

The Nineteenth 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 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. Be sure to join us again.

Organist Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 219 *The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns*

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Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:18–25 And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:2–16 The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him. And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.”

And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will

by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon Hebrews 2:1-13 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:

“What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?
You have made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
And set him over the works of Your hands.
You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: “I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.” And again: “I will put My trust in Him.” And again: “Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”

God is “Strong-Willed” to Save Us

The Offering

Hymn *Our Father, by Whose Name*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

LADIES AID The October meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

TEACHERS CONFERENCE If you are able and willing to help, please indicate it on the sheets in the entryway. There is also a box for donations. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our teachers.

VOTERS MEETING The voters of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend our Quarterly Meeting which will be held on October 20th after a noon potluck meal. Besides regular Board reports, the Agenda will include: update after hosting the CLC Teachers' Conference, adjourning our Call Meeting, pastoral transition and installation, Fall Worship Schedule, Election Meeting Date plus installation of officers, Annual Meeting Date. Any other Agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

THANK YOU Last week a volunteer repainted the south, west, and north walls of the kitchen. Be sure to check it out!

ENGAGEMENT Stephanie Kazemba and Henry Lau have announced their plans to be married. We wish them God's richest blessings!

CLC NEWS Pastor Matthew Hanel, Dallas, TX has the call to Hayward, CA. Pastor Frank Gantt, Atlanta, GA has the call to Manchester, MO.

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USHERS 10/06 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
10/13 Kendall B., Larry B.
10/20 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) J. Kazemba, J. Thaemlitz
S. Aden, L. Baumann, L. Ferguson, R. Dronen