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November 1, 2020

All Saints' Day

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: 676 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"

Hymn of the Day: 677 "For All the Saints"

Distribution Hymn: 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

Distribution Hymn: 639 "Wide Open Stand the Gates"

Distribution Hymn: 673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Closing Hymn: 678 "We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"

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 Oldhoeft (our nursing home residents)

Brandon, Jancee, & Cameron Hubbard (thanksgiving)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Daniel Nabors

Acolytes next Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

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

Ushers next Sunday - *Andrew Tiemeyer, John Bott, Eli Ohlde, & Nathan Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today & Nov. 8th - Ryan Stuenkel & Sophia Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour duty Nov. 15th & 22nd - Claire Beikmann & Elijah Meier

Upcoming Events

November 1

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
1:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
2:00 p.m. Trapshooting (hosted by Men's Club)

November 4

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

November 8

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

Announcements

- * New Bible class begins **today!** Come grow with us in God's word as Pastor begins a new series on the basic teachings and history of the Bible. All are welcome, whether you are new to Bible study or a veteran. Class ends promptly at 11:30.
- * The following are the results of the elections of church officers held during the Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, October 18:
 - * Chairman - Steve Meier; Vice-Chairman - Daryl Bott; Board of Elders - Doug Bott & Joel Voelker; Board of Trustees - Clayton Bott & Chad Hiltgen; SS Superintendent - Diane Beikmann; Financial Secretary - Darren Bott
- * Thank you to all who provided music in October during distribution while the organist took communion: Mixed Choir, Theresa Meier, Sheila Stuenkel, Ryan Stuenkel, and Elijah Meier.
- * 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**.
- * The Linn Lutheran Endowment Benefit Auction will be held on **Sat., Nov. 21st**:
 - * Silent Auction & Meal: 5:30-7:00 p.m.; Live Auction: 7:00 p.m. - ???
 - * Meal prices: adults - \$10; children 6-12 - \$5; children 5 & under - free
- * The Linn Lutheran School Endowment Fund Benefit Auction will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 21st**. Any donation submissions from now on will be printed 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 in 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel (**weekdays at 8:00 a.m.**), hear a story in our Adoption series on The Coffee Hour (**11/4 at 9:00 a.m.**), and study how our Lutheran Confessions affect our life in the church with Pastor Sean Smith (**11/3 at 2:00 p.m.**). Find these programs 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 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*)

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.
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 All Saints' Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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.

First Reading: *Revelation 7:2-17*

² Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Epistle Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12*

¹ Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

As We Gather... Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

“A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,” cry out “salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (**Revelation 7:9–17**). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, “shall see him as he is” (**1 John 3:1–3**). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (**Revelation 7:9–17**). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (**Matthew 5:1–12**).

*From Martin Luther's Sermon for
21st Sunday after Trinity (John 4:46-54)*

11. As if he would say: "Yes, you must hasten and come and yourself be present, or my son will die." Here Christ now bestows upon him a stronger faith, as God does upon all whom He strengthens in faith, and raise him thus to a higher degree of plain that he may become strong and believe in a different way than he did before; and He speaks thus to the father:

"Go thy way; thy son liveth."

12. Had He thus said to him before that his son would live, he would have been unable to believe; but now he believes when faith springs forth in his heart and begets in him another faith, so that he becomes a different man. Therefore the Lord adds to his great rebuke – great strength. For, he must now cling to that which he does not see; for he did not before believe that Christ had such power and influence that He could heal his son when he did not see Him and was not present with Him. It is truly strong faith, that a heart can believe what it does not see and understand, contrary to all the senses and reason, and can cling only to God's Word. Here there is nothing manifest except that he believed, otherwise he would have received no help. In faith one must look to nothing but the Word of God. Whoever permits anything else to be pictured in his eyes is already lost. Faith clings to the naked and pure Word, neither to his works nor to its merits. If your heart does not thus stand naked, your cause is lost.

* The quote is from *Luther's Church Postils* of 1905.

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.

B. As King, Christ

1. rules with His almighty power over all creation (the kingdom of power - all creatures);

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

2. governs and protects especially His church (the kingdom of grace - the church on earth);

445 **John 18:36-37** - Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

446 **2 Timothy 4:18** - The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessed



mourn comforted earth
reward merciful spirit utter
thirst peacemakers heart
way pure prophets
children revile
persecute
hunger people
filled God glad
receive persecuted
Rejoice kingdom
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