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September 14, 2025

Thirteenth 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 Werner, 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: 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (v. 1-5)

Hymn of the Day: 555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (v. 6-10)

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

Distribution Hymn: 719 "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

Distribution Hymn: 628 "Your Table I Approach"

Distribution Hymn: 852 "O God of Mercy, God of Might"

Closing Hymn: 851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home); **Micah Helms** (cancer)

Acolyte today - Grace Meier

Acolyte Sept. 28 - Hendrix Stunkel

Ushers today - *Zac Hiltgen, Mason Tiemeyer, Deavon Ohlde, & Kingston Voelker

Ushers Sept. 21 - None (Mission Festival at LHS)

Ushers Sept. 28 - *Elijah Meier, Greyson Ohlde, Emmitt Tiemeyer, & Zac Hiltgen

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today - Greyson Ohlde & Dylan Ohlde

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Sept. 28 & Oct. 5 - Zac & Sophia Hiltgen

LYF Mowing Sept. 20 - Noah Thalmann & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Mowing Sept. 27 - Liam Voelker & Deavon Ohlde

Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 14 | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (<i>new members welcome!</i>)
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
5:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (<i>open to congregation</i>) |
| Sept. 17 | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation |
| Sept. 21 | 9:00 a.m. Circuit Mission Festival Bible Study in LHS cafeteria
10:30 a.m. Circuit Mission Festival Service at LHS (old gym)
5:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (<i>open to congregation</i>) |
| Sept. 24 | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation |
| Sept. 28 | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (<i>new members welcome!</i>)
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Announcements

• Linn Lutheran School News:

- **Mon., Sept. 15 at 7pm** - Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting at LLS
- **Wed., Sept. 17** - Vicar Milbrath will lead Chapel at 8:30am at Zion. All are welcome!
- **Mon., Sept. 22** - NO School-Just Linn Lutheran!! Linn Public is in session.
- **Sun., Sept. 29 at 5pm** - St. John's Men's Club & Linn Lutheran School PTL Annual Hayrack Ride at St. John. Everyone is welcome to join us! Hayracks will leave church right at 5pm! Hotdogs & S'mores will be provided. We ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share, and chairs to eat outdoors. PTL meeting will be held in the Parish Hall following the meal.
- The Linn Zone LWML will host the Fall Event **Sun., Sept. 28**, at St. Paul LCMS, Clay Center. Registration begins at 1:30; the event starts at 2pm. Ingathering goes to Swaddling Clothes in Greenleaf along with Thrivent's Diaper Drive. Thrivent will donate \$1 per diaper up to \$150. We will collect diaper sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and pullups (preferred brands are Walmart and Costco), and new or gently used faith-based books. All are welcome! We would love for you to spend your Sunday afternoon with us!
- Zion is hosting a Marriage and Parenting seminar led by Pr. Jim Woelmer from Christ Lutheran in Manhattan. It is scheduled for **Saturday the 27th** and goes from 9am till 2:00pm. The cost is a free-will donation to Christ Lutheran Church. Lunch is provided.
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanover, invites St. John members to attend their 41st annual "all you can eat" church supper on **Sunday, Sept. 28th**, serving from 4-8pm. Menu and prices are on the flyer on the hallway bulletin board.
- The 85th Annual LLL Convention will be held **Oct. 31st-Nov. 1st**. If interested, please see the flyer posted on the hallway bulletin board.

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. John Werner, 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 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a)*

Have regard for the covenant, | [O Lord];*
let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame.
Arise, O God, de- | fend your cause;*
do not forget the clamor | of your foes.

O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?*

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?

Remember your congre- | gation,*

which you have purchased | of old,

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.*

Let the poor and needy | praise your name.

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.

Have regard for the covenant, | [O Lord];*
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Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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: *2 Chronicles 28:8-15*

8 The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the Lord, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. 10 And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the Lord your God? 11 Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you.”

12 Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war 13 and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the Lord in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” 14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15 And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

Gradual (*Psalms 77:14-15*)

You are the God who works wonders;

you have made known your might among the peoples.

You with your arm redeemed your people,

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 3:15-22*

15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to

make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 88:1*)

Alleluia. O Lord, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:23-37*

23 Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Catechetical Review

As the head of the family should teach
it in a simple way to his household.

The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy 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!

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- LCMS memory verse challenge: **1 Corinthians 1:18** - "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

The Sunday of the Good Samaritan



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