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November 8, 2026 — Twenty-Third 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 Werner, 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: 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
(Linn Lutheran children sing vs. 1 & 2; cong. sings vs. 3 & 4)
Hymn of the Day: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"
Distribution Hymn: 680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"
Distribution Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"
Distribution Hymn: 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Distribution Hymn: 585 "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"
Distribution Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"
Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests. Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.
Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, & Gladys Stone *(nursing home);* **Annette Bott, Delwin Bott, & Georgia Oelschlager** *(recovering from surgery)*

Acolyte today - Holden Bott — **Acolyte Nov. 15** - James Werner
Ushers today - *Zac Hiltgen, Mason Tiemeyer, Emitt Tiemeyer, & Kingston Voelker
Ushers Nov. 15 - *Dylan Ohlde, Cash Stunkel, Hendrix Stunkel, & Evan Bott
Fellowship Hour LYF serving today - Liam & Lydia Voelker
Fellowship Hour LYF serving Nov. 15 & 22 - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

Upcoming Events

Nov. 8	8:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
	5:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class
Nov. 15	8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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Nov. 17	6:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting

Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **1 Peter 1:24-25 - "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."**
- Trinity Lutheran Men's Club will be hosting their annual Pancake Supper **today, November 8**, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, & eggs. Free-will offering to go to local & district projects.
- Congregational food drive for Washington Co. Food Bank. Hosted by LWML from **Nov. 8th-29th**. Please place nonperishable food items in the tote in the narthex of church.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
  - **Tues., Nov. 10th** - All-School field trip to KSU. Leaving at 9:15 a.m. and back in time for buses. All 1st-8th grade students need a sack lunch.
  - **Wed., Nov. 11th** - 8:30 a.m. chapel at Zion with Pastor Jahnke; please join us.
  - **Wed., Nov. 25-Fri., Nov. 27 -** Thanksgiving Break- No School-Linn Lutheran or Linn

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As We Gather... — Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked "in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice" **(Proverbs 8:20)** *and discerned that wisdom "is better than jewels" and "better than gold, even fine gold"* **(Proverbs 8:11, 19)**. *When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our "end is destruction"* **(Philippians 3:19)**. *However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered "to God the things that are God's"* **(Matthew 22:21)**, *namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true "riches and honor are with [Him]," because "enduring wealth and righteousness"* **(Proverbs 8:18)** *are found in our heavenly citizenship from which "we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." He "will transform our lowly body to*

be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself" **(Philippians 3:20-21).**

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. John Werner, 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 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12)*

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the Lord,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful 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: *Proverbs 8:11-22*

11 For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
14 I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
15 By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
16 by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
17 I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
21 granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
22 "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old."

Gradual *(Psalm 44:7-8)*

You have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.
In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.

Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:17-21*

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:15-22*

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Catechetical Review
Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. How do you know this?

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. *See Romans 6:21, 23.*

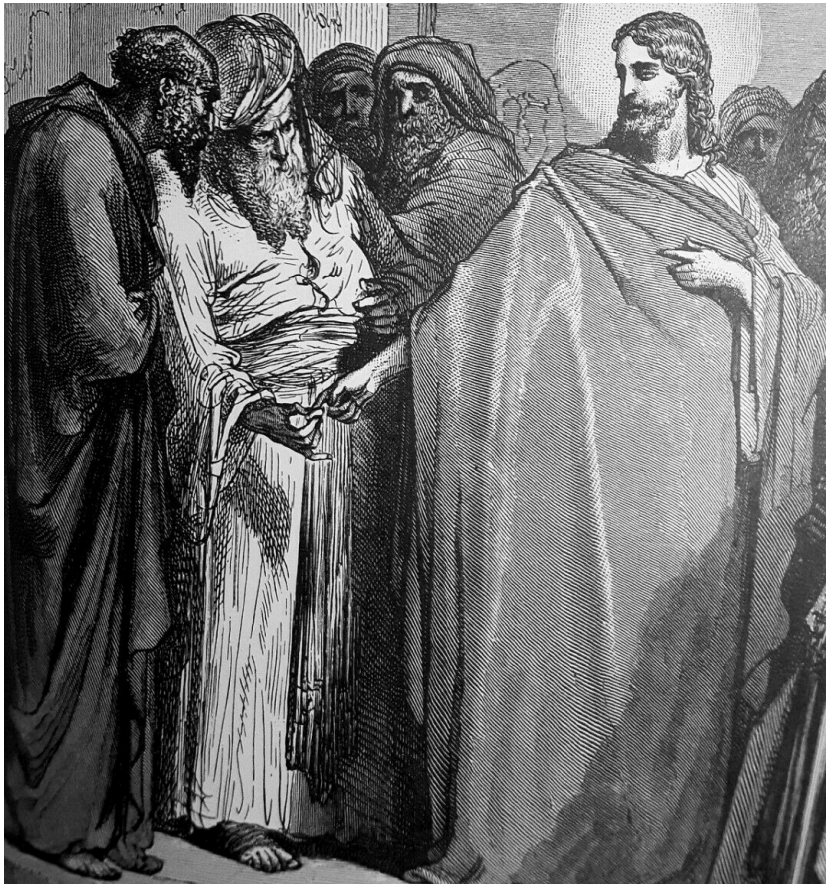
5. Do you hope to be saved?

Yes, that is my hope.

6. In whom then do you trust?

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sunday of the Two Kingdoms



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