

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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October 27, 2019

Reformation Day (Observed)

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 Gruoner, 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: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Sermon Hymn: 561 "The Tree of Life"

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

Distribution Hymn: 575 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Distribution Hymn: 645 "Built on the Rock"

Closing Hymn: 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at gholtorf@bluevalley.net.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Ramona Tiemeyer

Family of Steve Herrs

Acolyte this Sunday - Ayla Johnson

Acolyte next Sunday - Daniel Nabors

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

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

LYF mowing November 2 - Liz Bott & Ashley Gerleve

LYF mowing November 9 - Ryan Stuenkel & Elijah Meier

Upcoming Events

October 27

8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

October 30

5:30 p.m. Midweek

7:00 p.m. NO Adult Mixed Choir Practice

November 3

8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

November 6

5:30 p.m. Midweek

7:00 p.m. NO Adult Mixed Choir Practice

Announcements

- * Adult Mixed Choir will be singing a hymn next Sunday, November 3rd. Please meet in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m. to practice before church. Also note that there will be no practice the next two Wednesdays.
- * The LWML is holding its annual Food Drive this month. When you make your trip to the grocery store, consider buying a few extra nonperishable items to donate and make this time of year a bit easier for others who could use some help. A donation box is in the narthex; all items will be delivered to the Washington County Food Bank. Please contact Theresa with any questions. Let's fill the box!
- * Ashley Voelker has volunteered to serve as our congregational Thrivent coordinator, so she is now our person to contact regarding applying for \$250 action grants or if there is a need for a fundraiser for a church member.
- * Immanuel LLL (Hermansberg-Bremen) is holding their Annual Pancake Feed **TODAY**, October 27, from 4-8 p.m. There will be a free-will offering. The parish hall is handicapped accessible. The church is located 1 mile east & 2 1/2 miles north of Bremen or 6 miles west and 6 1/2 miles north of Marysville.
- * Trinity Lutheran Men's Club, Hanover, will hold their annual pancake supper on Sunday, November 10, serving from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be a free-will donation; proceeds will go to local, zone, & district LLL projects.
- * St. John will be hosting the Zone #7 LLL Fall Rally on Sunday, November 3rd with registration at 3, hymn sing at 3:15, and rally starting at 3:30. Mr. Mick Ohnen, a past LLL International President, will be the speaker.

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. David Gruoner, Vacancy 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.

This week on KFUO.org, hear about the roaring Word of God in Amos 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), learn about emotional wellness on Mental Health Monday with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (10/28 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and hear a special episode of Concord Matters on the Book of Concord with guest Rev. Paul McCain from Concordia Publishing House (10/29 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Blessed Reformation!

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



Introit

I will speak of your testimonies be- | fore 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.

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

Collect for Reformation Day (Observed)

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.

As We Gather...

It is not pride that draws us together today. It is not pride but gratitude. Heart-felt gratitude to God for the gift of the Gospel. Thankful that we have the opportunity to hear the word of the Cross proclaimed in our midst for what it is – God's power of salvation for us!

Old Testament 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: **John 8:31-36**

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

From "Elements of Religion" (1894) **by Henry Eyster Jacobs**

Justification has no degrees. There is no such a thing as partial Justification. Man is either completely forgiven all his sins, or he is forgiven none whatever. The ground of Justification being always Christ's merits, either all of His merits are ours, or none are ours. Even the weakest faith makes us partakers of Christ's righteousness; and hence the weakest faith justifies as fully as the strongest faith, since it is not properly faith, but the object that faith apprehends, that justifies.

Justification is therefore instantaneous. The very moment that the feeblest faith in Christ as a Redeemer is enkindled, man is justified. But while instantaneous, it is an act of God, that is constantly repeated. Man's nature, until the end of life being infected with sin, needs, when regard by itself, constant forgiveness. Hence, even the justified, as they survey themselves, daily turn to God, with the prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses." (page 187)

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

Newly Elected and Continuing Church Officers (Beginning in January)

Board of Elders:

Brad Ohlde (staying on)

Dan Thalmann (now serving in place of Keith Spiehs)

Mark Tiemeyer & Jerry Burger (newly elected)

Board of Trustees:

Travis Bott & Karl Tiemeyer (staying on)

Trey Voelker & Clayton Ohlde (newly elected)

Board of Education:

Kurtis Voelker (staying on)

Renae Bott (newly elected)

Treasurer: Annette Bott

Recording Secretary: Roger Bott

Financial Secretary: Darren Bott

Evangelism Chairman: Ronald Bott

Sunday School Superintendent: Ann Ohlde

Vice Chairman: Dennis Bott

Chairman: Tim Ohlde

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Second Commandment [Cont.]

[God's Name]

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive, by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

33. What is lying and deceiving by God's name?

Lying and deceiving by God's name is

A. teaching false doctrine and saying that it is God's Word or revelation;

99 **Deuteronomy 12:32** - See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.

100 **Jeremiah 23:31** - Yes, declares the Lord, I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, "The Lord declares."

101 **Matthew 15:9** - They worship Me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.

Bible narrative: The lie of a false prophet caused the prophet of God to be deceived and killed (**1 Kings 13:11-30**).

B. covering up an unbelieving heart or a sinful life by pretending to be a Christian.

102 **Matthew 7:21** - Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

103 **Matthew 15:8** - These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.

Bible narratives: Many scribes and Pharisees were hypocrites (**Matthew 23:13-33**). Ananias and Sapphira were hypocrites (**Acts 5:1-11**).

34. What does God require of us in the Second Commandment?

We should call upon His name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

104 **Psalms 50:15** - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me.

105 **Psalms 103:1** - Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

106 **Psalms 118:1** - Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

107 **John 16:23** - My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.

108 **Ephesians 5:20** - Give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bible narratives: The 10 lepers called upon Jesus in their trouble (**Luke 17:11-13**). The grateful stranger thanked Jesus and glorified God for the healing (**Luke 17:15-16**).

Hannah petitioned and thanked God for the gift of a son (**1 Samuel 1-2**). Mary's Song (Magnificat, **Luke 1:46-55**). Zechariah's Song (Benedictus, **Luke 1:68-79**).

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