

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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August 23, 2026

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 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: 524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

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

Distribution Hymn: 831 "'How Shall They Hear,' Who Have Not Heard"

Distribution Hymn: 841 "O Son of God, in Galilee"

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

Distribution Hymn: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Closing Hymn: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home);

Annette Bott (cancer)

Acolyte today - Briette Bott

Acolyte Aug. 30th - Holden Bott

Ushers today - *Noah Thalmann, Kingston Voelker, Elijah Meier, & Greyson Ohlde

Ushers Aug. 30th - *Liam Voelker, Emmerich Hornkohl, Nolan Meier, & Cash Stunkel

LYF Mowing Aug. 29th - Cade Hiltgen & Nolan Meier

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Aug. 30th & Sept. 6th - Sophia & Emma Hiltgen

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Sept. 13th & 27th - Lexie & Kyra Ohlde

Upcoming Events

Aug. 23 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

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

Sept. 6 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; NO Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **2 John 6** - "This is love, that we walk according to His commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it."
- Sunday School classes will begin **TODAY, August 23rd**, and the teaching schedule is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you!
- Women's Bible Study will meet one hour every Monday this fall, beginning Sept. 14. A Zoom link will be available to catch the discussion if you miss a session. Text or call Martha (785) 747-7410 by Sept. 6 to sign up or for more info. \$12 book.
 - AFTERNOON (1:30 p.m.) - Connecting with God through Prayer (6 wks)
 - EVENING (6:30 p.m.) - Who is God? (6 wks)
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Wednesday, Aug. 26** - Chapel will be at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Koch at Zion.
 - **Monday, Sept. 7** - No School for Linn Lutheran or Linn Public.
 - **Wednesday, Sept. 9** - Grandparents Day at Linn Lutheran School! 8:30 a.m. chapel at Zion with Pastor Koch; donuts & Bingo to follow in Zion Basement! Please invite all Grandparents of LLS to our most popular annual event!!!
- **Registration for the Confirmation Retreat is fast approaching!** Who: All 5th-8th grade students; When: Fri., Oct 2nd - Sat. Oct. 3rd; Where: Rock Springs 4-H Camp, Junction City, KS; Theme: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" - Confession and Absolution; What: An overnight retreat to help pre-confirmation and confirmation-aged children to grow in their faith together. This year's retreat focuses on the Christian life of repentance, as we confess our sins and hear Jesus raise us up with His life-giving Word of absolution. There will be sessions focused on this topic, as well as plenty of games, food, fun, and fellowship. How to register: Fill out a registration brochure and release forms (can be picked up at Linn Lutheran School or Zion Lutheran) and return them to the school office or to Vicar Shipman at the Zion office **by Sun., Aug. 30th**. Registration is \$109/child. Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran. Registering on time guarantees your child a t-shirt and a spot at the retreat! Note: Adult chaperones are also needed! If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Vicar Shipman. Questions/Contact: Vicar Matthew Shipman, matthewrshipman@gmail.com.

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

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.”

Gradual (*Psalms 34:1-2*)

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 10:9-17*

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

Catechetical Review

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CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS
HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS, ADMONISHING THEM
ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

1 Timothy 3:2-4 - ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,

1 Timothy 3:6 - He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Titus 1:9 - He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

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" (*Romans 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.

The Sunday of the Deaf Mute



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