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September 25, 2022

Fifteenth 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: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Hymn of the Day: 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

*(vs. 2-men, 3-women, 7-men, 8-women)*

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Distribution Hymn: 752 "Be Still, My Soul"

Distribution Hymn: 726 "Evening and Morning"

Closing Hymn: 738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail 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, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, Lorna Heitman, & Bill Burger (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Annalise Orona    Acolyte next Sunday - Deavon Ohlde

Ushers today - \*Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Noah Thalmann, & John Bott

Ushers next Sunday - \*Brady Kolle, Elijah Meier, Ryan Stuenkel, &

Lance Gerleve

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Claire, Camryn, & Dylan

LYF Fellowship Hour Oct. 2nd & 9th - Ella, Ryan, & Noah

### Upcoming Events

**September 25** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. PTL Hayrack Ride & Hotdog Roast at St. John

**September 28** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

**October 2** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School

**October 5** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

**October 9** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. LWML Zone Fall Event at Bethlehem, Greenleaf

### Announcements

- \* The annual Hayrack Ride sponsored by Linn Lutheran PTL & St. John Men's Club is **TODAY**, Sept. 25, at 5:00 p.m. @ St. John Church. There will be a hayrack ride, hotdog roast & potluck, and PTL meeting. The hotdogs are provided; please bring a side or dessert to share! Everyone is welcome!
- \* Bethlehem, Greenleaf, and St. Peter's, Barnes, will be hosting the LWML Zone Fall Event at Bethlehem on Sunday, October 9th, at 2 p.m. with registration from 1:30-2:00. Pastor Michael Hoffman will lead Bible study. In-gathering items needed for Swaddling Clothes of Greenleaf are: children's Bible story books, coloring books, diapers, and wipes. The servant event will be assembling kits for college students.
- \* Zion's Men Club is inviting the men of St. John to Monday Night Football at Terry Ohlde's house on October 10th at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!
- \* Pastor Koch will be leading his door-to-door ministry at 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.
- \* The members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Hanover extend a cordial invitation to our congregation to attend their "all you can eat" supper today, September 25th. Serving is from 4-8 p.m. See the announcement on our bulletin board for details.
- \* Immanuel Lutheran Church of Herkansberg-Bremen is hosting their 62nd annual smorgasbord & bake sale on Sunday, October 2nd, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. See the announcement on the bulletin board for more details.
- \* **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Study Deuteronomy 29-31 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study 1 Corinthians 9-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and hear conversations from fellow Lutherans from across our church body on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://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.

-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.

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## 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 my 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.*

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### **Introit** (*Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*)

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,\*  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.  
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.

**Gladden the soul of your | servant,\*  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.  
Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;\*  
listen to my | plea for grace.  
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;\*  
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;  
give your strength to your | servant,\*  
and save the son of your maid- | servant.  
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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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: *1 Kings 17:8-16*

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup> “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup> And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

## Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:25-6:10*

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup> One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

## Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6:24-34*

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus said:] “No one 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.

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being

anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup> “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

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### *As We Gather... Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust*

“You cannot serve God and money” (**Matthew 6:24–34**), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (**1 Kings 17:8–16**). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (**Galatians 5:25–6:10**).

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

There is probably no place where the treatment of doctrine has to be more carefully guarded, than in enforcing the duty of good works. That it is a most important part of the preaching of the Christian minister is manifest from **Titus 3:8**: “I will that thou affirm constantly that they, which have believed in God, might be careful to maintain good works.” The danger lies in so enforcing this duty that the doctrine of Justification by faith alone is obscured. This danger is avoided when it is clearly taught that the necessity for good works, arises not from the necessity for salvation, since neither salvation nor continuance in a state leading to salvation depends upon man’s good works. but from the fact, that it belongs to the nature of the Christian to perform good works, just as it belongs to the nature of the sun to shine, or of fire to burn. (pages 194-195).

## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

### The Sacrament of the Altar

## II. The Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar (Cont.)

### 296. What is the benefit offered in this sacrament? (Cont.)

C. In the Sacrament Christ gives victory over sin and hell and strength for the new life in Him.

951 **Romans 8:10** - If Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

952 **1 Peter 2:24** - He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

D. As Christians partake of this sacrament together, they make a solemn public confession of Christ and of unity in the truth of His Gospel.

953 **1 Corinthians 10:17** - Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

954 **1 Corinthians 11:26** - Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Note: See also **Hebrews 12:22-24**.

## III. The Power of the Sacrament of the Altar

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

### 297. How can forgiveness, life, and salvation be obtained through bodily eating and drinking?

Not simply the eating and drinking, but the words of Christ together with His body and blood under the bread and wine are the way through which these blessings are given. "We do not claim this bread and wine - since in itself bread is bread - but of that bread and wine which are Christ's body and blood and with which the words are coupled. These and no other, we say, are the treasure through which forgiveness is obtained" (Large Catechism V 28). Christ's words of promise have put these gifts into the Sacrament, and the believer receives them there through faith.

## *The Sunday of the Birds and the Lilies*



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