

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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November 22, 2020

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.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, & Loraine Oldehoef (our nursing home residents)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *Evan Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Cody Ohlde, & Tyler Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *John Bott, Lance Gerleve, Brady Kolle, & Jacob Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today - Claire Beikmann & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour duty Nov. 29th & Dec. 6th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

Upcoming Events

- November 22** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- November 25** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mid-Week & Confirmation
- November 26** 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service
- November 21** 5:30 p.m. LL Endowment Benefit Auction & Meal
- November 29** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Christmas Program Practice

Announcements

* Christmas Program Practice Schedule:

- * Practices after church will be from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Preschoolers will go to Sunday School from 10:45-11:05 a.m. and then join practice until 11:30 a.m. These Sunday practices will be held on:
 - * **Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20**
- * Saturday practices will be from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., with preschoolers attending from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. These Saturday practices are on:
 - * **Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19**
- * We MIGHT have a quick run-through on Wednesday night, **Dec. 23**.
- * All days and time are subject to change; if change occurs, please check the St. John Sunday/Choir Facebook page.
- * Please direct questions to Mr. Beikmann.
- * Debi Hornkohl will be in charge of preschoolers.

- * We've been asked to gather three items for the Angel Tree collection for Christmas: deodorant, body wash, and boxes of turkey stuffing; donations should be put in the parish hall and are due on or before **December 6th**.

- * This week on KFUO.org, begin studying 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), finish Titus on Sharper Iron (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), and consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and vocation as Lutherans on Concord Matters (**Tuesday, 11/24, at 2 p.m.**). Find these 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 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.

* 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: *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.”

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” (**1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**). 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 (**Matthew 25:1–13**). 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 (**Isaiah 65:17–25**).

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article *(Continued)*

Christ's Work of Redemption, or Atonement

133. Why did Christ humble himself?

Christ voluntarily humbled Himself in order to "redeem me, a lost and condemned person."

461 **Isaiah 53:4-5** - Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

462 **John 10:17-18** - I lay down My life - only to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord.

134. From what has Christ redeemed you?

He has redeemed me "from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil."

463 **John 1:29** - Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

464 **Hebrews 2:14-15, 17** - Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ...For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people.

135. How has Christ redeemed you from all sins?

A. He took my guilt and punishment upon Himself.

465 **Romans 5:19** - Through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

466 **2 Corinthians 5:21** - God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

467 **Galatians 3:13** - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

B. He freed me from the slavery of sin.

468 **John 8:34, 36** - I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

469 **1 Peter 2:24** - He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

The Sunday of the Wise and Foolish Virgins



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