

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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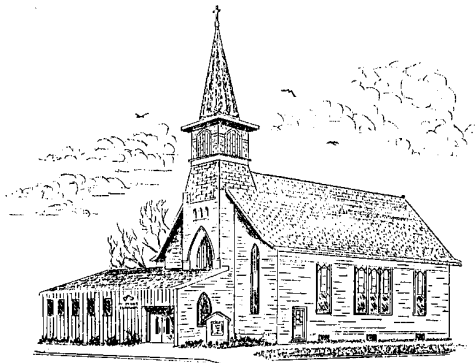
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 352 *O Savior, Precious Savior*

Liturgy Page 12 ff. in the Worship Supplement

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20:18-24 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin." So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God *was*.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall not make *anything to be* with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves. An altar of earth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you.

Gospel Lesson Mark 7:31-37 "Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.""

Hymn 751 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

Sermon 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

But if the ministry of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away *was* glorious, what remains *is* much more glorious.

There's Only One Right Tool for This Job

The Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 289 *The Law Commands and Makes Us Know*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 376 *Rock of Ages*

FALL SCHEDULE Our Sunday morning schedule will change this weekend. Bible Class and Sunday School will begin at 9:30. The worship service will be held at 10:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS If you are willing to serve the congregation as a Teacher this year, please speak with the pastor or School Board member today. We will plan on a Teachers Meeting later in the week. Installation will take place next Sunday, vs. today.

CLEANING LIST The new list is available. A special thanks to Connie DeWalt for the work she put into this project.

NON-CDS CONFIRMATION PARENTS Please meet briefly after the service to set up the schedule for this year's classes.

SCHOOL May the Lord bless all of our students who return to class this week.

BOOK Some of you have the paper booklet entitled: *Scripture Lessons and Prayers in Times of Trial*. That booklet has been merged with beautiful photography and is available in hard copy (at cost) for \$30 each. There is a sample copy on the entryway table. Please see Jan Voit if you have any questions.

CLC NEWS Pastoral vacancies currently exist in Lynnwood (Seattle), WA; Tacoma, WA; and Winter Haven, FL. There is only one scheduled to graduate from Seminary in Spring and only one graduate in 2024. With a number of retirements likely in the near future, it is imperative that we place this need before our Lord in prayer.

80th Anniversary of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN

You're invited to the 80th Anniversary Observance of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church at 2100 16th St. SW, Austin, MN on September 25th 2022. Special service begins at 3:00 p.m. Dinner and anniversary program follow at 4:00. God willing, the service will feature two sons of the congregation: Pastor Michael Eichstadt, as guest speaker, and Pastor Wayne Eichstadt guest liturgist. Please RSVP to Pastor Ted Barthels at tedbarthels@gmail.com by Monday September 19 so that dinner plans can be finalized.

MAN UP The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is scheduled for September 22-25, 2022. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before September 1 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration cost doubles after September 1. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org.

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USHERS 09/04 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
09/11 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
09/18 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) S. Aden, B. Dronen, L. Ferguson
L. Boernsen, J. Liepold, J. Liepold