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October 10, 2021 Nineteenth 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: 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

Hymn of the Day: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Distribution Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Distribution Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Distribution Hymn: 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's 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, Marilyn Ohlde,
Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Aiden Sweet

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Brady Kolle, & Mason Tiemeyer

Ushers next Sunday - *Brady Kolle, Eli Thalmann, Elijah Meier, & Daniel Nabors

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Fellowship Hour Oct. 17th & 24th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing Oct. 16th - Elijah Meier & Daniel Nabors

LYF Mowing Oct. 23rd - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

- October 10** 8:45 a.m. Men's Chorus
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- October 13** 5:30 p.m. Midweek
7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir
- October 17** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (LWML Sunday)
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
1:30 p.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting (with election of officers)
- October 20** 5:30 p.m. Midweek
7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

Announcements

- * This morning we celebrate the baptism of Bristol Mae Bott (born on October 1st), daughter of Clayton and Casie Bott. Her sponsors are Travis and Renae Bott, Jacob Bott, and Heidi Herrs.
- * The flowers on the altar this Sunday are in memory of Deanna Meier.
- * Now that October 1st has passed, church members may place flowers in front of the cemetery grave stones.
- * The LWML Zone Fall Event will be hosted by Immanuel, Bremen, on **Sunday, October 24**, at 1:30 p.m. Registration is from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m., and the cost is \$2. Pastor Philip Miller will lead a Bible study focusing on the catechism, and Marsh Stohs will present the National LWML Convention delegate report. The servant event will be making witness bracelets for MOST Ministries and Swaddling Clothes, Greenleaf; in-gathering items needed are: hats, gloves, shoes (6 mo. to size 5), baby wipes, bottles, onesies, thermometers for taking temperatures, and disposable diapers (newborn; sizes 1, 5, & 6; and toddler sizes). All ladies are invited and encouraged to bring a friend; daycare will be provided.
- * Linn Lutheran School Annual Endowment Fund Benefit Auction will be held **Saturday, November 20th**, at the Palmer Community Building. If you would like to donate to the auction, please fill out the form and return it to Linn Lutheran School or an auction committee member by Friday, October 22nd, in order to be listed in the auction book. Thank you for your generosity in supporting Christian education in our community!!
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU** this week on KFUO.org: Study Ezekiel 19-21 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman (weekdays at 8 a.m.), hear Mental Health Monday on The Coffee Hour (10/11 at 9 a.m.), finish studying Leviticus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO 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.

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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 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 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a*)

Say to my soul, “I am your sal- | vation!”*

When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*

incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a | parable;*

I will utter dark sayings | from of old,

things that we have | heard and known,*

that our fathers have | told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, | and his might,*

and the wonders that | he has done.

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 28:10-17*

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 4:22-28*

²² Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:1-8*

¹ Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

As We Gather...

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (**Genesis 28:10–17**). The ladder in Jacob’s dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. “*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*” (**Matthew 9:1–8**). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man’s body. “*For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation*” (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (**Ephesians 4:22–28**) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, “*This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!*” (**Genesis 28:17**)

From *Elements of Religion* (1894) by Henry Eyster Jacobs

Justification has no degrees. There is no such a thing as partial Justification. Man is either completely forgiven all his sins, or he is forgiven none whatever. The ground of Justification being always Christ’s merits, either all of His merits are ours, or none are ours. Even the weakest faith makes us partakers of Christ’s righteousness; and hence the weakest faith justifies as fully as the strongest faith, since it is not properly faith, but the object that faith apprehends, that justifies.

Justification is therefore instantaneous. The very moment that the feeblest faith in Christ as a Redeemer is enkindled, man is justified. But while instantaneous, it is an act of God, that is constantly repeated. Man’s nature, until the end of life being infected with sin, needs, when regard by itself, constant forgiveness. Hence, even the justified, as they survey themselves, daily turn to God, with the prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses.” (page 187)

* For information on *Elements of Religion* and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

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

The Sunday of the Paralytic

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

213. For what do we pray in the Second Petition? (Cont.)

We do not pray that God's kingdom of power would come, because that is already present everywhere, but we ask God to

B. bring many others into His kingdom of grace;

743 **Matthew 9:38** - Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.

744 **2 Thessalonians 3:1** - Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

C. use us to extend His kingdom of grace;

745 **Acts 4:29** - Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness.

746 **1 Peter 2:12** - Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.

D. hasten the coming of His kingdom of glory.

747 **Philippians 3:20** - Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

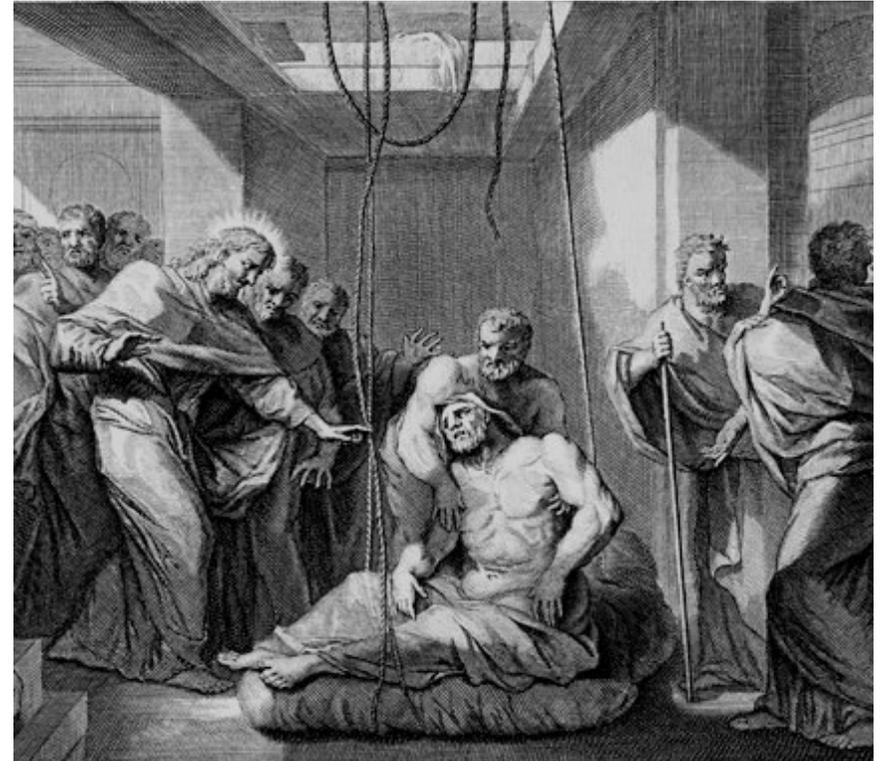
748 **Revelation 22:20** - He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

214. How can we be certain that the kingdom of God comes?

The Lord guarantees that His means of grace establish and sustain His kingdom.

749 **Isaiah 55:11** - My word...will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Bible narrative: The parable of the growing seed (**Mark 4:26-29**).



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