

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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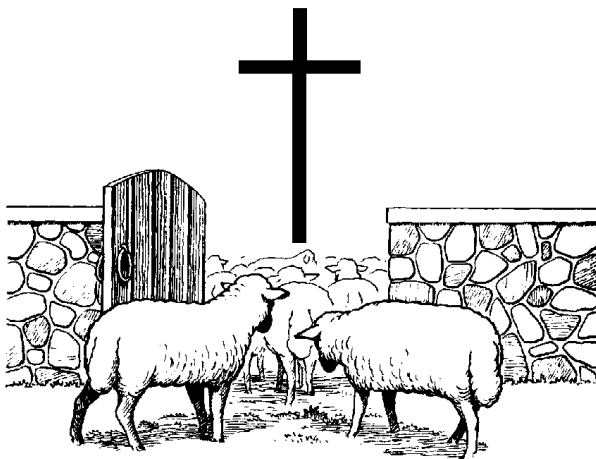
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Hymn 250 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Liturgy page 5ff. in the front of The Lutheran Hymnal

From the Tan Worship Supplement – 775

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious, now we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee who light does send!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the Holy Trinity!

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 4:22-28 That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. ²⁶“Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷nor give place to the devil. ²⁸Let 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.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:1-8 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. ²Then 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.” ³And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? ⁶But 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.” ⁷And he arose and departed to his house. ⁸Now when the

multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Hymn 318 *Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All*

Sermon Jeremiah 17:5-10 Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man
And makes flesh his strength,
Whose heart departs from the Lord.
For he shall be like a shrub in the desert,
And shall not see when good comes,
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,
In a salt land *which is* not inhabited.
“Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.
“The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,
And desperately wicked;
Who can know it?
I, the Lord, search the heart,
I test the mind,
Even to give every man according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.

A Polygraph for Your Soul...

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send!
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluia without end.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 784 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 800 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

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HOSPITALIZED Bill Eigenberg is currently a patient at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls and hopes to be released sometime this week. Lois Ferguson is recovering (at her daughter's home) from successful gall bladder surgery last Thursday. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

LADIES AID The October meeting will be held on Tuesday night at 6:30.

BOOK ORDERS A new Scholastic catalog of children's books is available. Copies can be found in the basement. See Lori Ruthenbeck for more information.

VOTERS St. John's 3rd Quarterly meeting was scheduled for Sunday, October 21. A request has been made to move the meeting back by one week to the 28th. The Chairman has agreed to the change, but wants to give people a chance to respond if this interferes with plans they have already made. Please see Ron Strike if moving the date presents an issue.

BOWL If anyone mistakenly took home the wrong serving bowl after the funeral, please exchange it for the correct one in the kitchen.

LADIES NIGHT OUT The October night out will be held at the Horse and Hunt Club between Lakefield and Windom. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Information about the time and date will be available soon.

CLC NEWS Pastor George Dummann, Eagle Lake, has the call to Morris. Pastor Michael Wilke, Saginaw, MI has the call to Red Wing.

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

CLEANING (Wk 2) The Luecks, P. Strike
D. Iverson, D. Ling, S. Sumeay