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September 20, 2020

Fifteenth 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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 908 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

Hymn of the Day: 766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"*

**(vs. 2-men, 3-women, 7-men, 8-women)*

Distribution Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Distribution Hymn: 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Distribution Hymn: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Closing Hymn: 752 "Be Still, My Soul"

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.

Loved ones of Ramona Hiesterman (sister of Brenda Reith)

Steve Meier (thanksgiving and continued recovery)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

Acolytes next Sunday - Camryn Beikmann & Liam Voelker

Ushers this Sunday - *Evan Bott, Eli Thalmann, Elijah Meier, & John Bott

Ushers next Sunday - *Aaron Stuenkel, Andrew Tiemeyer, Tyler Ohlde, John Bott

LYF Mowing September 26th - Eli & Ella Thalmann

LYF Mowing October 3rd - Elijah Meier & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

September 20

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

September 21

8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

September 23

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

September 27

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
6:00 PTL Movie Night & Hayrack Ride

Announcements

- * Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School resumes **TODAY, September 20th**.
- * Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the church float in the Palmer Labor Day Parade.! We took second place. The ribbon is on the bulletin board.
- * Next **Sunday, September 27th**, St. John Men's Club will be hosting the "Linn Lutheran PTL Movie Night & Hayrack Ride." The hayrack ride will leave St. John at 6 p.m., with the hot dog roast & outdoor movie afterwards; the movie will be moved indoors if inclement weather occurs.
- * Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of future mandates from Governor Kelly, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Hermansberg) has elected to cancel their **61st Annual Smorgasbord & Bake Sale** that was scheduled for October 4th.
- * **KFUO Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUORadio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
 - * This week on KFuo.org, study a curious theological question with Pastor Tyrel Bramwell on Cross Defense (**9/21 at 2 p.m.**), study the practical application of our Lutheran confessions on Concord Matters with Pastor Sean Smith (**9/22 at 2 p.m.**), and worship with us in **daily** chapel services at **10 a.m.** Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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.

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 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3)*

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

**Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.
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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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.

Old Testament Reading: *1 Kings 17:8-16*

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 5:25-6:10*

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6:24-34*

²⁴ [Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being

anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

As We Gather... Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (**Matthew 6:24–34**), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God—that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (**1 Kings 17:8–16**). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (**Galatians 5:25–6:10**).

From Elements of Religion (1894) by Henry Eyster Jacobs

There is probably no place where the treatment of doctrine has to be more carefully guarded, than in enforcing the duty of good works. That it is a most important part of the preaching of the Christian minister is manifest from **Titus 3:8**: “I will that thou affirm constantly that they, which have believed in God, might be careful to maintain good works.” The danger lies in so enforcing this duty that the doctrine of Justification by faith alone is obscured. This danger is avoided when it is clearly taught that the necessity for good works, arises not from the necessity for salvation, since neither salvation nor continuance in a state leading to salvation depends upon man’s good works. but from the fact, that it belongs to the nature of the Christian to perform good works, just as it belongs to the nature of the sun to shine, or of fire to burn. (pages 194-195).

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

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article (Cont.)

The Names *Jesus* and *Christ*

116. Why is He called "Christ?"

The title *Christ* (Greek) or *Messiah* (Hebrew) means "the Anointed." Jesus has been anointed with the Holy Spirit without limit to be our Prophet, Priest, and King.

Note: Anointing was the way prophets, priests, and kings were set apart for special work.

380 **Psalm 45:7** - God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

381 **John 3:34** - The one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

382 **Acts 10:38** - God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

Note: The following are other titles for Jesus: Angel of God (**Exodus 14:19**); Redeemer (**Isaiah 59:20**); Immanuel (**Matthew 1:23**); Son of the living God (**Matthew 16:16**); Son of Man (**Matthew 25:31**); the Word (**John 1:14**); Lord (**John 20:28**). His names are the Gospel simply stated.

117. What does it mean when you confess, "I believe in Jesus Christ?"

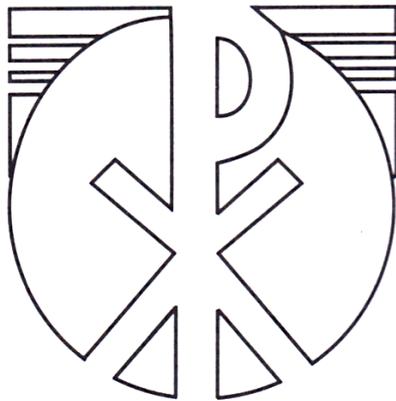
It means that I know and trust in Jesus Christ as my only Savior from sin, death, and the devil and believe that He gives me eternal life.

383 **John 17:3** - The is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

384 **John 3:36** - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.

385 **2 Timothy 1:12** - I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.

386 **Romans 10:10** - It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.



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The Sunday of the Birds and the Lilies



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