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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 Thyself with Gladness"

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

Distribution Hymn: 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Distribution Hymn: 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

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, Loren Bott,

JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home); Bill Wiese (ICU)

Acolyte today - Hendrix Stunkel Acolyte Sun., Dec. 1st - Lydia Voelker

Ushers today - *Eli Thalmann, Liam Voelker, Daniel Nabors, & Zac Hiltgen

Ushers Dec. 1 - *Conner Ohlde, Mason Tiemeyer, Kingston Voelker, Noah Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Service today - Camryn Beikmann & Kingston Voelker

LYF Fellowship Service Dec. 1st & 8th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 24 | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School |
| Nov. 27 | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation |
| Nov. 28 | 9:00 a.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service |
| Dec. 1 | 8:45 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Kids' Christmas Program Practice |
| Dec. 4 | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent 1 |

Announcements

- We need Sunday School teachers. Please check the sign up sheet in the hall. Thank you!
- Chapel this next week for Linn Lutheran School will be on **Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 8:30 a.m.** at Zion, as we don't have school Wednesday-Friday. Everyone is welcome to join us; Mr. Beikmann leads Chapel.
- Mark your calendars for caroling at the nursing home on **Sunday, Dec. 15th**, at 5:30 p.m.!
- LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Washington County Food Pantry during the period of **November 15 through December 15**. Items can be placed in the box in the back of the church.
- Two ways to help hurricane victims:
 - Give directly to Trinity Lutheran Church in Tryon, NC. Trinity is a faithful Lutheran congregation in our synod that suffered significant damage from the storm. To help them get Word and Sacrament ministry going again, consider giving directly at www.trinitylutherantrion.com and click "Give" at the top of the page.
 - To help the LCMS humanitarian relief efforts, go to lcms.org/givenow/disaster

As We Gather...

By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night". The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people.

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 Apostles' Creed – The Second Article (Cont.)

The Two Natures of Jesus Christ

118. Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is “true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary.”

119. How do you know that Jesus Christ is true God?

Because the Scriptures clearly call Him God, teaching the following:

A. Jesus has divine names.

387 **John 20:28** - Thomas said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

388 **Romans 9:5** - From them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised!

389 **1 John 5:20** - He is the true God and eternal life.

Note: These names are not merely honorary titles but tell exactly who Jesus is, and they can be true only of God.

B. Jesus possesses divine attributes (qualities or characteristics). He is

1. eternal (without beginning and without end);

390 **John 1:1-2** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

2. unchangeable;

391 **Hebrews 13:8** - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

3. almighty (omnipotent);

392 **Matthew 28:18** - All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

4. all-knowing (omniscient);

393 **John 21:17** - Lord, You know all things.

5. present everywhere (omnipresent);

394 **Matthew 28:20** - Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Bible narratives: Miraculous catch of fish (**Luke 5:4-6; John 21:6**). Jesus knows the name and character of Nathanael (**John 1:48**). Jesus and the woman at Jacob's well (**John 4:17-18**).

Note: See also **Matthew 21:1-7; 26:20-25; Luke 18:31-33; 22:8-13**.

The Sunday of the Wise and Foolish Virgins



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- LCMS memory verse challenge: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-14** - “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”