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September 3, 2023

The 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 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: 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

Hymn of the Day: 683 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Distribution Hymn: 629 "What Is This Bread"

Distribution Hymn: 798 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Distribution Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Distribution Hymn: 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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 (nursing home); Marilynne Ohlde (pain)

Acolyte today - Cash Stunkel

Acolyte Sept. 10 - Emitt Tiemeyer

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Conner Ohlde

Ushers Sept. 10 - *Aaron Stuenkel, Lance Gerleve, Daniel Nabors, & Aiden Sweet

LYF Mowing Sept. 9th - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Mowing Sept. 16th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Serving for Bible Class Sept. 10th - Camryn Beikmann & Aiden Sweet

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- Sept. 6 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Mission Festival Choir Rehearsal
- Sept. 10 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Sept. 11 8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
- Sept. 13 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Mission Festival Choir Rehearsal

Announcements

- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - Grandparents' Day is Wednesday, Sept. 13. Join us for Chapel at Zion @ 8:25 am.; then, come downstairs for donuts & Bingo! All Grandparents' are welcome to join us!!
 - * No School on Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day
 - * No School on Monday, Sept. 18 - Teacher Inservice
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: Titus 3:4-6 - **"When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."**
- Rehearsals for Mission Festival Choir will be in our parish hall on Wed., Sept. 6th and 13th at 7:30 pm. I plan to respect your time and keep these rehearsals to no more than 45 minutes. I am looking forward to making a joyful noise unto the Lord with you! If you have any questions, please contact me at diane.hayes06@gmail.com or (970) 227-8600 - Diane Hayes
- The Church Council will have a meeting on **Sunday, September 10th**, from 2 to 4 pm. This will be a meeting with our Circuit Visitor, Dr. Phillip Miller. This is an important meeting, and all Church Council members are asked to attend.
- The church directories are in the church boxes for those who submitted or had pictures taken. Extra directories can be purchased for \$10.00. Committee members are Ann Ohlde, Deb Peters, Karla Sweet and Annette Bott.

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 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.

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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 (*Psalm 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 (*Psalm 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.”

As We Gather...

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Galatians 3:15-22). So it is that two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23-37). Only the promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion. He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord, by whose Law we are torn and stricken, heals us and revives us by His Gospel and raises us up with Himself on the third day, that we may live in His sight (Hosea 6:1-6).

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Second Commandment

[God's Name]

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive, by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

32. What is using satanic arts by God's name?

Using satanic arts by God's name is

A. using God's name in order to perform or claim to perform supernatural things with the help of the devil, such as casting spells, calling up a spirit, fortune-telling, consulting the dead, or other occult practices;

96 **Deuteronomy 18:10-12**- Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you.

Bible narratives: The Egyptian sorcerers performed supernatural things with the help of the devil (**Exodus 7-8**). The sons of Sceva used Jesus' name to cast out spirits, but they did not have faith (**Acts 19:13-29**).

B. joining with or seeking the aid of people who practice these and similar satanic arts or worship Satan;

97 **Leviticus 19:31**- Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.

Bible narrative: King Saul sought the help of the witch of Endor (**1 Samuel 28**).

C. depending on horoscopes or similar ways to foretell the future.

98 **Ecclesiastes 7:14** - When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future.

The Sunday of the Good Samaritan



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