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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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Hymn of the Day: TLH 430 "What Is the World to Me" (printed in bulletin)

Distribution Hymn: 640 "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 468 "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"

Distribution Hymn: 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

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

Closing Hymn: 940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

### Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto: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 (in the nursing home); Lane Huff (recovery)

Ushers today - \*Elijah Meier, Greyson Ohlde, Ryan Stuenkel, & Zac Hiltgen

Ushers August 13 - \*Eli Thalmann, Conner Ohlde, Lance Gerleve, & Aiden Sweet

LYF Mowing August 12th - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

LYF Mowing August 19th - Daniel Nabors & Liam Voelker

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

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Was frag' ich nach der Welt

Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1667

Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

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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**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*

<sup>26</sup> “With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup> with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup> You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup> For you are my lamp, O Lord,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup> For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup> 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.  
<sup>32</sup> “For who is God, but the Lord?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup> This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
<sup>34</sup> He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.”

## Gradual (*Psalm 8:1*)

**O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
above the heavens.**

## Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:6-13*

<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> 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.” <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> 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.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 112:1*)

**Alleluia.** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! **Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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## As We Gather...

**Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer**  
“Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (*Gen. 32:24*). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (*Gen. 32:25*), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (**Luke 18:1**). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (**Luke 18:2-3**). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (**Luke 18:5**). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (**Luke 18:7**). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (**2 Tim. 3:14**). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (**2 Tim. 3:15**), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (**2 Tim. 4:2**).

## Upcoming Events

- August 6** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 13** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
6:00 p.m. LLS Back-to-School Installation Service & BBQ
- August 16** First Day of School for Linn Lutheran School

## Announcements

- Linn Lutheran School August Calendar:  
Aug. 13th - Back-to-School Installation Service (at Zion) & BBQ (at LLS); PTL meeting will follow the BBQ (students may drop off school supplies in their classroom)  
Aug. 16th - 1st Day of School  
Aug. 21 - 1st Day of MWF Preschool  
Aug. 22 - 1st Day of TU/TH Preschool
- **Midweek School and Confirmation will begin Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** for grades 4-8. Please mark your calendars.
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: 1 John 4:18 - **“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”**
- Thank you to everyone at St. John who donated to Linn Lutheran School using the Endowment Matching Funds program. All funds from St. John were used for 2023.
- It's time to renew The Lutheran Witness subscriptions. If your address has changed or if you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, please contact Theresa Meier as soon as possible. Otherwise, your subscription will be renewed automatically.
- Sunday School will begin on August 20th. Teachers are needed for all classes! Please check your calendar and sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board. If your child or grandchild is ready to start Sunday school classes, please let Diane B. know.
- LWML is holding a diaper drive for the Life Choice Ministries and Swaddling clothes. We will be collecting diapers of all sizes over the next 30 days. Diapers can be placed in the pack-and-play at church. Thank you!



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