

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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### Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

### Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"  
Hymn of the Day: 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"  
Distribution Hymn: 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"  
Distribution Hymn: 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"  
Distribution Hymn: 652 "Father, We Thank Thee"  
Closing Hymn: 774 "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto:pastor.hayes@outlook.com). Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.  
**Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman** (in the nursing home)

Acolyte this Sunday - Liam Voelker

Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Ushers this Sunday - \*John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Tyler Ohlde, & Lance Gerleve

Ushers next Sunday - \*Cody Ohlde, Jacob Bott, Eli Thalmann, & Brady Kolle

LYF Mowing July 24th - Ella Thalmann & Ryan Stuenkel

LYF Mowing July 31st - Ethan & Sophia Bott

### Upcoming Events

- July 18** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Voters' Assembly Meeting  
12:00 p.m. New Member Potluck
- July 25** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Summer Bible Study
- July 28** 7:00 p.m. LYF Event (at Canaan and Jessica Ohlde's house)
- August 1** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

### Announcements

- \* Going forward, the Cemetery Committee is setting a policy that Memorial Day flowers placed in front of the tombstones will be pulled July 15th. If you want to save your flowers, they need to be pulled by then. The cemetery will be mowed early this week due to the fair, so if you want to save your flowers please have them pulled.
- \* 2021 Endowment Matching Program came to an end on July 15, 2021. Both Zion & St. John used all their matching funds for 2021. Thank you to everyone who used this program! We appreciate your generosity and support of Linn Lutheran School!!
- \* "Christian Culture" will be sent to you FREE! Sign up at [lutherclassical.org](http://lutherclassical.org). "Christian Culture" is the magazine of Luther Classical College. Published every quarter, "Christian Culture" aims to do exactly what its title suggests – promote genuine Christian culture in our churches, homes, and communities. We need Christian culture to fill our homes with strong fathers, faithful mothers, the reading of God's Word and good literature, the singing of hymns, and commitment to Lutheran church and school, so that we and our children can remain in the world but not be of the world.
- \* Linn Lutheran is looking for a janitor for the '21-22 school year. The work averages 10 hours a week. For more information, contact David Beikmann @ 402-200-9720.
- \* CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear a missionary story from Kenya on The Coffee Hour **Wednesday, July 21, at 9 a.m.**, study Jeremiah 36-40 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), and study Nehemiah 4-8 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 to 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 His words, repent all sins, 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, according to Holy Scripture, 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, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

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## MORNING PRAYER

*I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

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Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at [theresa\\_meier@yahoo.com](mailto:theresa_meier@yahoo.com) by noon on Friday.



### Introit *(Psalm 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: vv. 1-2)*

Clap your hands, all | peoples!  
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,  
a great king over | all the earth.

**He subdued peoples | under us,  
and nations un- | der our feet.**

**Sing praises to God, sing | praises!**

**Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!**

**For God is the King of | all the earth;**

**sing praises | with a psalm!**

**God reigns over the | nations;**

**God sits on his | holy throne.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,  
a great king over | all the earth.

### Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 2:7-17*

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup> A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

## Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:19-23*

<sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup> “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” <sup>4</sup> And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” <sup>5</sup> And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup> And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. <sup>7</sup> And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. <sup>8</sup> And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup> And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

## *As We Gather . . . Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely*

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (**Genesis 2:7–17**). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, “*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .*” (**Genesis 3:19**). In other words, “*The wages of sin is death*” (**Romans 6:23**). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (**Mark 8:1–9**). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For “*the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (**Romans 6:23**).

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## Heidelberg Disputation

by Martin Luther (May 1518)

19. That person does not deserve to be called a theologian who looks upon the invisible things of God as though they were clearly perceptible in those things which have actually happened (**Romans 1.20**).

20. He deserves to be called a theologian, however, who comprehends the visible and manifest things of God seen through suffering and the cross.

21. A theologian of glory calls evil good and good evil. A theologian of the cross calls the thing what it actually is.

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## From “A Summary of the Christian Faith”

by David Chytraeus (1568)

In the fourth place, whatever Irenaeus’ view was, let us “not attend to something a man before us has said or written, but what Christ, who is before all, said and did,” and let us forever keep before our eyes, as the sole norm of truth, the words of institution used at the Lord’s Supper, which say nothing of oblation or of application on behalf of others but only of partaking and of receiving by faith the remission of sins. (page 134)

\* The quotation above is by David Chytraeus and is from his 1568 work *A Summary of the Christian Faith*. The English translation is by Rev. Dr. Richard Dinda and is published by Repristination Press.

## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Lord's Prayer *(Continued)*

#### 194. What is prayer?

Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts.

686 **Psalm 19:14** - May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

687 **Acts 7:59-60** - While they were still stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

*Bible narratives:* Abraham prayed for Sodom (**Genesis 18:22-23**). Jesus in Gethsemane (**Matthew 26:36-44**). Thanksgiving for the release of Peter and John from prison (**Acts 4:23-31**).

#### 195. To whom should we pray?

We should pray to the true God only, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, not to idols, saints, or anything God has created.

688 **Psalm 65:2** - O You who hear prayer, to You all men will come.

689 **1 John 5:20-21** - We are in Him who is true - even in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

690 **Revelation 22:8-9** - I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

*Bible narratives:* Elijah and the priests of Baal (**1 Kings 18:25-29, 36-39**). Daniel in the lions' den (**Daniel 6:1-23**). Paul in Lystra (**Acts 14:8-18**). Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (**John 17**).

#### 196. Whose prayers are acceptable to God?

Only those who believe in Jesus Christ may pray to God and expect to be heard.

691 **John 14:13-14** - I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.

692 **John 15:7** - If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

## *The Sunday of the Feeding of the 4,000*



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