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November 26, 2023

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 (pg. 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: 514 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

Distribution Hymn: 673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Closing Hymn: 515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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);

Camryn Beikmann (knee surgery)

Acolyte today - Emitt Tiemeyer

Acolyte Dec. 3rd - Kingston Voelker

Ushers today - *Tyler Ohlde, Liam Voelker, Greyson Ohlde, & Conner Ohlde

Ushers Dec. 3rd - *Ryan Stuenkel, Daniel Nabors, Elijah Meier, & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Serving for Bible Class today - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

LYF Serving for Bible Class Dec. 3rd & 10th - Camryn Beikmann & Aiden Sweet

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 26 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Program Practice
- Nov. 29 5:30-6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation
- Dec. 2 8:45-10:15 a.m. Christmas Program Practice (No Preschool)
- Dec. 3 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Program Practice
- Dec. 4 7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
- Dec. 6 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (hosted by Men's Club)
7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent 1

Announcements

- LCMS memory verse challenge this week: Colossians 4:2 - "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."
- After another successful Linn Lutheran Endowment Auction, we would like to thank all the many people it takes to make it successful year after year: the Auction Committee, which starts working on the auction back in August; everyone who donated items and also bid & bought on items; parents of Linn Lutheran students who made desserts and helped serve the meal! We all are truly blessed & humbled to live in such a caring and giving community! Thank you & see you all next year on Saturday, November 16, 2024!
- The Sunday School children will begin practicing for the Christmas program next Sunday, Nov. 26, during the Sunday School hour. Preschool children will continue to have class in their classroom and practice their part as needed. The practice schedule and parts will be distributed; please also like the St. John Sunday School FB page for further announcements. Please volunteer to teach Sunday School in the New Year by signing up on the Sunday School bulletin board.
- LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Washington County Food Pantry. Please put items in the box at the back of the church. Collections will be gathered during the month of November.
- Thursday, December 7th, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clay Center is having a Bazaar & Bake/Food Sale from 4 -7 p.m. and Soup Supper from 5-7 p.m. See the flyer on the hallway bulletin board for details.
- Pr. Gaschler of Immanuel will be leading a five part Bible study on Judges every Tuesday at 7 p.m. until Dec. 19 at the Clyde Senior Center. He will discuss topics ranging from the history of Israel, to the depravity of sinful man, to the faithfulness of God, to finding Christ in the Old Testament. All are invited!

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 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.

Gradual (*Psalm 45:14-15*)

**In many-colored robes [the king’s daughter] is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.
With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

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.

Alleluia Verse (*Revelation 21:2*)

Alleluia. I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **Alleluia.**

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

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Ten Commandments

The Fourth Commandment

[God's Representatives]

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

50. What does God require of us in the Fourth Commandment? (cont.)

God requires us

B. to serve our parents and other authorities by gladly providing what they need or require;

143 **1 Timothy 5:4** - If a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

144 **Romans 13:7** - Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Bible narratives: Joseph provided for his father (**Genesis 47:11-12**). Jesus provided for His mother (**John 19:26**).

C. to obey our parents and other authorities in everything in which God has placed them over us;

145 **Col. 3:20** - Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

146 **Titus 3:1** - Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.

147 **Acts 5:29** - We must obey God rather than men!

Note: See "To Workers of All Kinds," "To Employers and Supervisors," and "Of Citizens" in the Table of Duties.

Bible narratives: Jesus was subject to Mary and Joseph (**Luke 2:51**). Jonathan disobeyed his father in order to spare David's life and thus obeyed God rather than man (**1 Samuel 20:31-33**).

D. to love and cherish our parents and other authorities as precious gifts of God;

148 **Proverbs 23:22** - Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Bible narrative: Ruth loved and cherished her mother-in-law Naomi (**Ruth**).

E. to show respect to the aged.

149 **Leviticus 19:32** - Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.

51. What promise does God attach to this commandment?

...that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth (**Eph 6:3**).

The Sunday of the Wise and Foolish Virgins



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