

The Twenty-second 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. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

Organist Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 354 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

C: Amen!

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips:

C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen.
Alleluia!**

P: The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow,

C: And is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

P: There is no creature hidden from His sight,

C: But all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

P: We have done wickedly, but we wish to forsake that way,

C: We have been unrighteous, but we wish to forsake such thoughts;

P: We would turn to the LORD, for He will have mercy on us;

C: And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

P: For His thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are His ways our ways.

C: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than our ways, And His thoughts than our thoughts.

P: For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there,

C: But water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

P: So shall God's Word be that goes forth from His mouth; it does not return to Him void, but it accomplishes what He pleases,

C: And it prospers in the thing for which He sends it.

P: Having confessed your sins, hear now the Word of our Lord's forgiveness: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool." Because of Christ Jesus' death in your place, your sins are forgiven. Because of His resurrection, you too shall rise to glory, as God's free gift in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: God grant that we continue in the things which we have learned and been assured of,

C: Knowing from whom we have learned them,

P: And that from childhood we have known the Holy Scriptures,

C: Which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

P: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,

C: And is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

P: That the man of God may be complete,

C: Thoroughly equipped for every good work. Amen.

Soloist *In Christ Alone* (See Insert)

Reformation Creed

I believe that God desired, planned, promised and carried out my salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that this gift of eternal life comes to me only by Spirit-worked faith in the Gospel. I believe that God has revealed all spiritual truth by His Spirit through His holy, inspired, and infallible Word.

God promises that His Word is eternal, powerful and effective, and that He will preserve and protect His Word and His Church through all time. As Satan seeks to destroy what God has created, God raises up faithful servants and leaders in His Church. These gifts of prophets, apostles, evangelists, pastors and teachers He has used to strengthen and renew the foundation and faith of His Church. Jesus promises that the very gates of hell will not prevail against it.

For these and all other blessings of the Reformation, we lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving. Here we stand – upon Your Word; may we never do otherwise. God help us! Amen.

Hymn 467:1-3, 6 *Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand*

Sermon Hebrews 4:12-13 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

The Word Alive...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (See Insert)

Communion Liturgy

Distribution Hymns 755, 388, 387

COMMUNION If you are visiting our service today, please be aware of the fact that we practice “close communion.” This means that only members of St. John’s or of a sister congregation in the CLC are communed at our altar. The Bible says that communing together is an expression of our unity (1 Corinthians 10:17) with those who share the same beliefs. In no way is this a judgment upon anyone’s personal faith.

VOTERS St. John’s 3rd Quarterly meeting will be held after the potluck meal at noon. In addition to the regular Board reports, the Agenda will include: Fall worship schedule, Election meeting date, Nominating Committee meeting date, Annual Meeting date.

REFORMATION SERVICE The students of St. John’s CDS will present a special service next Sunday, November 4. A potluck meal will follow.

BAPTISM Clara Jo Grace was born to Joseph Albrecht and Rachael nee Evans on Thursday, October 25, in Brookings, SD. She was born again in the waters of Holy Baptism later that day. Through Baptism, the Lord washed away her sin and made her a member of His kingdom. May He graciously preserve her in her baptismal faith throughout her life.

TIME CHANGE Please remember to adjust your clocks this Saturday.

3 rd Qtr. Stats	No.	Total	Ave.
Sunday	14	1446	103
Bible Class	4	211	53
Sunday School	n/a		
Communion	3	252	84

VBS Week of July 15, Ave 28
Married: 8/11, Jordan DeWall and Paige Steinman
Taken to Heaven: 7/28 Violet Schmidt
9/3 Dale Aden
9/25 Evelyn Aden

USHERS Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Ryan D.
Joshua T., Bruce E., Steve R., Joe L., Nathan A.

CLEANING (Wk 1) B. Eigenberg, J. Eigenberg, L. Ferguson
C. Ahrens, A. Fogelman, M. Fogelman