

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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August 2, 2026

The 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 Werner, 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: 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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

Distribution Hymn: 716 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

Distribution Hymn: 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Distribution Hymn: 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Distribution Hymn: 732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

Closing Hymn: 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home);

Annette Bott (cancer)

Acolyte today - James Werner

Acolyte Aug. 9th - Ian Ohlde

Ushers today - *Daniel Nabors, Mason Tiemeyer, Nolan Meier, & Lucious Petesch

Ushers Aug. 9th - *Zac Hiltgen, Ben Werner, Aiden Sweet, & Hendrix Stunkel

LYF Mowing Aug. 8th - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

LYF Mowing Aug. 15th - Deavon Ohlde & Emitt Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

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| Aug. 2 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class |
| Aug. 9 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
5:00 p.m. Back-to-School Night (see announcement below) |
| Aug. 13 | 8:30 a.m. Opening Chapel at Zion for LLS |
| Aug. 16 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class |

Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Ephesians 4:32** - "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."
- **July Linn Lutheran Endowment Report:** St. John had 3 individuals donate to LLS in July for \$8,800, and \$4,400 was matched by Endowment. From last month's totals and this month's totals, St. John didn't have a bill at Linn Lutheran for the month of July. St. John has \$12,492.94 left to match by Dec. 15, 2026.
- **Linn Lutheran School enrollment dates for 1st-8th grade students:**
 - Monday, Aug. 3: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Enrollment packets have been mailed out so that parents have time to fill out forms; bring those forms to enrollment. If these enrollment times don't work, please call the school at 785-348-5792 or message Mrs. Ann Ohlde.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Back-to-School Night: Sunday, Aug. 9th, at 5:00 p.m.** at Zion Lutheran Church-Teacher Dedication/Bookbag Blessing for students. Following the service, a light meal to follow at Linn Lutheran School. Students can also meet their teacher and put school supplies away!
 - **Thursday, Aug. 13-** 1st Day of School for Linn Lutheran 1st-8th grade students. Students can be dropped off starting at 7:45am. Doors open at 8am and class begins at 8:10am.
 - **Thursday, Aug. 13, at 8:30 a.m.-** Opening Chapel at Zion Lutheran Church. All are welcome to join us!
 - **Monday, Aug. 17th, & Tuesday, Aug. 18th** - Preschool 1st Day
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org:** Tune in for "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we're discussing the book of Acts. And don't forget Free-Text First Friday! This month, Pastor Booe will sit down with Rev. Mark Moss of the LHF. Stay tuned for this week's edition of Concord Matters (8/8 at 10 a.m.)! Pastor Finner is beginning a study of the Formula of Concord.

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. John Werner, 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 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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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.

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.”

Gradual (*Psalms 8:1*)

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.**

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.”

Catechetical Review

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray morning and evening.

Daily Prayers

Evening Prayer

In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

As We Gather...

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'" (Luke 18:2-3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

The Sunday of the Shrewd Manager



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