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September 10, 2023

The Fourteenth 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: 651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

Hymn of the Day: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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

Distribution Hymn: 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

Distribution Hymn: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Closing Hymn: 693 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

## 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 (nursing home); Marilynne Ohlde (pain)

Acolyte today - Emitt Tiemeyer

Acolyte Sept. 24 - Kingston Voelker

Ushers today - \*Aaron Stuenkel, Lance Gerleve, Daniel Nabors, & Aiden Sweet

Ushers Sept. 24 - \*Elijah Meier, Ryan Stuenkel, Dylan Ohlde, & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Mowing Sept. 16th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Mowing Sept. 23rd - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

LYF Serving for Bible Class today - Camryn Beikmann & Aiden Sweet

LYF Serving for Bible Class Sept. 24rd & Oct. 1 - Noah Thalmann & Liam Voelker

## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 10 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Sept. 11 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
- Sept. 13 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation  
7:30 p.m. Mission Festival Choir Rehearsal
- Sept. 17 8:30-9:30 a.m. Bible Study in LHS Cafeteria (w/donuts & coffee)  
10:00 a.m. Mission Festival at Linn High School  
(NO church or Sunday school at St. John)
- Sept. 20 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation

## Announcements

- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
  - Grandparents' Day is **Wednesday, Sept. 20**. Join us for Chapel at Zion @ 8:25 am.; then, come downstairs for donuts & Bingo! All Grandparents' are welcome to join us!!
  - \* No School on Monday, Sept. 18 - Teacher Inservice
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: 2 John 1:6 - **"This is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it."**
- Rehearsals for Mission Festival Choir will be in our parish hall on Wed., Sept. 13th at 7:30 pm. I plan to respect your time and keep these rehearsals to no more than 45 minutes. I am looking forward to making a joyful noise unto the Lord with you! If you have any questions, please contact me at [diane.hayes06@gmail.com](mailto:diane.hayes06@gmail.com) or (970) 227-8600 - Diane Hayes
- The Church Council will have a meeting on **Sunday, September 10th**, from 2 to 4 pm. This will be a meeting with our Circuit Visitor, Dr. Phillip Miller. This is an important meeting, and all Church Council members are asked to attend.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFuo.org:** Study Leviticus 13-17 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study 1 Peter 4 through 2 Peter 3 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and dig into Free Will in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/16 at 10 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or 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. 10:16-17; 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 84:1-2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: vv. 9-10a)*

Behold our shield, | O God;\*  
look on the face of your a- | nointed!  
For a day | in your courts\*  
is better than a thousand | elsewhere.

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O | Lord of hosts!\***  
**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.**  
**Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\***  
**ever sing- | ing your praise!**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God\***  
**than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

**The Lord bestows favor and | honor.\***

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.**  
**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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look on the face of your a- | nointed!  
For a day | in your courts\*  
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### Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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: *Proverbs 4:10-23*

- <sup>10</sup> Hear, my son, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.  
<sup>11</sup> I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.  
<sup>12</sup> When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.  
<sup>14</sup> Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of the evil.  
<sup>15</sup> Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.  
<sup>16</sup> For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.  
<sup>17</sup> For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.  
<sup>18</sup> But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.  
<sup>19</sup> The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;  
they do not know over what they stumble.  
<sup>20</sup> My son, be attentive to my words;  
incline your ear to my sayings.  
<sup>21</sup> Let them not escape from your sight;  
keep them within your heart.  
<sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them,  
and healing to all their flesh.  
<sup>23</sup> Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.

## Gradual (*Psalm 92:1-2*)

**It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.**

## Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:16-22*

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality,

impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 65:1*)

**Alleluia.** Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.  
**Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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## As We Gather...

## The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (*Luke 17:11-19*). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (*Gal. 5:16-24*). Thus we cry out with the lepers, “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (*Prov. 4:10-23*).

## *The Sunday of the Ten Lepers*

### **Luther's Thoughts on the Epistle...**

This Epistle...admonishes those who have the Holy Spirit through faith to do good works or to [bear] the fruits of faith. It does this so that people see that this teaching does not intend to forbid good works or to sanction evil and not punish it, or no longer to preach the Law. Rather, it clearly shows that God seriously wants Christians to flee and avoid the desires of the flesh, if they want to remain in the Spirit. Thus having and retaining the Spirit and faith cannot stand together with carrying out the desires of the flesh. The two, he says, "are opposed to each other" (Galatians 5:17), and there is an intense struggle between them, so that neither can tolerate the other, but one must retain the upper hand and do away with the other. This is why he clearly names some works of the flesh which obviously and easily are seen to be not from the Spirit (Galatians 5:19-21). He immediately concludes that those who carry out and do these things are not in the situation of inheriting God's kingdom but have lost the Holy Spirit and faith (Galatians 5:21).

However, he also shows where Christians obtain strength so that they can resist the desires of the flesh, namely, that they have received the Spirit through faith and know that they have a gracious God. This is how their heart obtains the desire and love to obey God and guard against sin. Therefore, they resist and do not follow the desires of the flesh, so that they do not again provoke God to anger. Even though they still feel weakness in this struggle, the Law nevertheless cannot condemn them, because through faith they are and remain in Christ.



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