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October 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday

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: 647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

Hymn of the Day: 954 "We All Believe in One True God"

Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 585 "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

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

Closing Hymn: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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.

Robbie Oelschlager (*chronic pain*)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Mason Tiemeyer

Acolytes next Sunday - Daniel Nabors

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Lance Gerleve, Andrew Tiemeyer, & Eli Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Brady Kolle, John Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Aaron Stuenkel

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - Eli & Ella Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty November 1st & 8th - Ryan Stuenkel & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

October 25

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

October 28

5:30-6:30 p.m. Mid-Week & Confirmation

November 1

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Announcements

- * The following are the results of the elections of church officers held during the Quarterly Meeting last Sunday, October 18:
 - * Chairman - Steve Meier;
 - * Vice-Chairman - Daryl Bott;
 - * Board of Elders - Doug Bott & Joel Voelker;
 - * Board of Trustees - Clayton Bott & Chad Hiltgen;
 - * Sunday School Superintendent - Diane Beikmann;
 - * Financial Secretary - Darren Bott
- * We've been asked to gather three items for the Angel Tree collection for Christmas: deodorant, body wash, and boxes of turkey stuffing.
- * Dear members of St. John: Wow! What a wonderful surprise! To be remembered by you at my retirement with your monetary gift. Along with the members of Zion, you have become very special people to Karlene and me. We will treasure the relationships that God in Christ has given us with you into our retirement and on into all eternity together in heaven. May our gracious God continue to look after you and bless you in all your ways. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Pastor Gruoner and Karlene
- * New funeral planning worksheets are now available. It is an act of love to consider how you want to confess your faith in Christ with your funeral for the benefit of your loved ones. These sheets need not be completed in their entirety. Please return them to Pastor's box. (If you have previously done this, a copy of the information we have is in your church box. Take no action to leave "as-is," or return the new form to make revisions).
- * The Linn Lutheran School Endowment Fund Benefit Auction will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 21st**. The deadline for donation forms is **Friday, Oct. 23rd**, for the items to be printed in the auction book. Any submissions after this date will be in the auction supplement. Donated items are needed by **Thursday, Nov. 19th**. Thank you for your continued support of Christian education in our community!
- * Unfortunately, the LLL Zone 7 convention scheduled for **November 8th** at the WCHS gymnasium has been cancelled due to concerns of COVID-19 by the school.
- * This week on KFUO.org, continue studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), hear a heartwarming adoption story on The Coffee Hour (**10/28 at 9 a.m.**), and continue in 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**). Find these and more on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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, 22:23ff; Luke 22:17-20**)
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit (*Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

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.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.
The Lord redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
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 Reformation Sunday

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

First Reading: *Revelation 14:6-7*

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Epistle Reading: *Romans 3:19-28*

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:12-19*

¹² [Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ ‘‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

As We Gather...

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (*Matthew 11:19*), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (*John 8:35*). For He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (*Matthew 11:19*), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (*Revelation 14:6*), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (*Romans 3:21*), “that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (*Romans 3:26*). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith” (*Romans 3:25*), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (*John 8:31-32*).

From Elements of Religion (1894) by Henry Eyster Jacobs

But God does not justify without a ground of Justification. The guilt and punishment of man’s sin are not annihilated. Every penalty of transgression is exacted. All the disgrace of sin must have some one to whom it is imputed. God does not declare man righteous and worthy of everlasting life unless there is actually presented a complete equivalent for the most far-reaching demands of the Law. God’s mercy is not exercised at the expense of His justice. But, in Justification, the righteousness of Christ is accounted ours. Christ stands before God charged with our sins; and we stand before God, with all Christ’s merits regarded as ours.

It is not, then, our life in Christ, or Christ’s life in us, that justifies us, but it is alone what Christ was for us when He was made sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (*2 Corinthians 5:21*), when He bore our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness (pages 184-185).

* For information on *Elements of Religion* and other books available from Reprintstation Press, visit www.scholia.net.

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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article (Continued)

The Office of Christ

125. For what threefold office was Christ anointed?

Christ was anointed to be our Prophet, Priest, and King.

A. As Prophet, Christ.

1. preached personally during His life on earth, validating His word with miracles, especially His own resurrection;

431 **Deuteronomy 18:15** - The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to Him.

432 **Matthew 17:5** - "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

433 **Mark 1:38** - Let us go somewhere else - to the nearby villages - so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.

434 **John 1:17-18** - The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

435 **John 6:68** - Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

2. through the preached Gospel today still proclaims Himself to be the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

436 **Mark 16:15** - He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

437 **Luke 10:16** - He who listens to you listens to Me; he who rejects you rejects Me; but he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.

438 **2 Corinthians 5:20** - We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

B. As Priest, Christ

1. fulfilled the Law perfectly in our stead (active obedience);

439 **Galatians 4:4-5** - When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

2. sacrificed Himself for our sins (passive obedience);

440 **1 Corinthians 15:3** - Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

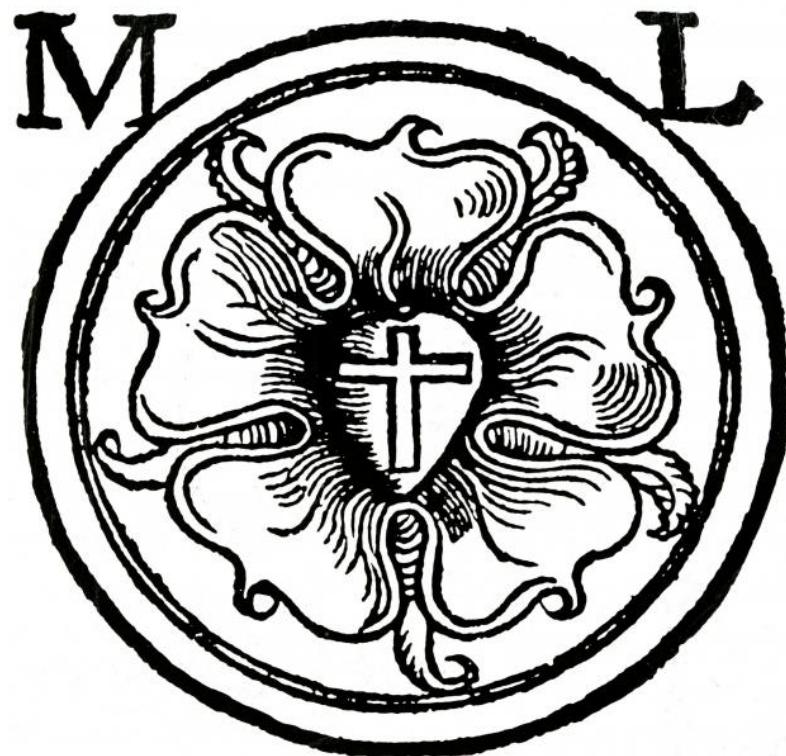
441 **Hebrews 7:26-27** - Such a high priest meets our need - one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself.

442 **1 John 2:2** - He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

3. still pleads for us with His heavenly Father (intercession).

443 **1 John 2:1** - We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One..

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:15



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