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August 20, 2023

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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Hymn of the Day: 559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

Distribution Hymn: 613 "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

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

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

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 - Deavon Ohlde

Acolyte August 27 - Annalise Orona; Acolyte Sept. 3 - Cash Stunkel

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Daniel Nabors, Mason Tiemeyer, & Liam Voelker

Ushers August 27 - *Tyler Ohlde, Noah Thalmann, Dylan Ohlde, & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Mowing August 26th - Camryn Beikmann & Aiden Sweet

LYF Mowing September 2nd - Zac Hiltgen & Noah Thalmann

Upcoming Events

- August 20 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- August 27 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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- Sept. 3 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Sept. 6 5:30 p.m. Midweek School & Confirmation

Announcements

- Linn Lutheran School August Calendar:
Aug. 21 - 1st Day of MWF Preschool
Aug. 22 - 1st Day of TU/TH Preschool
- Midweek School and Confirmation will begin Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for grades 4-8. Please mark your calendars.
- The church directories are in the church boxes for those who submitted or had pictures taken. Extra directories can be purchased for \$10.00. Committee members are Ann Ohlde, Deb Peters, Karla Sweet and Annette Bott.
- Memory verse challenge for this week: Eph. 4:32 - "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."
- The Lutheran campus ministries at Kansas colleges and universities provide a "church home away from home" for students. Visit the Campus Ministry page on the Kansas District website to find Campus Ministry locations and contact info. <https://kslcms.org/missions/specialized-ministries/campus-ministry/>
 - Upcoming events taking place with the K-State LCMSU Campus Ministry:
 - Monday, August 28 @ 6:30 p.m. - Welcome Bonfire with food, games, and Bible study at the Blue House in Manhattan (354 N. Delaware).
 - Starting Monday, August 21, 8:00-9:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Bible Study at the Blue House
 - Table Talk (free meal!) is held at noon on the 1st Sunday of the month at Christ Lutheran Church (4592 Green Valley Rd) and the 2nd through 5th Sundays of the month at St. Luke's (4801 Anderson Ave.). The first Table Talk of this school year will be Sunday, August 27, at noon at St. Luke's. (Please note that there will be no Table Talk on Sunday, September 3, Labor Day Weekend). More information can be found at St. Luke's Campus Ministry website page or LCMS U K-State website page.

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 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.

Gradual (*Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a*)

In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

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

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

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.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 90:1*)

Alleluia. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*

⁴¹ When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

⁴⁷ And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Second Commandment

[God's Name]

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive, by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

26. What does God forbid in the Second Commandment?

In the Second Commandment God forbids us to misuse His name.

87 **Exodus 20:7** - The Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

27. How is God's name misused?

God's name is misused when people

- A. speak God's name uselessly or carelessly (see **Exodus 20:7**);
- B. curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name.

28. What is cursing by God's name?

Cursing by God's name is

- A. blaspheming God by speaking evil of Him or mocking Him;

88 **Leviticus 24:15** - If anyone curses his God, he will be held responsible.

Bible narratives: They mocked Jesus when He was hanging on the cross (**Matthew 27:39-43**). The Assyrian field commander blasphemed the God of Israel (**2 Kings 18:28-35; 19:21-22**). Some Jews accused Jesus of being possessed by a demon (**John 8:48-59**).

- B. calling down the anger and punishment of God upon oneself or any other person or thing.

89 **James 3:9-10** - With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

Bible narratives: The people at Jesus' trial cursed themselves and their children (**Matthew 27:25**). Peter cursed (**Matthew 26:74**). James and John asked Jesus if they should ask God to destroy a Samaritan village (**Luke 9:51-55**).

29. What is swearing by God's name?

Swearing by God's name is taking an oath in which we call on God to witness the truth of what we say or promise and to punish us if we lie or break our promise.

The Sunday of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector



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