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July 20, 2025

Fifth 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 Werner, 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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 833 "Listen, God Is Calling"

Hymn of the Day: 688 "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"

Distribution Hymn: 749 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Distribution Hymn: 748 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

Distribution Hymn: 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Distribution Hymn: 856 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

Closing Hymn: 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Marilyn Ohlde, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, Gladys Stone, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home); Micah Helms (cancer)

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, & Liam Voelker

Ushers July 27 - *Noah Thalmann, Cash Stunkel, Greyson Ohlde, & Samuel Bott

LYF Mowing July 26 - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

LYF Mowing August 2 - Noah Thalmann & Emitt Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

July 20 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
~10:45 a.m. Quarterly Voters Assembly Meeting

July 21 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting*
*at Summit Venture Office at 208 W. 5th St. in Linn

July 27 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

August 3 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- All of the Endowment Matching has been used from St. John for Linn Lutheran School for 2025. Thank you to everyone who used this program. We appreciate your support.
- The Beikmann Family has moved north. Our new address is 704 E Florence St., Pierce, NE 68767, and you can contact us at our same cell phone numbers. We'd like to thank you for being our church family these past eleven years and wish you God's richest blessings as you continue to minister to the Palmer area. -David & Diane, Claire, Camryn, & Cadence
- LCMS memory verse challenge: **1 Corinthians 15:58** - "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
- Linn Lutheran Enrollment for 1st-8th grade will be on Thursday, Aug. 7, & Friday, Aug. 8 at Linn Lutheran School from 8:00am-6:00pm. Enrollment packets will be mailed to families this next week. Any questions about Enrollment, please contact Linn Lutheran School at 785-348-5792.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org:** This summer on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we're studying a selection of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 23, 27, 33, 37, 42, and 43. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we are wrapping up our study of 2 Corinthians, picking up with chapter 10. Don't forget to tune in on Saturday (7/26 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters as we study the 3rd Commandment in the Large Catechism! How should we understand the Sabbath? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa
at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

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. John Werner, 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. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- ☐ I forgive those who have wronged me.

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.



Introit *(Psalm 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: vv. 7, 9b)*

Hear, O Lord, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!
O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

**The Lord is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?**

**Teach me your way, | O Lord,*
and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.**

**Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out |
violence.**

**Wait | for the Lord;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the Lord!**

**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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Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: *1 Kings 19:11-21*

¹¹ [The Lord] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Gradual (*Psalm 84:9, 8*)

**Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 3:8-15*

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 21:1*)

Alleluia. O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 5:1-11*

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

As We Gather...

Jesus Makes Fishers of Men

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Corinthians 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8-15).

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed – The Third Article

1. The Holy Spirit *(Continued)* *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

159. How do Scriptures describe this gracious work of the Spirit in you?

The Scriptures teach that by the Gospel the Holy Spirit “enlightened me with His gifts,” that is, He gave me the saving knowledge of Jesus, my Savior, so that I trust, rejoice, and find comfort in Him.

560 **1 Peter 2:9** - You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

561 **2 Corinthians 4:6** - God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

562 **1 Peter 1:8** - Even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

563 **Romans 15:13** - The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bible narratives: The Samaritans were filled with great joy when Philip preached Christ to them (**Acts 8:5-8**). The jailer at Philippi and his whole family were filled with joy because they had come to believe (**Acts 16:25-34**).

160. What is this work of the Holy Spirit?

It is called conversion (being turned) or regeneration (new birth).

564 **Psalms 51:13** - I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You. (Conversion)

565 **John 3:5-6** - Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” (Regeneration)



The Sunday of the Miraculous Catch of Fish



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