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Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

Divine Service Setting Three

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Holy Communion *The Lord welcomes to his table all who repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. In this meal the Lord is present by a mystery in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As the Lord's Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and lest any eat and drink unworthily, those who are not yet instructed as members or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Lord's Supper, are asked to first speak to the pastor. Those who are not communing but wishing to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward. Simply bow your head to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!

Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service

Cover: Mural painting from the catacomb of Commodilla, Rome. 4th century.

...the greatest joy that we have for as long time to say outside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back covers of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Bell tones and Prelude *Schonster Herr Jesu— K. Hildebrand*
(we prepare in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)

Hymn: *Beautiful Savior* 537

(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession And Absolution p. 184

Introit: *Psalm 78:1–3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a*



Antiphon: Say to my soul, “I am your sal- | vation!”*

When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

c: Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*

incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a | parable;*

I will utter dark sayings | from of old,

things that we have | heard and known,*

that our fathers have | told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of

the LORD, | and his might,*

and the wonders that | he has done.

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.

Antiphon

Kyrie - *Lord Have Mercy* p. 186

Hymn Of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis* p. 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

First Reading: *Isaiah 44: 21-23*

Thus says the Lord God: "Remember this, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me! I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *Ephesians 4: 22-28*

Brethren: Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying,

...from one of you speak with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalm 141:1-2*

A: O LORD, I call upon you; hasten | to me!*

Give ear to my voice when I | call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore you,*

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel: *Matthew 9: 1-8*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And with your Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing

their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed p. 191

Hymn of the Day *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*
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Sermon

Offertory Music *In This Moment of Remembrance -*
D. Wood (Sunday)

Offertory: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* p. 192

Prayer of the Church

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Communion Prayers *During the time before, during and after Communion you may wish to pray while kneeling or sitting in your pew. Prayers are provided for the time of Communion inside the front covers of the hymnals under "Prayers for Worship."*

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn

O Love, How Deep

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(silent prayer)

Postlude

Deo Gracias - Anonymous

¹ *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969*

Church Attendance

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Offerings for God The offering box is available in the narthex for our giving.

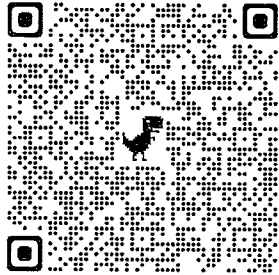
Welcome Guests! Please take a moment to fill out the form in the red Record of Fellowship pads at the end of your pew. This will help us to get to know you as you share worship among us!

Assisting with our services: Assistant: Hector Rodriguez (Sat), Dan Cox (Sun); Lead Deacon: Wayne Sasso (Sat), Cissy Kulakowski (Sun); Readers: Hector Rodriguez (Sat), Dan Cox (Sun); Altar Guild: Marcia Gregory (Sat), Cathy Poulin (Sun).

Voters Meeting: A special voters meeting will be held in the lounge following worship on October 6th to discuss the property on Bee St.

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Support Our Preschool: The preschool has set up a wishlist for supplies and other teaching items on Amazon. Use your cell phone's app to scan this QR code to link directly to the wishlist. You can order and have items shipped directly to the preschool. Thank you for your support.



Joyful Response: Joyful Response is a program we offer here at Saint John Lutheran Church where you can make your contributions to the Lord through online banking if you wish. If you're interested, a form has been included on our website detailing all the information we need from you! When you've completed it, please leave it in the mailbox outside the office door.

The Passion at Saint John: Join the Choir, along with Matthew, as they present *The Passion at Saint John*, a collection of Lenten music from the season, including songs from Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The concert will be held on October 20th at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a free concert!

Wednesday Worship: During this season we will explore mid-week Trinity themed readings. We will worship in the Saint John Chapel each Wednesday evening for the Divine Service at 7pm. Join us in God's presence!

Divine Service Setting 3: We celebrate the return to Divine Service Setting 3! With Divine Service Setting 3 St. John recovers its roots! This service is the old "Common Service" which was the prevailing English Liturgy in use since 1888 by Lutheran Congregations across America. It seems that St. John began to use this setting back in 1919 and continued its use with the Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) which was produced in 1941. St. John continued to worship with this setting for the majority of its history as did the majority of American Lutheran Churches over the years. May the Lord bless us as we regularly share the Divine Service among us!

We Welcome Our New Members: Chris Dougan, Carlene and Kyle Fox, *with Aidan and Olivia*, Crystal Walsh and Brennen Gurtowski, Ralph Mingoello, *with Madison*, Nathan and Kimberly Moran

Pancake Breakfast: We will be having the Pancake Breakfast on October 12th from 8-10 am in our Fellowship Hall for a \$5 donation! Call the office for tickets, or they can also be purchased at the door! There will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, and coffee. Apple Fritters will also be available to purchase!

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen. 28:17)



THE PASSION AT SAINT JOHN

*A Selection of Lenten and Holy Week Music provided by
the Saint John Chorister Choir and Organ*

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Image: El Greco, *Christ Carrying the Cross*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1580s.