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The Sixth 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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 558 "Not unto Us"

Hymn of the Day: 562 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

Distribution Hymn: 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Distribution Hymn: 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

Closing Hymn: 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com. Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home); family of Lula Stuenkel

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Lance Gerleve, Daniel Nabors, & Eli Thalmann

Ushers July 23 - *Aaron Stuenkel, Aiden Sweet, Mason Tiemeyer, & Noah Thalmann

LYF Mowing July 22nd - Zac Hiltgen & Noah Thalmann

LYF Mowing July 29th - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

- July 16 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Voters Assembly Meeting
1:30 p.m. Music/Strings Informational Meeting at Zion
2:00 p.m. LLS Association Meeting at Zion
- July 17 10:00 a.m. Funeral for Lula Stuenkel
- July 23 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Announcements

- It's time to renew *The Lutheran Witness* subscriptions. If your address has changed or if you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, please contact Theresa Meier as soon as possible. Otherwise, your subscription will be renewed automatically.
- The Voters Assembly Meeting today will be held in the sanctuary, and there will be no adult Bible class.
- St. John has \$14,302.02 left to match for the 2023 Linn Lutheran Endowment Matching Program. The matching program runs until July 15, 2023, and whatever isn't matched will go into the 4th Teacher Fund.
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **Isaiah 40:8** - "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."
- LWML is holding a diaper drive for the Life Choice Ministries and Swaddling clothes. We will be collecting diapers of all sizes over the next 30 days. Diapers can be placed in the pack-and-play at church.

As We Gather... Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Romans 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

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. 10:16-17; 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 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8-9)*

The Lord is the strength of his | people; *
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
Save your people and bless your | heritage! *
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me, *
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help, *
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,
and | I am helped; *
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: *Exodus 20:1-17*

1 And God spoke all these words, saying,
2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Gradual (*Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b*)

Return, O Lord! How long?

Have pity on your servants!

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:1-11*

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 31:1*)

Alleluia. In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:17-26*

17 [Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment (Cont.)

21. When do people have other gods?

A. when they regard and worship any creature or thing as God;

53 **Psalm 115:4** - Their idols are silver and gold.

54 **Philippians 3:19** - Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

55 **Revelation 9:20** - They did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood - idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

Bible narratives: Israel worshiped the golden calf (**Exodus 32**). The people worshiped Baal (**1 Kings 18:18-29**). The Philistines made Dagon their god (**Judges 16:23-24**).

B. when they believe in a god who is not the triune God (see the Apostles' Creed);

56 **Matthew 28:19** - Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

57 **John 5:23** - He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent Him.

Bible narrative: The Baptism of Jesus (**Matthew 3:13-17**).

C. when they fear, love, or trust in any person or thing as they should fear, love, and trust in God alone;

58 **Psalm 14:1** - The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

59 **Proverbs 11:28** - Whoever trusts in his riches will fall.

60 **Proverbs 3:5** - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

61 **Matthew 10:28** - Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

62 **Matthew 10:37** - Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

63 **Ephesians 5:5** - No immoral, impure, or greedy person - such a man is an idolater - has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Bible narratives: The rich man thought more of costly clothes and good eating than of God (**Luke 16:19-31**). The people building the Tower of Babel considered their achievement more important than God (**Genesis 11:1-9**). Goliath trusted in his size and physical strength (**1 Samuel 17**). Eli honored his sons more than God (**1 Samuel 2:12-34**). Peter feared punishment more than he loved God (**Matthew 26:69-75**).

D. when they join in the worship of one who is not the triune God.

64 **2 Corinthians 6:14-15** - Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

The Sunday of Brotherly Love



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