

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 467:1-3, 7 *Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand*

Liturgy page 12 ff. in the front of the Worship Supplement.

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 6:10-17 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel Lesson John 4:46-54 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, "Your son lives!" Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

Hymn 446 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

Sermon 2 Kings 23:21-27 Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as *it is* written in this Book of the Covenant." Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was held before the Lord in Jerusalem. Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that

Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord. Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did *any* arise like him.

Nevertheless the Lord did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, with which His anger was aroused against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him. And the Lord said, "I will also remove Judah from My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'"

The Never-Ending Need for Reformation...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 399 *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 52 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

VETERAN'S PROGRAM The students of our CDS will be presenting a program on Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the school basement. All are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS We plan to meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30. During this meeting we hope to choose the lessons and songs for our Children's Christmas Eve service.

FAREWELL Today is likely to be the last Sunday that the family of Darren and Amy Durst will be in our midst. They have sold their house in town and have purchased a home in Mankato. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings and hope that they will return to visit whenever possible.

ILC VISITORS DAY Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day is November 10th beginning at 10:05 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more

about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending College Visitor's Day and these visitors will be our guests at meals. (No special activity is planned for Thursday evening.) Friday evening there is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: Anne with an E. It will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7:00 p.m. and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, by November 7th. Office: 715-836-6631, home: 715-600-6210, e-mail: john.ude@ilc.edu.

Reformation Seminars in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye - This Saturday, November 11, our sister congregations in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye will host two identical Reformation Seminars, the first at Faith in New Ulm (10 am) and then at Grace, Sleepy Eye (3 pm).

There will be two presentations:

- Pastor em. John Schierenbeck will explain Martin Luther's 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences, their significance and impact on Christianity, both then and today.
- Pastor Nathanael Mayhew will present the Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms. He will point out the relationship between the secular and spiritual kingdoms and how Christians are to be in the world, but not of the world.

These presentations are open to the public, and you are invited to join us and to share this information with others. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Mayhew at 507-794-7793 or 404-729-4602.

MINUTES Copies of the minutes from the October 15 Voters Meeting are available on the entryway table.

DINNER THEATER The students of Immanuel, Mankato High School will be hosting a dinner theater from November 17-19. See the bulletin board for more information.

CLEANING (Wk 1) C. Ahrens, M. Fogelman, C. Voit
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