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August 28, 2022

The Eleventh 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: 901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Hymn of the Day: 613 "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

Distribution Hymn: 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Distribution Hymn: 630 "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"

Closing Hymn: 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

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); Micah Hayes (NICU)

Acolyte this Sunday - Liam Voelker

Acolyte next Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Ushers today - *Tyler Ohlde, Evan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Elijah Meier

Ushers next Sunday - *Jacob Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Dylan Ohlde, & Ethan Bott

LYF Mowing September 3rd - Ethan & Sophia Bott

LYF Mowing September 10th - Aiden Sweet & Daniel Nabors

Upcoming Events

August 28 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

August 31 6:30 p.m. Mission Festival Mixed Choir rehearsal

September 4 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * Steve Meier would like to meet with the church council and finance board next **Sunday, September 4th**, after church for a brief meeting to confirm the date of Ralph Simon's visit from the LCMS Foundation.
- * Sunday School resumes **today!** Students begin together in the big room with opening and singing, before going to their classrooms. There will be no Sunday School next week (Sept. 4) for Labor Day weekend, and there will be no Sunday School on Sept. 18 for the Mission Festival.
- * **Men's Club** returns from summer break with a meeting at 8 p.m. on **Monday, Sept. 12th**. All men of the congregation are invited to join us for a time of Bible study, fellowship and refreshments. The St. John's Men's Club is affiliated with the Lutheran Laymen's League, and we generally meet on the first Monday of each month from September through May for Bible study, fellowship, and activities, and we coordinate an annual soup supper fundraiser. At our meetings, Pastor always leads a refreshing Bible study, and conversation then often revolves around current events and God's role in our lives during these often-challenging modern times. Please consider joining us.
- * Pastor Koch will be leading his door-to-door ministry at St. Paul, Clay Center, on Sept. 17th, 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 Kansas District is introducing a new event to open opportunities and enhance the ministry to our 5th-8th grade KS youth. On October 7th and 8th, we are hosting a Kansas District Confirmation Retreat at the Wheat State Retreat Center in Augusta, KS. The event will run from 6 p.m. on October 7th until 4 p.m. on October 8th. During this event, we will be looking at our Life in Relation to God's Law. Registration runs from August 15th to September 8th (Late registration is from September 9th to 22nd). If you would like more information, please contact: Rev. Michael Ada at pastorada@bslcks.org. Registration link found on the "Middle School Events" page of the Kansas District website link: <https://kslcms.org/education-youth/youth-ministry/middle-school-events/>
- * Mission Festival is scheduled for September 18th. A joint choir will be comprised of the participating churches, and practices will be held at St. John on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall, beginning on August 31st. You do not need to be a member of our choir in order to sing for this service. Please help spread the word and join us in singing for this special service!

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 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 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b)*

God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 4:1-15*

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰ And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-10*

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

As We Gather...

The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

“And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (**Genesis 4:1–15**). For unlike Abel, Cain’s offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, “*God, be merciful to me, a sinner!*” was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (**Luke 18:9–14**). “*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast*” (**Ephesians 2:1–10**). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (**1 Corinthians 15:1–10**). Therefore, “*everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*”

Atonement

A sonnet for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

by Rev. Andrew Richard

’Twas in the year when Judah’s archon died
That I beheld the Lord upon the tree,
Exalted, lifted up, and crucified,
While seraphim were singing rev’rently
The Sanctus of the Holy Trinity,
Which chanting made the very thresholds quake;
And I, with unclean lips, cried, “Woe to me!”
As Jesus bled and did atonement make.
With tongs a seraph winged his flight to take
The flesh of Him who died all-gloriously,
And touched it to my eager lips, and spake,
“Take, eat; the body of the Lord, for thee.”
“Amen! Amen!” with clean lips I replied,
And went down from the temple justified.

*From *Christian Culture* magazine.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar

I. The Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar *(Cont.)*

291. How then are the bread and wine in the Sacrament the body and blood of Christ?

The bread and wine in the Sacrament are Christ's body and blood by sacramental union. By the power of His word, Christ gives His body and blood in, with, and under the consecrated (blessed) bread and wine.

937 **1 Corinthians 10:16** - The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? (NKJV).

292. Do all the communicants receive the body and blood in the Sacrament, whether or not they believe?

Yes, because the Sacrament depends on Christ's word, not on our faith.

938 **1 Corinthians 11:27** - Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

Note: All communicants should receive both parts of the Sacrament, since Christ said, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you" (Matthew 26:26-27).

293. Are the body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament sacrificed again to God for the sins of the living and the dead?

No, the body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament are the one perfect sacrifice offered to God once and for all on the cross and are now distributed to us in the Sacrament together with all the blessings and benefits which this sacrifice has won for us.

939 **1 Corinthians 5:7** - Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

940 **Hebrews 10:14** - By one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

941 **Hebrews 10:18** - Where these [sins] have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Note: We speak of the "Sacrament of the Altar" because an altar is a place of sacrifice. Jesus sacrificed His body and blood on the cross for the sins of the world once and for all. In the Sacrament of the Altar, He distributes this same body and blood until the end of time.

The Sunday of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector



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