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Christian Education Sunday

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: 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Hymn of the Day: 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

Distribution Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Distribution Hymn: 865 "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

Closing Hymn: 582 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

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, Loren Bott,

JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home)

Ushers today - *Ethan Bott, Noah Thalmann, Kingston Voelker, & Liam Voelker

Ushers August 25 - *Daniel Nabors, Emitt Tiemeyer, Dylan Ohlde, & Deavon Ohlde

LYF Mowing by August 25th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Mowing by Sept. 1st - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **John 6:40** - "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Upcoming Events

- August 18** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- August 19** 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting
- August 25** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- August 28** 7:00 p.m. Special Service w/Holy Communion at Zion (Martyrdom of St. John)

Announcements

- Linn Lutheran School kicked off the school year on Wednesday, Aug. 14. We invite everyone to join us, as often as you can, on Wednesdays throughout the school year at Chapel! We have Chapel at Zion Lutheran Church in Linn from 8:30am-9:00am. Pastors from our local churches, along with Mr. Beikmann, and even Linn Lutheran classes lead Chapel. Looking forward to seeing members of our congregations at Wednesday Chapels!
- We are in the process of cleaning out and reorganizing the church library. There are free books for the taking stacked up in the room across the hall. Books on the table are especially worth taking (usually they are something we have multiple copies of). Anything not claimed by the opening of Sunday School **TODAY, August 18**, will be donated/discarded.
- Midweek and Confirmation begins **Wednesday, Sept. 4**, for all 4th-8th graders who do not attend Linn Lutheran. Midweek school runs from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Mark your calendar. We look forward to another year of growing together in God's Word!
- The Concordia University A Cappella Choir from Seward, Nebraska will be hosting a full-length choral concert at Zion Lutheran Church in Linn on **Saturday, September 7th**, at 11:00 a.m. This concert is open to everyone. Cost is free, though a free-will offering will take place during the concert.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Monday, Aug. 19** - MWF Preschool begins.
 - **Tuesday, Aug. 20** - TU/TH Preschool begins.
 - We ask that you remember all the Linn Lutheran staff and students in your prayers as we begin another school year! We are so grateful to our community for all the love and support we receive!

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 34:8-10; antiphon: Psalm 34:11)*

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; *
I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see that the | Lord is good!*
Blessed is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
Oh, fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
For those who fear him | have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and | hunger;*
But those who seek the Lord lack | no good thing.
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 of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Teach Me, O Lord (Psalm 119:129-136)

*To be sung after the Old Testament reading. Pastor sings the refrain, followed by all.

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Tone

Your statutes are | wonderful;
therefore I o- | bey them.

**The unfolding of your words | gives light;
it gives understanding to the | simple.
Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me,
as you always do to those who | love your name. *Refrain***

Direct my footsteps according | to your word;
let no sin rule | over me.

**Redeem me from human op- | pression,
that I may obey your | precepts.
Make your face shine on your | servant
and teach me | your decrees.
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. *Refrain***

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-15

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰ “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³ It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ¹⁴ You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— ¹⁵ for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:37-41

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Alleluia Verse (Proverbs 2:6)

Alleluia. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles' Creed

The First Article

Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.



96. Why is the first person of the Trinity called “the Father?”

A. God is the Father of my Lord Jesus Christ and also my Father through faith in Christ.

318 **Matthew 3:17** - A voice from heaven said, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”

319 **John 20:17** - I am returning to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

320 **Galatians 3:26** - You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

B. He is also the Father of all people because He created them. Strictly speaking, there is only one human race, because all human beings are equally the children of Adam and Eve and are equally redeemed by Christ.

321 **Malachi 2:10** - Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us?

322 **Acts 17:26** - From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth.

323 **1 Corinthians 15:22** - As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

324 **Ephesians 3:14-15** - For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and one earth derives its name.

Bible narrative: The prodigal son (**Luke 15:11-32**).

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