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November 20, 2022

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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: 561 "The Tree of Life"

Hymn of the Day: 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Distribution Hymn: 673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Distribution Hymn: 514 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

Closing Hymn: 515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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); **Edith Lange** (recovery)

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Deavon Ohlde

Ushers today & Thanksgiving Day - *Aaron Stuenkel, John Bott, Tyler Ohlde,

& Ethan Bott

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, & Tyler Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Elijah & Daniel

LYF Fellowship Hour Nov. 27th & Dec. 4th - Dylan & Zac

Upcoming Events

November 20 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School

November 23 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:30 p.m. NO Mixed Choir Rehearsal

November 24 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Divine Service

November 27 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School

November 30 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
6:15 p.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent 1

Announcements

* The congregation is invited to come early to the first Advent service on **Wednesday, November 30th**. The St. John's men's club will be serving soup before the service, starting at 6 p.m. The Worship service begins at 7 p.m. For the men's club members, we will have a very short business meeting at 5:30 p.m. as we set up for the event.

* **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Blessed Thanksgiving! Study Exodus 10-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), study the 3rd Article of the Creed on Concord Matters (11/26 at 10:00 a.m.), and dive into a curious theological topic with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell on Cross Defense (11/26 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Pictorial Directory Update

Don't forget.....Thursday and Friday are the first round of portraits for our church directory. You should have an information brochure with your portrait date and time written on it in your box.

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 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 my 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 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10*)

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is
as nothing be- | fore you.***

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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 Last Sunday of the Church Year

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ “Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the Lord.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

¹ [Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

as the Head of the Family Should Teach Them in a Simple Way to His Household.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

The Sunday of the Wise and Foolish Virgins



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