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August 14, 2022

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 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: 504 "Father Most Holy"

Hymn of the Day: TLH 430 "What Is the World to Me"

Distribution Hymn: 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Distribution Hymn: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Distribution Hymn: 734 "I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name"

Closing Hymn: 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, Lorna

Heitman, & Bill Burger (in the nursing home); Micah Hayes (NICU)

Family of Gayle Jones (as they mourn the death of her sister Phyllis)

Acolyte this Sunday - Cash Stunkel

Acolyte next Sunday - Kingston Voelker

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Tyler Ohlde, & Lance Gerleve

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, Jacob Bott, Ethan Bott, & Brady Kolle

LYF Mowing August 20th - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Mowing August 27th - Ella & Noah Thalmann

5 The world is sorely grieved
Whenever it is slighted
Or when its hollow fame
And honor have been blighted.

Christ, Thy reproach I bear
Long as it pleaseth Thee;
I'm honored by my Lord,—
What is the world to me!

6 The world with wanton pride
Exalts its sinful pleasures
And for them foolishly
Gives up the heavenly treasures.
Let others love the world
With all its vanity;
I love the Lord, my God,—
What is the world to me!

7 The world abideth not;
Lo, like a flash 'twill vanish;
With all its gorgeous pomp
Pale death it cannot banish;
Its riches pass away,
And all its joys must flee;
But Jesus doth abide,—
What is the world to me!

8 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth,
My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All,
My Bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

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.

1 John 2: 15-17
 Was frag' ich nach der Welt
 Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1667
 Tr., August Crull, 11923, alt.

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Was frag' ich nach der Welt
 Ahasverus Fritsch, 1679

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world is like a cloud And like a va - por fleet - ing,
 3 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y,
 4 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that Mam - mon of - fers,

When Thou, and Thou a - lone, Lord Je - sus, art my Trea - sure!
 A shad - ow that de - clines, Swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Tho' gold should fill its cof - fers

Thou on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's De - light shalt be;
 My Je - sus doth a - bide, Tho' all things fade and flee;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:

Thou art my Peace, my Rest,—What is the world to me!
 My ev - er - last - ing Rock,—What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone,—What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my Wealth,—What is the world to me! A - men.

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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 the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
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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.”

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.”

As We Gather . . . The Steward’s Shrewdness Sanctified

“The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness” (Luke 16:1–9). The steward’s shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master’s name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father’s possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord’s Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Corinthians 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Samuel 22:26–34).

From “A Summary of the Christian Faith” by David Chytraeus (1568)

We must consider five points in this form of praying which Christ set forth in Luke 11 and Matt. 6:

I. Who God is whom we address, namely, the eternal Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who revealed Himself by sending this very Son, the Mediator, for whose sake we also flee for refuge to Him in faith, who embraces us with fatherly gentleness and accepts and hears our prayers. Our address of God, “Our Father,” contains this teaching.

II. The mandate of Christ which commands invocation and, in fact, the recitation of this verbal formula which Christ has given.

III. The promise that God certainly wants to accept and hear our invocation to reveal the desired blessings in that order and way which He expressed in the promise. We therefore say, “Our Father.” Thus He embraces us with parental gentleness and benevolence as we read in great detail in Luke 14: “If you then are veiled,” etc. Also, He is our Father, that is, not only loving His only-begotten Son, about whom He says: “This is My beloved Son,” but also loving us, His adopted children for His sake, having regard for us, caring for us, defending us, listening to us, saving us.

IV. The faith which adds its “Amen” to the divine promise. (page 161)

* The quotation above is by David Chytraeus and is from his 1568 work *A Summary of the Christian Faith*. The English translation is by Rev. Dr. Richard Dinda and is published by Repristination Press.

Upcoming Events

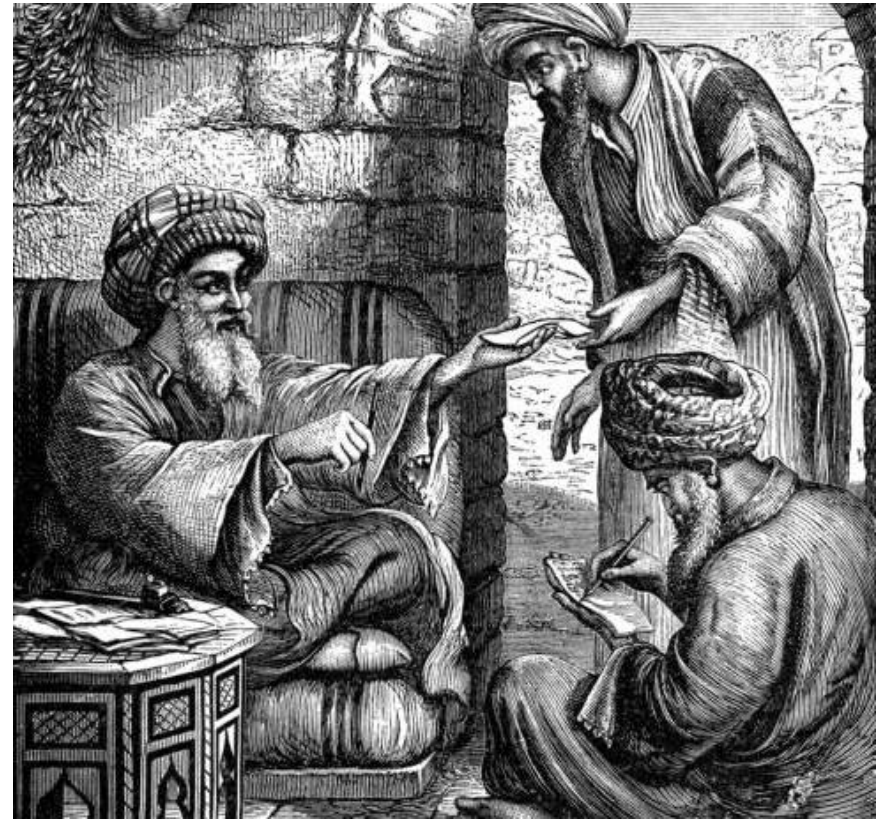
August 14 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
6:30 p.m. Installation and Dedication of Teachers at Zion

August 21 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
10:45 a.m. LCMS Youth Gathering update from the LYF
(in the parish hall)
2:00 p.m. Association Meeting (to discuss potential salary
increases for teachers)

Announcements

- * Installation Service for Mrs. Kim Burke is **TODAY, August 14th**, at 6:30 p.m. at Zion. There will also be a dedication of all teachers and a backpack blessing for students. There will be a card shower for our new teachers, Mrs. Renae Bott, fifth and sixth grade teacher, and Mrs. Kim Burke, our third and fourth grade teacher. After the service, PTL is sponsoring a light meal of hot dogs, chips, and fruit at the school. Students can then also unpack their bags. All are welcome to join us!
- * Our first day of school is **Wednesday, August 17th**. We look forward to seeing everyone back after a great summer. School begins at Linn Lutheran at 8:10 a.m.
- * It is time to update and submit subscription renewals for The Lutheran Witness magazine. If you would like to continue to receive the magazine, you don't need to do anything; your subscription will automatically be renewed. If you would like to cancel your subscription or be added to the mailing list, please contact Theresa Meier before **August 15th**. The subscription fee is paid for by St. John, so congregation members can benefit from this resource for free.
- * Pastor Koch will be leading his door-to-door ministry at Zion, Linn, on Aug. 20th from 9-4 pm, St. Paul, Clay Center, on Sept. 17th, St. Luke's in Manhattan on Oct. 8th, and Light of the World Lutheran in De Soto on Nov. 12th. Our youth (6th grade or older) is invited to join him for any and/or all of these. They not only share the gospel and study God's Word, but they capitalize on the trans-congregational nature of our church body and establish good relations with one another. Transportation will be available.
- * Sunday school will resume on **August 28**. If you have a child new to Sunday School, please let Diane Beikmann know. This includes incoming preschoolers as well as older children. Please like our Facebook page "St. John Sunday School/ Choir" for more updates!
- * Mission Festival is scheduled for **September 18th**. A joint choir will be comprised of the participating churches, and practices will be held at St. John on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall, beginning on **August 31st**. You do not need to be a member of our choir in order to sing for this service. Please help spread the word and join us in singing for this special service!
- * **Mark your calendar!** Church directory pictorial dates are scheduled for Friday, November 25th, and Saturday, November 26th. More information will be coming!

The Sunday of the Shrewd Manager



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