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October 3, 2021

Eighteenth 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: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Hymn of the Day: 694 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

Distribution Hymn: 578 "Thy Strong Word"

Distribution Hymn: 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Distribution Hymn: 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Distribution Hymn: 659 "Lord of Our Life"

Closing Hymn: 658 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

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, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde,
Lorraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman** (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Evan Bott, Lance Gerleve, Tyler Ohlde, & Conner Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Brady Kolle, & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Fellowship Hour today & 10th - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

LYF Fellowship Hour Oct. 17th & 24th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing Oct. 9th - Ethan & Sophia Bott

LYF Mowing Oct. 16th - Elijah Meier & Daniel Nabors

Upcoming Events

- October 3** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- October 5** 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- October 6** 5:30 p.m. Midweek
7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir
- October 10** 8:45 a.m. Men's Chorus
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- October 13** 5:30 p.m. Midweek
7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir
- October 17** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (LWML Sunday)
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
1:30 p.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting (with election of officers)

Announcements

- * **Monday, October 4th**, and **Tuesday, October 5th**, Linn Lutheran DOES NOT have school; our teachers will be attending a conference those 2 days. However, Linn Public will be in session.
- * Linn Lutheran School Annual Endowment Fund Benefit Auction will be held **Saturday, November 20th**, at the Palmer Community Building. If you would like to donate to the auction, please fill out the form and return it to Linn Lutheran School or an auction committee member by Friday, October 22nd, in order to be listed in the auction book. Thank you for your generosity in supporting Christian education in our community!!
- * Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg) will be hosting their 61st Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale **TODAY, October 3rd**. It will be featuring pan-fried chicken, ham, BBQ meatballs, and homemade pies, and serving will be from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Prices: adults - \$10, children - \$5, & preschool - free. The Parish Hall is handicapped accessible.
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU** this week on KFUO.org: Study Ezekiel 15-18 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10 a.m., study Leviticus 17-22 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and hear special guests on Midday Moments at 12:30 p.m.! Find your favorite programs on demand at 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, 22:23ff; 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 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text)*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

I was glad when they | said to me,*

“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*

I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

For the sake of the house of the | Lord our God,*

I will | seek your good.

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.

Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
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Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 10:12-21*

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:34-46*

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’?”

⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

As We Gather... In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (**Matt. 22:34–46**). The Law requires you to “fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul” and to “love the sojourner” (**Deut. 10:12–21**). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (**1 Cor. 1:1–9**). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*” (**1 Cor. 1:9**).

From Elements of Religion (1894) by Henry Eyster Jacobs

Among the many questions connected with the glorified state, none is often fraught with more concern than that of the heavenly recognition. It is inconceivable why this should be doubted. The story of the rich man and Lazarus clearly teaches it. The immediate recognition of Moses and Elias, while they conversed with our Lord on the Mount, shows the higher faculties for recognition with which the Apostles were endowed when raised above this earthly sphere. There is only one reason why the heavenly recognition has been doubted, and that is the apprehension that friends closely connected with us in this life may be missing, and that the knowledge of their eternal misery may disturb the happiness of the glorified. But in all this, the nature and purpose of our earthly affections are forgotten. They are implanted for purely earthly ends, in order that, to the close of his life, the wanderer may be followed by the entreaties of friends, and the prayers that God may bring to repentance. But when the decision against God has been made with such persistency that, notwithstanding all the means which God exerted, he dies unrepentant, God’s pity for him ceases. (page 202)

* For information on *Elements of Religion* and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Lord's Prayer *(Continued)*

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

212. What is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is His ruling as king over the whole universe (kingdom of power), the church on earth (kingdom of grace), and the church and angels in heaven (kingdom of glory).

737 **Psalm 103:19** - The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. (Kingdom of power)

738 **John 3:5** - Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit." (Kingdom of grace)

739 **2 Timothy 4:18** - The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Kingdom of glory)

213. For what do we pray in the Second Petition?

We do not pray that God's kingdom of power would come, because that is already present everywhere, but we ask God to

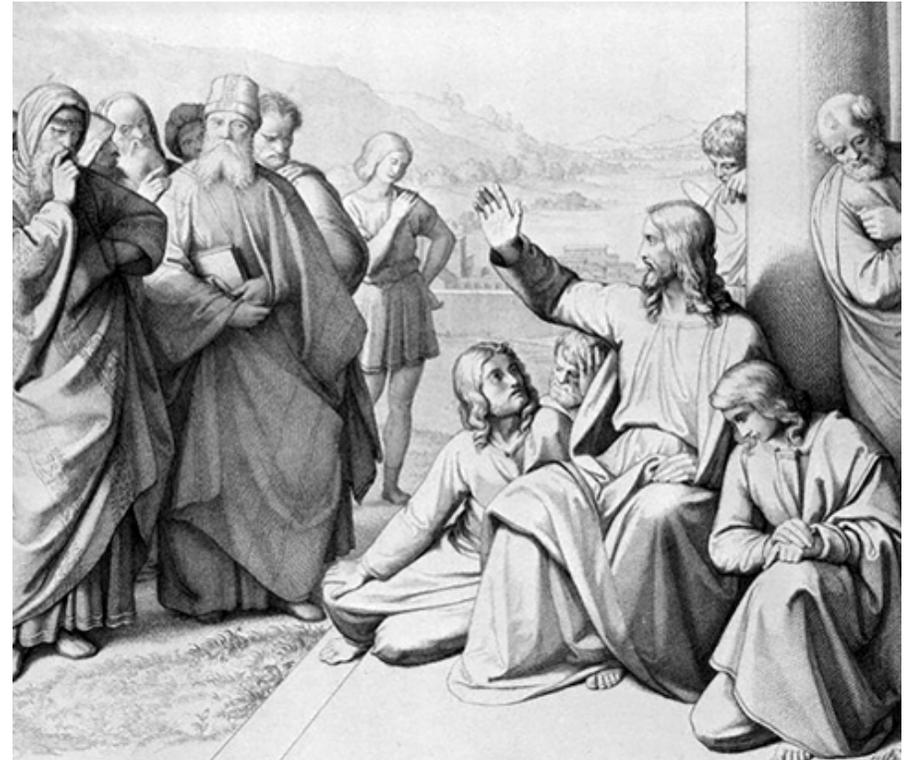
A. give us His Holy Spirit so that we believe His Word and lead godly lives as members of His kingdom of grace;

740 **Mark 1:15** - "The time has come," He said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

741 **Romans 14:17** - The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

742 **Colossians 1:13-14** - He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Sunday of the Great Question



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