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July 25, 2021

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

Hymn of the Day: 745 "In God, My Faithful God"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Distribution Hymn: 707 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Distribution Hymn: 588 "Jesus Loves Me"

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, Marilynn Ohlde,

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

Acolyte this Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Acolyte next Sunday - Zac Hiltgen

Ushers this Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, Jacob Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Brady Kolle

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

LYF Mowing July 31st - Ethan & Sophia Bott

LYF Mowing August 7th - Elijah Meier & Daniel Nabors

Upcoming Events

- July 25** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Summer Bible Study
- July 28** 7:00 p.m. LYF Event (at Cnaan and Jessica Ohlde's house)
- August 1** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 8** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- * **Linn Lutheran School Enrollment & School Cleaning:**
 - * Thursday, Aug. 5 - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - * Friday, Aug. 6 - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - * Saturday, Aug. 7 - 9 a.m. - noon
 - * 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, this also helps keep down the janitorial costs for the year! We appreciate the support and are looking forward to a wonderful school year!
- * Going forward, the Cemetery Committee is setting a policy that Memorial Day flowers placed in front of the tombstones will be pulled July 15th. If you want to save your flowers, they need to be pulled by then.
- * 2021 Endowment Matching Program came to an end on July 15, 2021. Both Zion & St. John used all their matching funds for 2021. Thank you to everyone who used this program! We appreciate your generosity and support of Linn Lutheran School!!
- * "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.
- * 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: Hear a missionary story from Kenya on The Coffee Hour **Thursday, July 29th, at 9 a.m.**, study Jeremiah 41-46 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), and study Nehemiah 9-13 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**). 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 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.

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



Introit *(Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9-10)*

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

**Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.**

Within her | citadels*

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

This is God, our God forever and | ever.*

He will guide us for- | ever.

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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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: *Jeremiah 23:16-29*

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the Lord!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹ “I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off?
²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?
declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵ I
have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies
in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the
deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers
forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the
dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has
straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like
fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in
pieces?”

Epistle Reading: *Romans 8:12-17*

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 7:15-23*

¹⁵ [Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

As We Gather...

Beware of False Prophets

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matthew 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (**Jeremiah 23:16–29**). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. *“You will recognize them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:20).* The “fruits” of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father’s adopted ones (**Romans 8:12–17**), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (**Acts 20:27–38**). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

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

197. What should be the content of our prayers?

In our prayers we should ask for everything that tends to the glory of God and to our own and our neighbor's welfare, both spiritual and bodily blessings. We should also praise and thank God for who He is and what He has done.

693 **Philippians 4:6** - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

694 **Psalms 136:1** - Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

198. How should we pray?

We should pray

A. in the name of Jesus, that is, with faith in Him as our Redeemer;

695 **John 16:23** - I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.

B. with confidence, that is with firm trust that for Jesus' sake our prayers will be answered;

696 **Matthew 21:22** - If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

697 **James 1:6-7** - When he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord.

C. according to God's revealed will.

698 **Luke 11:13** - If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

699 **Luke 22:42** - Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.

700 **Matthew 8:2** - A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

701 **1 John 5:14** - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

199. Who helps us pray?

God the Holy Spirit prays with and for us.

702 **Romans 8:26** - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

The Sunday of the Good and Bad Trees



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