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September 4, 2022

The Twelfth 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: 590 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

Hymn of the Day: 545 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

Distribution Hymn: p. 155 “This is the Feast”

Distribution Hymn: 750 “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Distribution Hymn: 673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Distribution Hymn: 617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

Closing Hymn: 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

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 Oldehoef, Lorna

Heitman, & Bill Burger (in the nursing home); Micah Hayes (NICU)

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

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

Ushers Sept. 11 - *John Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Lance Gerleve, & Elijah Meier

LYF Mowing September 10th - Aiden Sweet & Daniel Nabors

LYF Mowing September 17th - Conner Ohlde & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour Sept. 11th & 25th - Claire, Camryn, & Dylan

LYF Fellowship Hour Oct. 2nd & 9th - Ella, Ryan, & Noah

Upcoming Events

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

September 7 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Mission Festival Mixed Choir rehearsal

September 11 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * Steve Meier would like to meet with the church council and finance board **TODAY** after church for a brief meeting to confirm the date of Ralph Simon's visit from the LCMS Foundation.
- * Mission Festival is **Sunday, September 18th**, at the Linn High School. Bible class will be in the cafeteria at 9:30 a.m., and the service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The guest speaker is from the Orphan Grain Train. They will be bringing a trailer to collect items. If your church has quilts ready, or if you have clothing items, school supplies, diapers, hygiene kits, medical supplies, etc., you can drop them off at Linn High School the week of September 12. Hot items are diapers, school supplies, men's and children clothing. We will also be collecting an offering at this service to help support the Orphan Grain Train.
- * **Linn Lutheran School Calendar:** Mon., Sept. 5th - Labor Day: NO SCHOOL; Wed., Sept. 14 - Grandparents Day: 8:30 a.m. chapel, donuts, & Bingo; Sun., Sept. 18 - Mission Festival: 1st-8th grade singing and 7th & 8th grade handbells; Mon., Sept. 19 - NO SCHOOL
- * **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. In charge of refreshments for the September meeting are Larry Kandt and Trey Voelker.
- * 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://kslclms.org/education-youth/youth-ministry/middle-school-events/>

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 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1-2a)*

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O Lord, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*

who | seek my life!

Let them | be turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

May all who seek you | rejoice*

and be | glad in you!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O Lord, do | not delay!

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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: *Isaiah 29:17-24*

- 17 Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
18 In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
19 The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of
Israel.
20 For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,
21 who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

22 Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham,
concerning the house of Jacob:

- “Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.
23 For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.
24 And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 3:4-11*

4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.
5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming
from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us
competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of
the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came
with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face
because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8 will not the
ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? 9 For if there was glory
in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must
far exceed it in glory. 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has

come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.
11 For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much
more will what is permanent have glory.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:31-37*

31 [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through
Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they
brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment,
and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside
from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after
spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed
and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 And his ears
were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And
Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the
more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished
beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes
the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

As We Gather...

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his
speech was brought to Jesus (**Mark 7:31–37**). In the same way, all are
by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the
faith rightly. For “*faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the
word of Christ*” (**Rom. 10:9–17**). Jesus put His fingers into the man's
ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism,
water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the
finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (**2 Corinthians 3:4–
11**) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus'
sighing “*Ephphatha*” opened the man's ears, and his tongue was
loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “*In that
day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*” (**Isaiah 29:18–24**) So
also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has
given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our
mouths may declare His praise.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Sacrament of the Altar

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

294. What does Christ command when He says, "This do in remembrance of Me"?

Christ commands in these words that His Sacrament be celebrated in the church till the end of time as a living proclamation and distribution of His saving death and all its blessings.

942 **1 Corinthians 11:26** - Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

295. Why are we to receive the Sacrament often?

We are to receive the Sacrament often because

A. Christ commands, or urgently invites, us, saying, "This do in remembrance of Me";

B. His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" promise and offer us great blessings;

943 **Matthew 11:28** - Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

C. we need forgiveness of our sins and the strength for a new and holy life.

944 **John 15:5** - I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

Note: In the New Testament, the Sacrament was a regular and major feature of congregational worship, not an occasional extra (**Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:20, 33**). In Reformation times our churches celebrated the Sacrament "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV 1).

Luther on this Sunday's Gospel

"A Christian goes about his external life just like an unbeliever: he builds, tills, and plows like any other; he undertakes no special activity or work, not in eating, drinking, working, sleeping, or anything else. Only these two organs [the ears and tongue] make a difference between Christians and unbelievers, because a Christian speaks and listens differently and has a tongue which praises God's grace and preaches that the Lord Christ is the only Savior, etc. The world does not do this, but speaks about greed and other vices and preaches and praises its own splendor.

But then each side has special ears. Christians' ears have the same Word which the tongue speaks and the heart believes, but the world prefers to listen when people speak about its wisdom, reason, honor, and splendor. Thus the ears and tongue of Christians are different from the world's and unbelievers' ears and tongues; they do not care for silver or gold, but only for what people say about Christ and how they are to speak and preach about Christ."

The Sunday of the Deaf Mute



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