

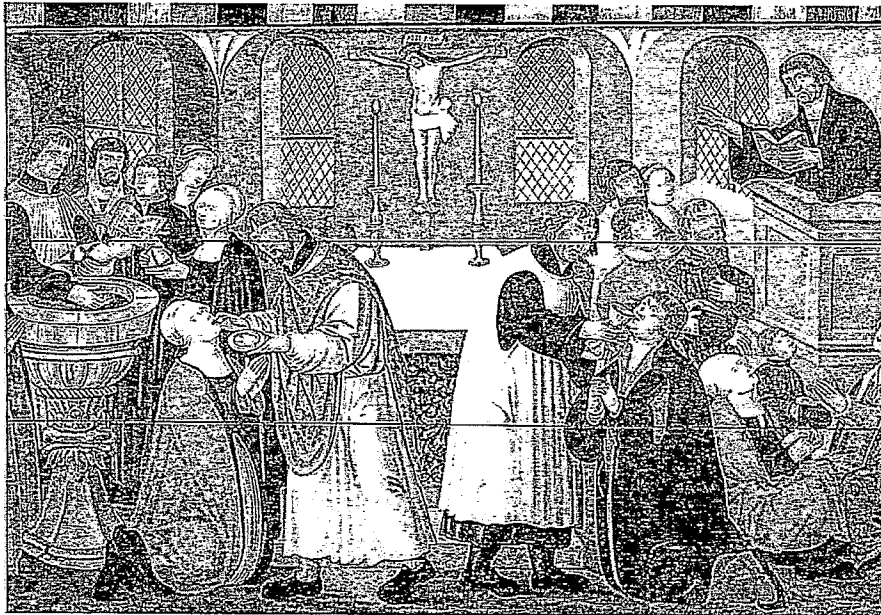
St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

Twenty-Second Sunday After Trinity

Observing Reformation Day

Divine Service Setting Three

October 26&27, 2024



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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: Martin Luther Preaching, from the Altarpiece of the Church of Torslunde, 1561

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As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside 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.

Pre-Service Music: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Sunday)*
-Beethoven/Sherman

Bell tones and Prelude - *Ein Feste Burg*
(we prepare in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)

Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* **657**

(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession And Absolution **p. 184**

Introit: *Psalm 130: 1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Psalm 130: 3-4*



Antiphon: In you, O LORD, should mark in-iquities,*
O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for-giveness,*
that you | may be feared.

C: Out | of the depths*
I cry to you, | O LORD!

O Lord, | hear my voice!*
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for
mercy!

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is |
steadfast love,*

and with him is plentiful re-demption.

And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in-iquities.

**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: *Micah 6: 6-8*

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *Philippians 1: 3-11*

Brethren: I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalms 133: 1, 3b*

A: Behold, how good and pleas-|ant it is*

When brothers dwell in | unity!

For the LORD has commanded the | blessing,*

Life for-|evermore.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel: *Matthew 18: 23-25*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And with your Spirit.The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed	p. 191
Hymn of the Day <i>Jesus Sinners Doth Receive</i>	609(1-4)
Sermon	
Offertory Music: <i>Praise the Lord with Music – J. Althouse (Sunday)</i>	
Offertory: <i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	p. 192
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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."*

Post-Communion Collect *(Please Rise)*

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn *Lord Jesus Christ, With us Abide*

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*(silent prayer)***Postlude***Toccata in d minor – J.S. Bach*

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!

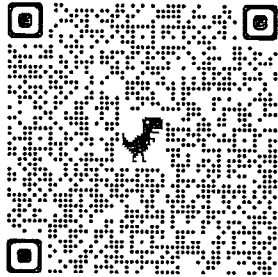
Assisting with our services: Assistant: Hector Rodriguez(Sat), Dan Cox (Sun); Lead Deacon: Wayne Sasso (Sat), Cissy Kulakowski (Sun); Readers: Beth Johnson (Sat), Dan Cox (Sun); Altar Guild: Donna Dlugos (Sat), Marcia Gregory (Sun).

Did you know? - Doxological verse: Δ

Did you know that when the sign Δ is used before a hymn stanza it indicates a doxological verse? This is a verse dedicated to God's glory and his holy Name. This verse is normally found at the end of the hymn. When the doxological verse begins, we rise to sing to God's honor!

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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.

Coffee Hour: Join us for a coffee hour on October 27th in the lounge following Sunday worship!

News at Saint John

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

Operation Christmas Child: St. John Lutheran Church will once again be collecting items, packing them in shoe boxes, and having them mailed to people around the world. Suggested items are toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items and no perishable foods are allowed. You can also write a check made payable to "Samaritan's Purse" with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo. All gifts and checks must be at the church by noon on Sunday November 24, 2024.

Walking humbly with our God and forgiving one another

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our “burnt offerings” or “thousands of rams” (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another “with the affection of Christ Jesus” (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, “filled with the fruit of Christ’s righteousness,” our “love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment” (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God” (Micah 6:8).