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October 23, 2022

19th 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: 544 "O Love, How Deep"

Hymn of the Day: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Distribution Hymn: 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

Distribution Hymn: 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Distribution Hymn: 748 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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 Oldehoeft, Lorna Heitman, & Bill Burger (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Kingston Voelker

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Ushers today - *Jacob Bott, Elijah Meier, John Bott, & Daniel Nabors

Ushers next Sunday - *Evan Bott, Lance Gerleve, Tyler Ohlde, Conner Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Conner, Mason, & Zac

LYF Fellowship Hour Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 - Sophia, Ethan, & Aiden

Upcoming Events

- October 23** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; NO Children's Sunday School
1:00 p.m. Association Meeting at Zion
- October 26** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
- October 30** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * The following is a list of the results of the elections of church officers held during the Quarterly Meeting last Sunday, October 16th:
 - * Chairman - Steve Meier; Vice-Chairman - Daryl Bott;
 - * Board of Elders - Ned Peters & Brett Tiemeyer;
 - * Board of Trustees - Evan Meier & John Bott;
 - * Board of Education - Rachel Ohlde;
 - * Evangelism Chairman - Dan Thalmann
 - * Financial Secretary - Darren Bott
- * The LYF will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. this **Wednesday, October 26th**, to carpool to the "YOU MATTER" event at St Paul's in Clay Center, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The event will feature musical guest, Lance Stafford, from Cloverton, and Heather Ruesch, a Life Issues educator, author, and motivational/mental health speaker. It'll be a great chance to fellowship with other youth and hear a relevant message!
- * The men of St. John are invited to the annual St. John Men's Club trap shoot on **Sunday, November 6th**, behind the parish hall. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and will include a devotional, Christian men's fellowship, and refreshments, along with a recreational trap shoot. Bring your lawn chairs, extra clay pigeons, and your shotguns to participate. Beginners and experienced shooters welcome.
- * There will be an association meeting **TODAY, October 23rd**, at 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church to discuss updates on Linn Lutheran School's budget.
- * Linn Lutheran PTL is hosting a Bible Trivia Night **this evening, October 23rd**, at 6 p.m. at Zion. Everyone is welcome to join! Snacks & drinks will be served.
- * **Calling all parents (past, present, and future)** - Pastor would like to gauge interest for a Bible class on parenting. The class would run on the six Wednesdays leading up to Ash Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (1/11-2/25). Please pre-signup by text or email to Pastor that you will attend. Open to all. Topics will include: What does Biblical wisdom teach us about parenting? How can we instill in our children a love for God and his ways? What about discipline and nurture? [Note: This will NOT be a space to judge one another but a safe space to build one another up in Christ and share our mutual burdens: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).]

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 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a)*

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*

When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*

incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a | parable;*

I will utter dark sayings | from of old,

things that we have | heard and known,*

that our fathers have | told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, | and his might,*

and the wonders that | he has done.

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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: *Genesis 28:10-17*

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 4:22-28*

²² Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:1-8*

¹ Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?" ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

As We Gather...

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (**Genesis 28:10–17**). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*" (**Matthew 9:1–8**). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "*For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation*" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (**Ephesians 4:22–28**) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "*This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!*" (**Genesis 28:17**)

Pictorial Directory Update

It's time for our new Pictorial Directory! Universal Church Directories will be here on Friday, November 25th, from 2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 26th, from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory for participating. We will be taking appointments before and after church throughout October.

For those who would like to schedule online, you may do so at www.ucdir.com, click on the Photography Appointment Scheduling login. Enter ks140 in the church code field and enter photos in the church password field. Please use two consecutive time slots for families of 6 or more. Online scheduling will be available Monday – Saturday of each week.

Committee members are Annette Bott, Ann Ohlde, Deb Peters and Karla Sweet. If you need help or have questions, please let us know, we would be happy to help!

The Sunday of the Paralytic

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar

IV. How to Receive This Sacrament Worthily *(Cont.)*

303. How are we to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament?

We are to examine ourselves to see whether

A. we are sorry for our sins;

959 **Psalm 38:18** - I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.

960 **2 Corinthians 7:10-11** - Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you.

B. we believe in our Savior Jesus Christ and in His words in the Sacrament;

961 **Luke 22:19-20** - This is My body given for you... This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.

962 **2 Corinthians 13:5** - Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

C. we plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives.

963 **Ephesians 4:22-24** - Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and...put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness (NKJV).

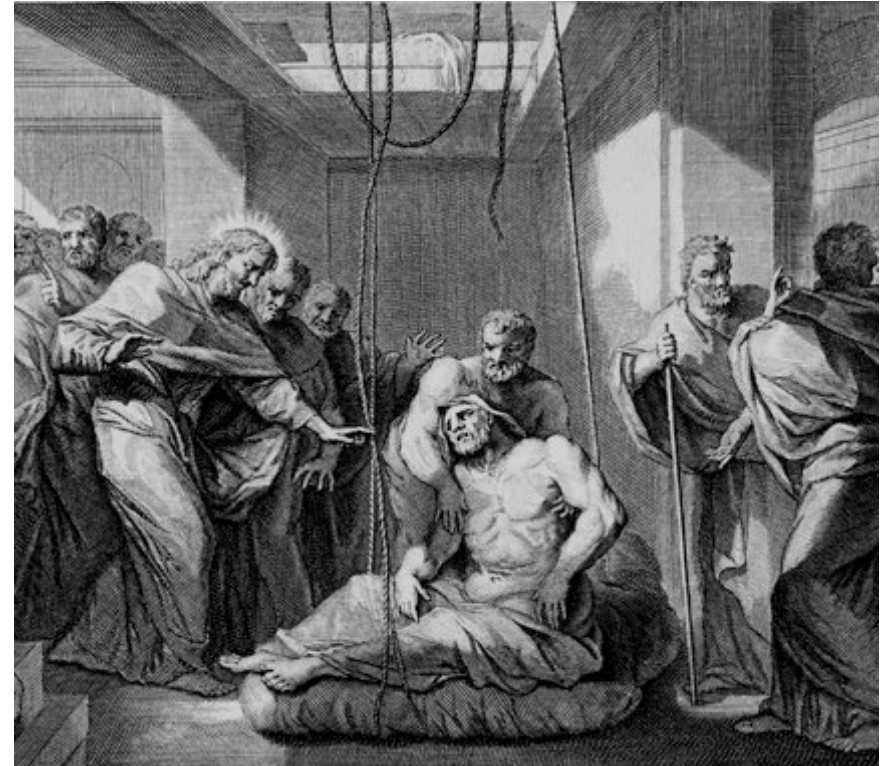
As a preparation for the Sacrament, use "Christian Questions with Their Answers."

304. May those who are weak in faith come to the Lord's Table?

Yes, for Christ instituted the Sacrament for the very purpose of strengthening and increasing our faith.

964 **Mark 9:24** - I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief.

965 **John 6:37** - Whoever comes to Me I will never drive away.



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