

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

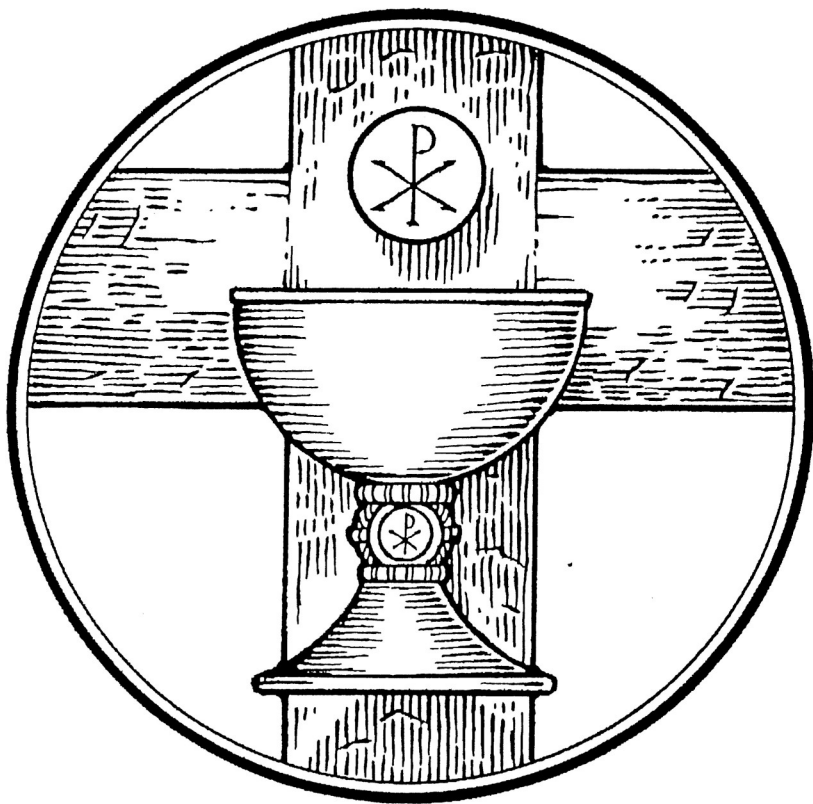
- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

Reverend Michael Mathey, Pastor

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Life Quotes: "May we all faithfully live out our sojourn on this earth, however long it may be, in anticipation of the New Creation, the end of our earthly sorrows, and our final Resurrection of body and soul to live with our Lord in righteousness and purity forever."

Deaconess Bethany Stoevers, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Life Thoughts: In Christ God embraced and befriended hearts and bodies ruined by sin. He allowed neither disabilities nor disobedience to separate anyone from His love (Luke 14:1-4). This forgiveness heals us to share the same gracious kingdom with the ones right in front of us who struggle with impairment and iniquity (Luke 14:12-14). *Prayer: Extend Your kingdom, Lord Jesus, through me to those who are broken like I am. Amen.*

Divine Service I

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905

Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Corporate Confession (p.151)

Service of the Word

119:129-136

Kyrie (p.152)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.154)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P Let us pray.

C Amen.

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there,

that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual:

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle: *Ephesians 6:10–20*

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (p.156)

Holy Gospel : *Mark 7:14–23*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Jesus called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed (p.159)

Office hymn: “By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory (p.159)

Service of the Sacrament

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The Words of Institution (p.162)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.163)

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

"Fight the Good Fight" LSB 664

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707

Post Communion Collect (p.164)

Benediction (p.166)

Hymn: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" LSB 662

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

Our Shut-ins

St. John Sunday School Rally Day ~ Sept. 8th Parents, Grandparents and students! 9:15 A.M. The installation of staff will be during the Divine Service.

See you there!



SAVE THE DATE!!

Harvest Supper Sat Oct 5th, 2024 Sign up sheets and donation lists on the table in carport area. Pick your job and time ASAP

Bulletin Announcements: Are due no later than Wednesday, Noon. This includes any special announcements, or meeting changes, dates, times, or information, etc. Please make all information or changes in writing, send either in an email or leave a note on secretary's desk. Thank You

LWML

Fall Rally

LWML Fall Rally,
Friday, September 13th, 2024
At Trinity Lutheran Church Medford.

Registration: 8:00am to 8:30am. Fee is \$5.00. Breakfast items will be served.

Welcome & Devotions

Bible Study: Holy Spirit: helper, sanctifier, teacher

Speaker will be from The Taylor House, She will sharing formation about The Taylor House and their needs.

Intake items will be personal care, cleaning supplies and diapers. Canceled stamps and soda pop tabs will be collected.

Presidents Address

Business Meeting

Closing Devotions - remembering deceased members

From Medford: Trinity Lutheran Church, Medford is located 5 miles north of Medford on State Highway 13. Where County Road M goes to the West, we are to the East, 1/2 mile on Dassow Ave, A directional sign is located on that corner.

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering: Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. At Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration & morning refreshments begin at 9:30am with the program from 10:00 am – 2:30pm. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book “Overcoming Life’s Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah” which is included with each registration. Dr Lessing currently serves in various roles such as The Edwin F. and Esther L Laatsch Chair of Old Testament Studies, and Director of the Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia University in St. Paul just to name a few. The \$40 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, lunch, and Dr. Lessing’s book. Registration deadline is October 1. A freewill offering will be collected to support Peru missions. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on NWD homepage at www.nmdlcms.org under ‘Events and Info’.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does the word “Amen” mean?

The word “amen” (pronounced AH-men) is Hebrew for “**certainly**” or “**truly**.”

Martin Luther said that it really means:

“Yes, yes, it shall be so.” You probably

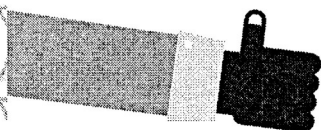
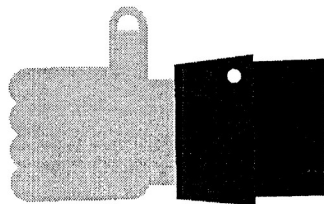
recognize this

word from

hearing it or seeing it used in prayer.

Maybe you use it in your prayers every morning when you wake up and every

night when you go to sleep.



Why do we use it?

God commands for us to pray. When we use the word “amen” at the end of our prayers, we are letting God know that **we truly believe that He will hear and answer all of our prayers** just as He has promised! What a great way to end a prayer!



Parents: Point out that Jesus used the word “amen” a lot in Scripture when He said things like: “Truly, truly I say to you.” Encourage your children to listen for and say “amen” at appropriate points in the service. In what places besides prayer do we hear it amen?

