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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: 578 “Thy Strong Word”

Hymn of the Day: TLH 260 “O Lord, Look Down From Heav’n, Behold”
(printed on the back side of the bulletin)

Distribution Hymn: 587 “I Know My Faith Is Founded”

Distribution Hymn: 575 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Distribution Hymn: 585 “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

Closing Hymn: 582 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

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)
Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer treatment)

Acolyte this Sunday - Zac Hiltgen

Acolyte next Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Jacob Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, John Bott, & Daniel Nabors

Ushers next Sunday - *John Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Lance Gerleve, & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour today & Feb. 27th - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Fellowship Hour March 6th & 13th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

Upcoming Events

- February 20** 8:45 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children’s Sunday School
- February 23** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- February 27** 8:45 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children’s Sunday School
2:00 p.m. LWML Day of Prayer Service at Immanuel, Linn

Announcements

- * The plate offering today is designated for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to LHM .org and see what all it has to offer.
- * Linn Lutheran School students & staff invite you to a special chapel on Wednesday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. Following Chapel, please join us downstairs for breakfast & bingo. We ask that you please call the school office to let us know you are planning to join us so we can prepare enough food and refreshments. You can RSVP to Ann at (785) 348-5792 during the morning hours of school by Monday, February 28th.
- * Good Shepherd Lutheran School PTL will be having their annual free-will offering soup dinner on March 6, 2022. They will be serving chicken noodle, chili, and vegetable soups, homemade bread, relishes, and dessert from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; carry-out is available. The school is located at 206 S. 17th Street in Marysville.
- * At the 1/16/2022 Linn Lutheran School Association meeting, it was approved to spend \$53,192.76 from the Endowment Fund by adding an additional 50% to the donations from any association member. Linn Lutheran is now accepting donations for the endowment matching program; please call LLS if you have any questions. As of July 15, 2022, any funds left from this program will be directed toward the additional teacher fund. Thank you for allocating this beneficial resource.
- * **Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year:**
 - * Enrollment is now open for Linn Lutheran Preschool returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), and current Linn Lutheran School families
 - * If you do **not** follow under the above criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for **March 15, 2022.**
 - * NOTE: To enroll, call Linn Lutheran School at 785-348-5792 or stop in the office to get your child’s name on our list. Early enrollment prior to the dates listed above, enrollment via text, e-mail, and/or messenger will NOT be accepted, and we will ask you to hold your request until the enrollment window is open accordingly as listed above.
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU:** Study “Augsburg Confession Article VI: New Obedience” on Concord Matters (2/26 at 10:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m., and study Luke 10-11 on Sharper Iron’s “The Beloved Physician’s Orderly Account” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfu.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.

-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 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.



Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:10-13*

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² “For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9*

¹⁹ For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰ For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹ To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴ Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶ on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷ in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸ And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³ but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body

or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 8:4-15*

⁴ When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

* Members and staff of Kansas District congregations are invited to an Older Adult Symposium May 14, starting at 9:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Mission campus of Trinity Lutheran Church. Featured speakers include Dr. Richard Bimler, who will address the ministry and involvement of older adults in the church today, and Jim Bradshaw of the Kansas District, who will speak about encouraging and enhancing Older Adult Ministry in our Kansas congregations. A panel discussion, lunch, and a service project will follow. The cost, including lunch, is only \$10.00 per person. Register at: tlcms.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/99/responses/new

TLH 260 "O Lord, Look Down From Heav'n, Behold"

1 O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold And let Thy pit - y wak - en;
 2 With fraud which they themselves invent Thy truth they have con-found-ed;
 3 May God root out all her - e - sy And of false teach-ers rid us
 4 There-fore saith God, "I must a - rise, The poor My help are need-ing;

How few are we with-in Thy fold, Thy saints by men for-sak - en!
 Their hearts are not with one con-sent On Thy pure doc-trine ground-ed.
 Who proud-ly say: "Now, where is he That shall our speech for-bid us?
 To Me as-cend My peo-ple's cries, And I have heard their plead-ing.

True faith seems quenched on ev - 'ry hand, Men suf - fer not Thy
 While they pa - rade with out-ward show, They lead the peo-ple
 By right or might we shall pre-vail; What we de - ter-mine
 For them My sav - ing Word shall fight And fear-less - ly and

Word to stand; Dark times have us o'er-tak - en. . . .
 to and fro, In er-ror's maze as - tound-ed. . . .
 can - not fail; We own no lord and mas - ter." . . .
 sharp-ly smite, The poor with might de-fend - ing." . . . A-men.

5. As silver tried by fire is pure
 From all adulteration,
 So through God's Word shall men endure
 Each trial and temptation.
 Its light beams brighter through the cross,
 And, purified from human dross,
 It shines through every nation.

6. Thy truth defend, O God, and stay
 This evil generation;
 And from the error of their way
 Keep Thine own congregation.
 The wicked everywhere abound
 And would Thy little flock confound;
 But Thou art our Salvation.

The Sunday of Scripture Alone



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