oppress and suppress anyone who would hinder him, and would rather throw everything onto a heap than give up and yield his obstinacy. In this way, everything good in all affairs and governances perishes, and nothing but misfortune grows, as all histories and daily experience show more than enough.

Christ admonishes His believers against this, so that they do not waver and base what they do on uncertainty, with fruitless worries about the future. Rather, at every time and daily they are to do what is right and not worry how things will turn out, nor let themselves be diverted for the sake of uncertain future good or evil. They are to commend the worry to God. Then they can take what happens to them as good and overcome it with patience and faith. On earth it cannot happen differently than this: in their governance, estate, and office they will daily find things other than they would like to see, and this causes them much trouble and work. This is why Christ calls this life a daily affliction or misfortune, that is, all kinds of calamity, opposition, and hindrance. We should know this and be prepared for it, so that we are not frightened away from doing good nor give way to the world and participate in its wrongful, evil affairs, and thus lead ourselves and others into ruin and damnation.

The Sunday of the Birds and the Lilies



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