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September 5, 2021

14th 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: 705 "The Man Is Ever Blessed"

Hymn of the Day: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Distribution Hymn: 155 "This Is the Feast" (from Divine Service, Setting One)

Distribution Hymn: 434 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Distribution Hymn: 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Closing Hymn: 632 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

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)

Family of Roger Lange

Acolyte this Sunday - Liam Voelker

Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Ushers this Sunday - *Brady Kollé, Elijah Meier, Ryan Stuenkel, & Lance Gerleve

Ushers next Sunday - *John Bott, Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, & Tyler Ohlde

LYF Mowing September 11th - Elijah Meier & Daniel Nabors

LYF Mowing September 18th - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

September 5 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

September 8 5:30 p.m. Midweek
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir (rehearse for Mission Festival)

September 12 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

September 13 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting

September 15 5:30 p.m. Midweek
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir (rehearse for Mission Festival)

Announcements

- * There will be a short meeting with all LYF and current 8th graders and their parents on **Sunday, Sept. 12**, after church in the HS Sunday school room. This will be a meeting regarding the National Youth Gathering coming up in July of 2022.
- * The theme for our church float is "Jesus Is Looking for You." We are looking for participants (children through adult) to walk or ride (bikes, strollers, wagons, etc.) along side the pickup wearing sunglasses, especially oversized. It will be fun! Meet at St. Paul church parking lot between 2:00 and 2:15 p.m. **tomorrow**.
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Bremen will be hosting their "Wilkomen" German Heritage Dinner on **Saturday, September 11th**. See the bulletin board for details!
- * The Linn area congregations will hold their annual mission festival on **Sunday, September 19**, at the Linn High School gymnasium. The mission theme for the day will focus on Luke 10:2: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." The Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, LCMS executive director for Pastoral Education, will be our guest preacher. Please join us for the Bible study hour at 9 a.m., then stay for the special service at 10:00. If you are interested in being part of that choir, please call or text Diane Hayes at (970) 227-8600.
- * "Christian Culture" will be sent to you FREE! Sign up at lutherclassical.org. "Christian Culture" is the magazine of Luther Classical College. Published every quarter, "Christian Culture" aims to do exactly what its title suggests – promote genuine Christian culture in our churches, homes, and communities. We need Christian culture to fill our homes with strong fathers, faithful mothers, the reading of God's Word and good literature, the singing of hymns, and commitment to Lutheran church and school, so that we and our children can remain in the world but not be of the world.
- * CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFuo.org: Begin studying Zephaniah on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), study Psalm 142-144 and 9-10 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and hear stories about vocation and living boldly Lutheran on The Coffee Hour (**weekdays at 9 a.m.**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on our 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 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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Collect for the 14th 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.

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

Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 4:10-23*

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

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:16-24*

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ 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. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And

those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:11-19*

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

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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer *(Continued)*

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

Hallowed be Your name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

208. What is the connection between this petition and the Second Commandment?

Both speak about the name of God. "In this petition we pray for exactly the same thing that God demands in the Second Commandment: that His name should not be taken in vain...but used rightly to the praise and glory of God" (Large Catechism III 45).

729 **Exodus 20:7** - You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

209. What are we asking when we pray that God's name be made holy?

Since God's name is God as He has revealed Himself to us, we cannot make His name holy, but we do pray that He would help us keep His name holy in our lives.

730 **Psalms 103:1** - Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

The Sunday of the Ten Lepers



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