

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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August 18, 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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: 575 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
Sermon Hymn: 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
Distribution Hymn: 570 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"
Distribution Hymn: 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"
Closing Hymn: 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

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**
Arnold Lohmeyer

Acolyte this Sunday - Daniel Nabors

Acolyte next Sunday - Ethan Bott

Ushers this Sunday - *Trey Voelker, Brett Peters, Brady Kolle, & Cody Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Evan Bott, Nathan Ohlde, Elijah Meier, & John Bott

LYF mowing August 24 - Sophia Bott & Claire Beikmann

LYF mowing August 31 - Eli & Ella Thalmann

Upcoming Events

- August 18** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. LLS Installation Service@Zion and
Back-to-School Night@LLS
8:00 p.m. Call Meeting
- August 21** First Day of School for LLS & LPS
- August 25** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- * St. John is in need of someone to teach Midweek to the 4th-6th graders this school year at our church on Wednesday evenings. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our youth; if interested, please visit with one of the elders.
- * Sunday School teaching schedules are hanging up on the hallway bulletin board. Please sign up to help teach this fall. Whatever isn't filled in will be assigned to parents with students in that class on a rotation. Thank you!
- * The LWML was able to deliver 71 items to the Food Bank from the collection at the "Ladies Night Out" event. Thank you to all who attended and donated!
- * **Linn Lutheran News:**
 - * 2019-2020 School Year Theme: Matthew 18:20 - In Jesus' Name
 - * **Aug. 18th** - Installation Service/Back-to-School Night - 6:30 p.m.@Zion
 - * **Aug. 21st** - First Day of School (8:10 a.m.-3:35 p.m.)
 - * We are in need of volunteers; even serving for one hour a week would be greatly appreciated!
 - * For more information or to get an application, contact Linn Lutheran School (785-348-5792) and David Beikmann at linnluth@bluevalley.net.
 - * **Staff:** Mrs. Laura Stunkel (Preschool), Mrs. Kelsey Hatesohl (1st/2nd), Mrs. Jessie Uffman (3rd-5th), Mr. David Beikmann (6th-8th), Pastor Gruoner (Confirmation), Mrs. Ann Ohlde (Secretary), Mrs. Kay Bott & Mrs. Theresa Meier (Aides), Mrs. Deanna Giles (Custodian), & Claire Wohler (bus driver)
- * Our Annual Mission Festival will be on Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the old Linn High School Gym. Our guest this year is the Rev. Rod A. Benkendorf from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, who will lead Bible study and give the sermon during the service. Bible Class is at 9 a.m., and our Service of Prayer and Preaching is at 10 a.m.. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Matthew Durance at Bethlehem.
- * Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Washington will be hosting a program called "Stay Strong, Stay Healthy" that is based on simple, strength-building exercises that will improve balance, health, and state of mind, promoting quality of life and independence, especially for adults age 60 and over. If you are interested, the details are posted on the hallway bulletin board.

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

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 KFUE.org, study Psalm 41 and Daniel 8-11 on Thy Strong Word with Rev. AJ Espinosa and his guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), hear about the Saga of Salvation in Exodus 17-20 on Sharper Iron with Rev. Timothy Appel and his guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear about driving your tractor to church in mid-Missouri on The Coffee Hour (8/20 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!



Introit

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you; *
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Give ear to my prayer, | O God, *

and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it; *

it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then

I could | hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my | equal, *

my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether; *

within God's house we walked | in the throng.

But I | call to God, *

and the Lord will | save me.

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.

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you; *
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

As We Gather...

Today we worship God who gives us His Word. The Word is at times like a fire or a hammer, speaking law and condemnation, but it is also the Word that encourages us with the Gospel, creating our faith response to His grace.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29

16 Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

18 For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

19 Behold, the storm of the Lord!

Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the Lord will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

21 “I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

23 “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? 24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ 26 How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, 27 who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:17-12:3

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. 20 By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. 21 By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— 38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

49 [Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

“A Summary of the Christian Faith” by David Chytraeus (1568)

We must consider five points in this form of praying which Christ set forth in Luke 11 and Matt. 6:

I. Who God is whom we address, namely, the eternal Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who revealed Himself by sending this very Son, the Mediator, for whose sake we also flee for refuge to Him in faith, who embraces us with fatherly gentleness and accepts and hears our prayers. Our address of God, “Our Father,” contains this teaching.

II. The mandate of Christ which commands invocation and, in fact, the recitation of this verbal formula which Christ has given.

III. The promise that God certainly wants to accept and hear our invocation to reveal the desired blessings in that order and way which He expressed in the promise. We therefore say, “Our Father.” Thus He embraces us with parental gentleness and benevolence as we read in great detail in Luke 14: “If you then are veil,” etc. Also, He is our Father, that is, not only loving His only-begotten Son, about whom He says: “This is My beloved Son,” but also loving us, His adopted children for His sake, having regard for us, caring for us, defending us, listening to us, saving us.

IV. The faith which adds its “Amen” to the divine promise. page (161)

* The quotation above is from the work published by Repristination Press. For information on this book and other books by Repristination Press see www.scholia.net.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

15. What is the summary of commandments 1-3 (First Table)?

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matt. 22:37; see Deut. 6:5).

16. What is the summary of commandments 4-10 (Second Table)?

“And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 22:39; see Lev. 19:18).

17. What is the summary of all the commandments?

Love is the summary of all the commandments.

41 **Rom. 13:10** - Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

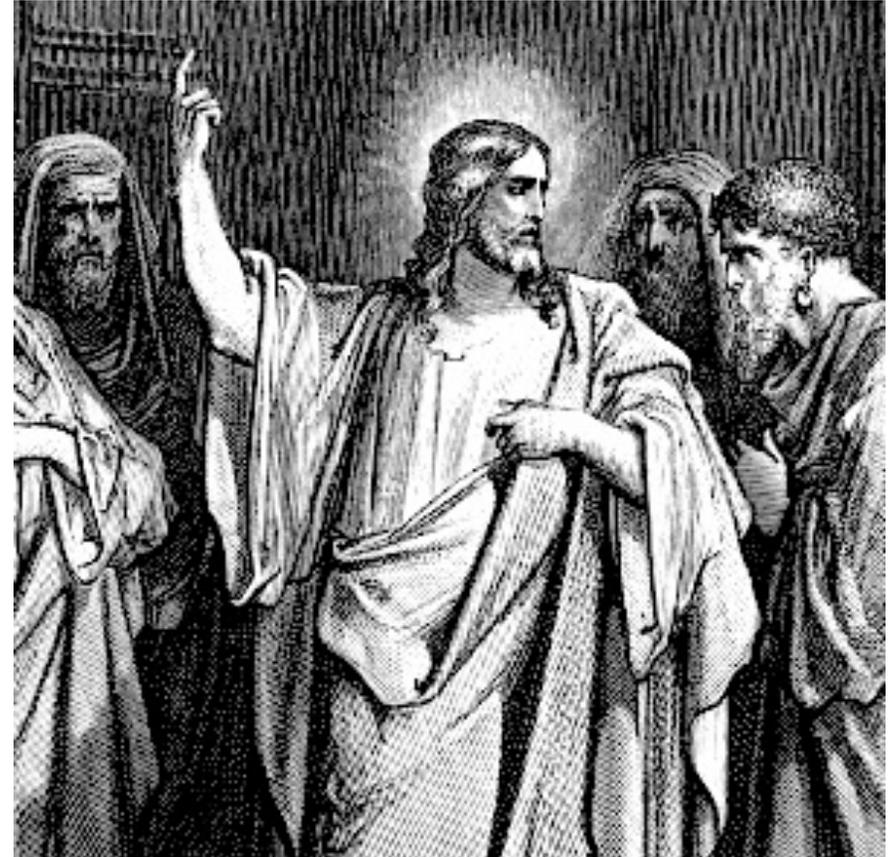
18. Whom does God mean when in the Ten Commandments He says, “You shall?”

He means me and all other human beings.

42 **Matt. 5:19** - Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

43 **Rom. 3:19** - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

Bible narrative: Jesus explained the meaning of these commandments for all people (Matthew 5).



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