

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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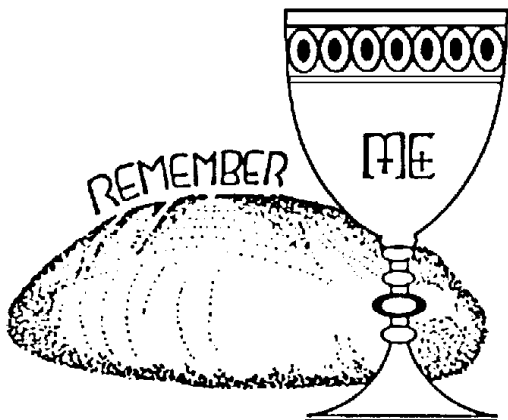
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Organist Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 256 *Around the Throne of God a Band*

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Epistle Lesson Revelation 12:7-12 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:17-20 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Hymn 339:1-4 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Sermon Acts 5:14-25 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

It's a Real Conspiracy...

Offertory

The Offering

Distribution Hymns 755, 475, 656, 751

Closing Hymn 339:7 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

COMMUNION The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before the Lord.

WITH THE LORD In His infinite wisdom and grace, the Lord called to Himself the immortal soul of Dr. Steven Sumey on Monday, September 23. His time of grace lasted for 70 years, 2 months, and 17 days. We praise the

Lord for keeping Dr. Sumey in his Christian faith. May the Lord comfort all who mourn his passing with the certain hope of His Word.

A special thanks to everyone who helped with the funeral and dinner. Your efforts are appreciated by all. Please be sure to pick up your dishes this morning.

THANK YOU *“The family of Steve Sumey would like to express their deepest gratitude to everyone who has shown Christian love and support during these last few difficult weeks. Special thanks to Pastor Albrecht for his faithful service, Ryan Mueller for the comforting organ music, and the women of the congregation who put together a wonderful meal on Friday. Your kindness and prayers have helped to sustain us and remind us of his victory in Christ.”*

TEACHERS CONFERENCE If you are able to provide housing or food for the upcoming Conference, please indicate it on the sheets in the entryway. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our teachers.

OCTOBER 27 Pastor, Jolene, and family would like to thank you for all of the blessings and kindness you have shown them over the past 26 years by hosting a chili/soup luncheon after the service on October 27. All are invited!

CLC NEWS Pastor Drew Naumann, Spokane, WA has returned the call to Hayward, CA. Pastor Tim Daub, Hecla, SD has returned the call to Manchester, MO.

Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed in Sleepy Eye today at 3:30.

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10/06 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
10/22 Kendall B., Larry B.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) J. Appel, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke
J. Kazemba, J. Thaemlitz