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November 12, 2023

23rd 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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Hymn of the Day: 714 "Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode"

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Distribution Hymn: 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

Closing Hymn: 791 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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 (baptism)

Acolyte today - Deavon Ohlde

Acolyte Nov. 19th - Cash Stunkel

Ushers today - *Eli Thalmann, Dylan Ohlde, Mason Tiemeyer, & Aiden Sweet

Ushers Nov. 19th - *Evan Bott, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Serving for Bible Class today - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

LYF Serving for Bible Class Nov. 19th & 26th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 12** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
6:00 p.m. LYF event in Morganville (see announcement)
- Nov. 15** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
- Nov. 19** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: Revelation 21:4 - **"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**
- LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Washington County Food Pantry. Please put items in the box at the back of the church. Collections will be gathered during the month of November.
- There will be a combined LYF event **TODAY, November 12th**, from 6-9 p.m. at the Morganville gym. LYF groups involved are Zion, Immanuel, St. Paul's (Clay Center), and St. John.
- Trinity Lutheran Men's Club, Hanover, will be hosting their annual Pancake Supper **TODAY, November 12th**. Serving will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to local and district projects!
- 16th Annual Linn Lutheran Endowment Auction: **Saturday, Nov. 18th**, at the Palmer Community Building. Dinner from 5:30-7:00 pm. Silent Auction from 5:30-7:30 pm. Live Auction starts at 7:00 pm. Please have item donations to the LLS office by **Friday, Nov. 17th**.
- NO School for Linn Lutheran on **Wednesday, Nov. 22, - Friday, Nov. 24**, for Thanksgiving Break. School will resume on Monday, Nov. 27.
- Linn Lutheran School Chapel offerings for chapel on **Wednesday, Nov. 15th**, and **Tuesday, Nov. 21st** (on a Tuesday because of Thanksgiving Break), will go to the Angel Tree. Chapel is every Wednesday (except Tues. Nov. 21), at 8:25 a.m. at Zion. Everyone is welcome to join us!
- Pr. Gaschler of Immanuel will be leading a five part Bible study on Judges Tuesdays at 7 p.m. from Nov. 21 to Dec. 19 at the Clyde Senior Center. He will discuss topics ranging from the history of Israel, to the depravity of sinful man, to the faithfulness of God, to finding Christ in the Old Testament. All are invited to come!

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. 10:16-17; 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 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12)*

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the Lord,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

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 23rd Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful 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: *Proverbs 8:11-22*

- 11 For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
- 12 “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
- 13 The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
- 14 I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
- 15 By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
- 16 by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
- 17 I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
- 18 Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
- 20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
21 granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
- 22 “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.”

Gradual (*Psalm 44:7-8*)

**You have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.
In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.**

Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:17-21*

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame,

with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 115:11*)

Alleluia. You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:15-22*

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

As We Gather...

Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked “in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice” (*Proverbs 8:20*) and discerned that wisdom “is better than jewels” and “better than gold, even fine gold” (*Proverbs 8:11, 19*). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our “end is destruction” (*Philippians 3:19*). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered “to God the things that are God’s” (*Matthew 22:21*), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true “riches and honor are with [Him],” because “enduring wealth and righteousness” (*Proverbs 8:18*) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which “we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” He “will transform our lowly body to be like

his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself" (Philippians 3:20-21).

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

41. What do the first three commandments (the First Table) show us about ourselves?

That we have sinned and deserve God's condemnation.

132 **Romans 3:22-23** - There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

42. Who alone has kept the Law of God perfectly?

Only Jesus Christ, the God-man.

133 **John 8:46** - "Can any of you prove Me guilty of sin?"

134 **Hebrews 4:15** - We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet without sin.

43. How does Christ's perfect keeping of the Law benefit us?

Since Christ was our substitute before God, our Savior's perfect keeping of the Law is part of His saving work for us, and because of Him we are considered righteous before God.

135 **Galatians 4:4-5** - When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

44. Besides showing us our sin, what else does God's Law do for us?

In the Ten Commandments, God shows us what His will is. Christians, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are eager to do God's will.

136 **1 Thessalonians 4:3** - It is God's will that you should be sanctified.

45. What is the summary of commandments 4-10 (Second Table)?

"Love your neighbor as yourself." (**Matthew 22:39**)

46. Who is our neighbor?

All people are our neighbors.

137 **Galatians 6:10** - As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

138 **Matthew 5:44** - Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

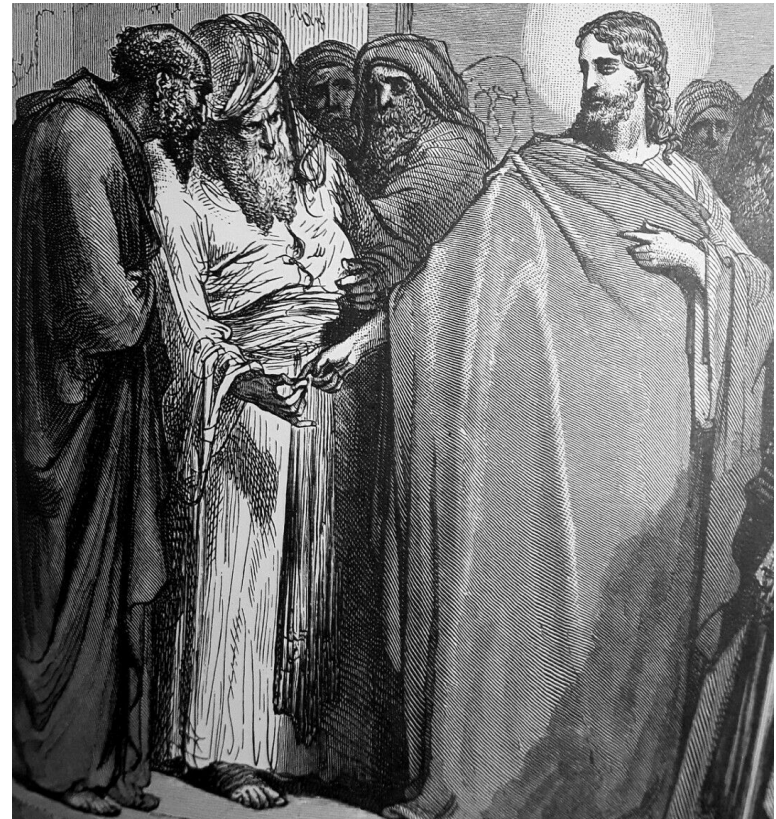
Bible narrative: The good Samaritan showed mercy to his neighbor (**Luke 10:25-37**).

42. How should we love our neighbor?

We should love our neighbor as ourselves and show this love by keeping the commandments of the Second Table.

139 **Matthew 7:12** - In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and Prophets.

The Sunday of the Two Kingdoms



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