

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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**October 27, 2024**

## Reformation Sunday (Observed)

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:** 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

**Hymn of the Day:** TLH 260 "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold"

*(printed on back of bulletin)*

**Distribution Hymn:** 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

**Distribution Hymn:** 555 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

**Distribution Hymn:** 647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

**Distribution Hymn:** 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

**Closing Hymn:** 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

## 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, Loren Bott,**

**JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde** (*nursing home*); **Camryn Beikmann** (*knee surgery*)

**Acolyte today** - Nolan Meier      **Acolyte Sun., Nov. 3rd** - Kyra Ohlde

**Ushers today** - \*Evan Bott, Emitt Tiemeyer, Zac Hiltgen, & Aiden Sweet

**Ushers Nov. 3rd** - \*Ryan Stuenkel, Conner Ohlde, Deavon Ohlde, & Dylan Ohlde

**LYF Fellowship Service today** - Noah Thalmann & Cash Stunkel

**LYF Fellowship Service Nov. 3rd** - Daniel Nabors & Deavon Ohlde

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 27**      8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. LYF combined event at St. John
- Oct. 30**      5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Nov. 3**      9:00 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. Men's Club Trap Shoot (all men invited!)
- Nov. 6**      5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Nov. 10**      9:00 a.m. Bible Class at Washington High School  
10:30 a.m. Circuit Convocation at Washington High School
- Nov. 13**      5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

## Announcements

- On **Wednesday, Oct. 30**, Chapel for Linn Lutheran School will be led by Pastor Yahnke at 8:30 a.m. at Zion. Everyone is welcome to join us!
- On **Sunday, Nov. 10**, Linn Lutheran students in 1st-8th grade will be singing at the Circuit Convocation Service at Washington High School. 7th/8th grade will be playing hand bells. More information will be coming regarding that Sunday!
- The election results for church officers are as follows:
  - Chairman: Steve Meier; Vice Chairman: Daryl Bott
  - Elders: Danny Hornkohl & Karl Tiemeyer
  - Trustees: Aaron Stuenkel & Shaun Ohlde
  - Board of Education (School Board): Clarice Ohlde
  - Financial Secretary: Darren Bott
- Immanuel Lutheran Men's Club Pancake Feed will be held **TODAY, Oct. 27th**, from 4-8 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 570 3rd Rd., Bremen. All proceeds from a free-will offering will go to benefiting Home, Zone and District Projects.
- St. John members are invited to join Ron and Anita Ohlde in celebrating 50 years of marriage at a "come and go reception" on **Sat., Nov. 2nd**, from 2-4 p.m. at the Palmer Community Building. The couple requests no gifts.
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Bremen is having their German Heritage Dinner "Willkommen" on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, from 4-7 p.m. at their Parish Hall. The menu includes: bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, ham, green beans, homemade bread, and desserts. Free-will donation for the meal.

## 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 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.

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**Introit** (Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

**I will bless the Lord at | all times;\***

**his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**

**My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;\***

**let the humble hear | and be glad.**

**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\***

**I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.**

**The Lord redeems the life of his | servants;\***

**none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**

**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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and shall not be | put to shame.

### Collect for Reformation Sunday

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- LCMS memory verse challenge: John 20:31 - "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

## **First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup> And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

## **Gradual** (*Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a*)

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God!**

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,  
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,  
that you may tell the next generation  
that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

## **Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

## **Alleluia Verse** (*Luke 12:32*)

**Alleluia.** Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> [Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup> “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup> “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

<sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

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## **As We Gather...**

### **The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace**

*“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matthew 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). For He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matthew 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Revelation 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Romans 3:21), “that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Romans 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith” (Romans 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32).*

1 O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold And let Thy pit - y wak - en;  
 2 With fraud which they themselves invent Thy truth they have con-found-ed;  
 3 May God root out all her - e - sy And of false teach-ers rid us  
 4 There-fore saith God, "I must a - rise, The poor My help are need-ing;

How few are we with-in Thy fold, Thy saints by men for-sak - en!  
 Their hearts are not with one con-sent On Thy pure doc-trine ground-ed.  
 Who proud-ly say: "Now, where is he That shall our speech for-bid us?  
 To Me as-cend My peo-ple's cries, And I have heard their plead-ing.

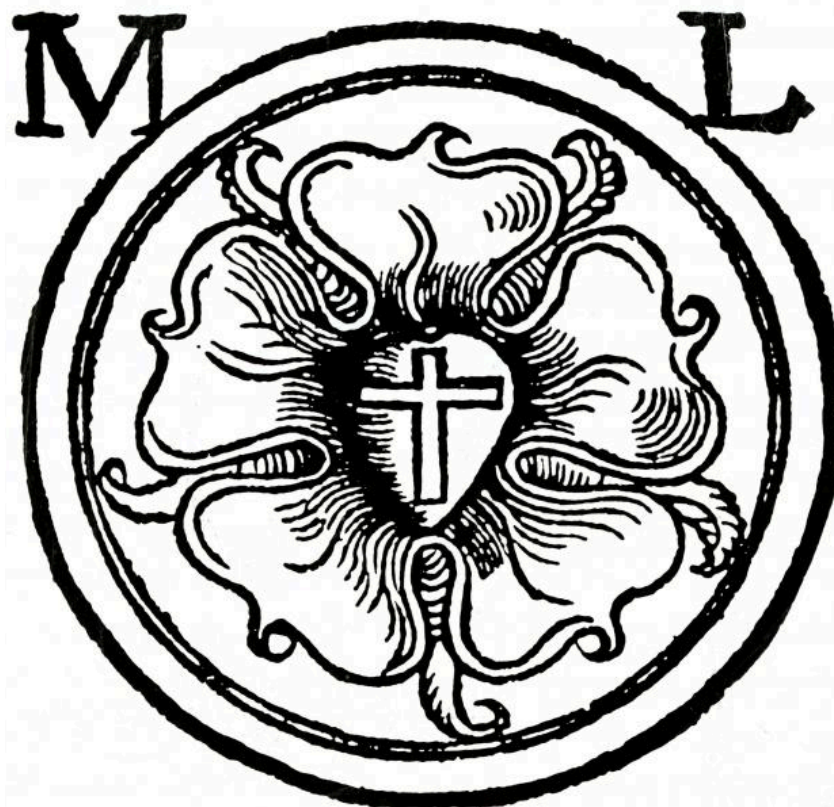
True faith seems quenched on ev - 'ry hand, Men suf - fer not Thy  
 While they pa - rade with out-ward show, They lead the peo - ple  
 By right or might we shall pre - vail; What we de - ter - mine  
 For them My sav - ing Word shall fight And fear-less - ly and

Word to stand; Dark times have us o'er-tak - en. . . .  
 to and fro, In er - ror's maze as - tound-ed. . . .  
 can - not fail; We own no lord and mas - ter." . . .  
 sharp-ly smite, The poor with might de - fend - ing." . . . A - men.

5. As silver tried by fire is pure  
 From all adulteration,  
 So through God's Word shall men endure  
 Each trial and temptation.  
 Its light beams brighter through the cross,  
 And, purified from human dross,  
 It shines through every nation.

6. Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay  
 This evil generation;  
 And from the error of its way  
 Keep Thine own congregation.  
 The wicked everywhere abound  
 And would Thy little flock confound;  
 But Thou art our Salvation.

*"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:15*



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