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October 16, 2022

18th 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: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (LLS kids sing verse 1)

Hymn of the Day: 694 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

Distribution Hymn: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

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

Distribution Hymn: 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Closing Hymn: 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

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)

Acolyte this Sunday - Cash Stunkel

Acolyte next Sunday - Kingston Voelker

Ushers today - *John Bott, Evan Bott, Lance Gerleve, & Dylan Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Jacob Bott, Elijah Meier, John Bott, & Daniel Nabors

LYF Fellowship Hour today & Oct. 23 - Conner, Mason, & Zac

LYF Fellowship Hour Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 - Sophia, Ethan, & Aiden

Upcoming Events

October 16 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Potluck followed by Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 19 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal

October 23 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; NO Children's Sunday School
1:00 p.m. Association Meeting at Zion

Announcements

- * The flowers on the altar are from Steve Meier in Memory of Deanna Meier.
- * There will be an association meeting on **Sunday, October 23rd**, at 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church to discuss updates on Linn Lutheran School's budget.
- * From Linn Lutheran School:
 - * Join us for chapel on **Wednesday, October 19th**, at 8:30 a.m. at Zion. The 7th & 8th grade students will be leading Chapel.
 - * 1st - 8th grade kids will be singing at Zion in Linn on **Sunday, October 23rd**.
 - * Linn Lutheran PTL is hosting a Bible Trivia Night on **Sunday, October 23rd**, at 6 p.m. at Zion. Everyone is welcome to join! Snacks & drinks will be served.
- * **Sunday School Calendar Change:** Due to Linn Lutheran singing at Zion next Sunday, October 23, there will be no children's Sunday school at St. John that day.
- * The list of nominees for church officers are as follows:
 - * Chairman: Daryl Bott & Steve Meier
 - * Elders: Robbie Oelschlager, Brett Tiemeyer, Ned Peters, & Chad Stunkel
 - * Trustees: John Bott, Evan Meier, Ron Ohlde, & Greg Bott
 - * School Board: Rachel Ohlde & Shane Ohlde
 - * Evangelism Chairman: Dan Thalmann & Clarice Ohlde
 - * Financial Secretary: Darren Bott
- * **Calling all parents (past, present, and future)** - Pastor would like to gauge interest for a Bible class on parenting. The class would run on the six Wednesdays leading up to Ash Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (1/11-2/25). Please pre-signup by text or email to Pastor that you will attend. Open to all. Topics will include: What does Biblical wisdom teach us about parenting? How can we instill in our children a love for God and his ways? What about discipline and nurture? [Note: This will NOT be a space to judge one another but a safe space to build one another up in Christ and share our mutual burdens: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).]
- * Pastor Koch will be leading his door-to-door ministry at 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.

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 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text)*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

I was glad when they | said to me,*

“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*

I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

For the sake of the house of the | Lord our God,*

I will | seek your good.

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.

Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: *Deuteronomy 10:12-21*

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:34-46*

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’?”

⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

As We Gather... In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (**Matt. 22:34–46**). The Law requires you to “*fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*” and to “*love the sojourner*” (**Deut. 10:12–21**). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (**1 Cor. 1:1–9**). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*” (**1 Cor. 1:9**).

Pictorial Directory Update

It’s time for our new Pictorial Directory! Universal Church Directories will be here on Fri., Nov. 25th from 2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Sat. Nov. 26th from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory for participating. We will be taking appointments today and for the next two weeks before and after church.

For those who would like to schedule online, you may do so at www.ucdir.com, click on the Photography Appointment Scheduling login. Enter ks140 in the church code field and enter password in the church password field. Please use two consecutive time slots for families of 6 or more. Online scheduling will be available Monday – Saturday of each week.

Committee members are Annette Bott, Ann Ohlde, Deb Peters and Karla Sweet. If you need help or have questions, please let us know, we would be happy to help!

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar

IV. How to Receive This Sacrament Worthily

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

299. Why is it important to receive the Sacrament worthily?

It is very important because St. Paul clearly teaches: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of inning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

300. Is it necessary to fast before receiving the Sacrament?

Fasting can be good training for the will, but God does not command particular times, places, and forms for this.

958 **1 Timothy 4:8** - Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things.

Note: See also (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

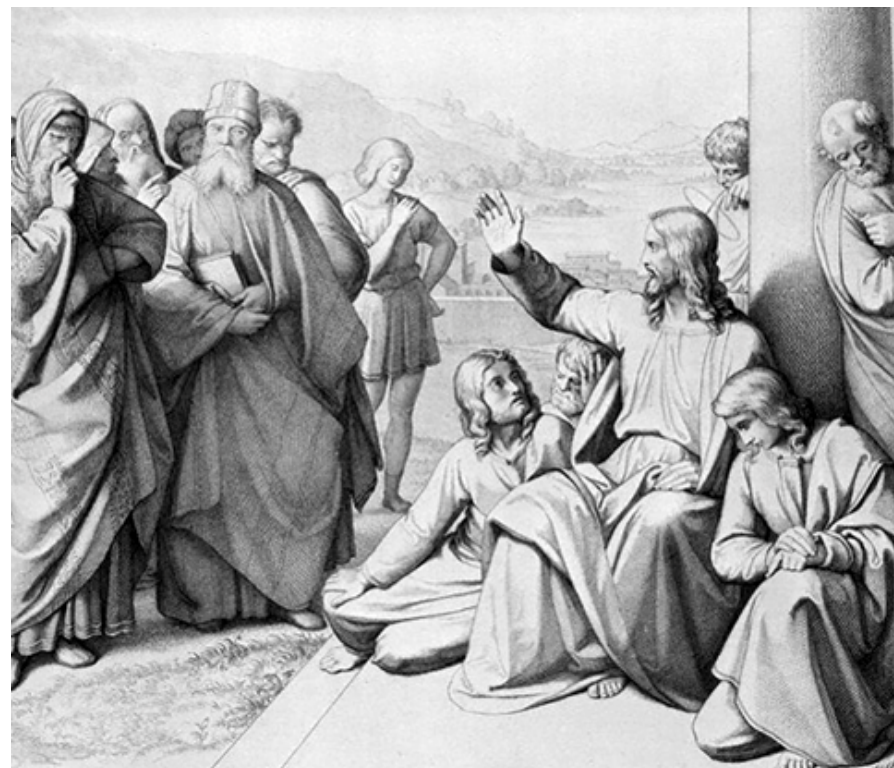
301. When do we receive the Sacrament worthily?

We receive it worthily when we have faith in Christ and His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

302. When is a person unworthy and unprepared?

A person is unworthy and unprepared when he or she does not believe or doubts Christ's words, since the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

The Sunday of the Great Question



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