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October 22, 2023

Twentieth 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: 597 "Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying"

Hymn of the Day: 828 "We Are Called to Stand Together"

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

Distribution Hymn: 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Distribution Hymn: 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

Closing Hymn: 666 "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

Prayer Requests

Please email 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, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home)

Acolyte today - Sophia Hiltgen

Acolyte Oct. 29th - Lucious Petesch

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Noah Thalmann, Mason Tiemeyer, Greyson Ohlde

Ushers Oct. 29 - *Aaron Stuenkel, Ethan Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Mowing Oct. 28th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Mowing Nov. 4th - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

LYF Serving for Bible Class today & Oct. 29th - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Serving for Bible Class Nov. 5th & 12th - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 22 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; **NO** Children's Sunday School
11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner followed by Quarterly Voters Mtg
6:00 p.m. LYF Joint Event at Zion (Bible study, food, & games)
- Oct. 25 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
- Oct. 29 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- LWML Zone Fall Event is at Immanuel, Linn, **TODAY, October 22**, at 2 p.m. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. There is a \$2 registration fee. Pastor Mark Gaschler (Immanuel, Linn and Zone Pastoral Advisor) will lead Bible study. The ingathering is for Swaddling Clothes; needed items: large diapers, pull-ups, wipes, and baby soap.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 Linn Lutheran 1st/2nd grade class invites you to Chapel at Zion at 8:25am. They are leading & would love for you to join them!
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: John 8:31-32 - **"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**
- Immanuel Lutheran Laymen's League, Bremen (Hermansberg) will be having a Pancake Feed on **Sunday, October 29th**, from 4-8 p.m. Free will offering. Handicapped accessible parish hall. Hope to see you there!

As We Gather...

Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: "See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast" (Matt. 22:1-14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: "He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food." (Isaiah 55:1-9). Those rejecting the Spirit's work shall experience God's wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ's righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 5:15-21).

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. 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 48:1, 9-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text)*

The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,*
for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
Glorify your | name, O Lord;*
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

**Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.
We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.
Let Mount Zion | be glad!*Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Gradual (*Psalm 145:15-16*)

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 5:15-21*

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 130:1-2a*)

Alleluia. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:1-14*

¹ Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment

[God's Word]

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

39. How is this done?

We despise preaching and the Word of God

A. when we do not attend public worship;

B. when we do not use the Word of God and the Sacraments;

C. when we use the Word of God and the Sacraments negligently or carelessly.

121 **John 8:47** - He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

122 **Luke 10:16** - He who listens to you listens to Me; he who rejects you rejects Me; but he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.

Bible narratives: The scribes and the Pharisees despised Baptism (**Luke 7:30**). Saul rejected the Word of God (**1 Samuel 15:10-23**).

40. What does God require of us in the Third Commandment?

A. We should hold preaching and the Word of God sacred.

123 **Isaiah 66:2**- This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My word.

124 **1 Thessalonians 2:13** - When you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.
B. We should gladly hear it, learn it, and meditate on it.

125 **Joshua 1:8** - Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

126 **Psalms 26:8** - I love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells.

127 **Luke 11:28** - Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

128 **Acts 2:42** - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

129 **Colossians 3:16** - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sign psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Bible narratives: Jesus gladly heard and learned the Word of God (**Luke 2:41-52**). Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and learned His Word (**Luke 10:39**). Mary kept and pondered the Word of God in her heart (**Luke 2:19**). The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily (**Acts 17:11**).

The Sunday of the Wedding Feast



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