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July 23, 2023

The 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 (pg. 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: 561 "The Tree of Life"

Distribution Hymn: 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Distribution Hymn: 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Closing Hymn: 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

Prayer Requests

Please e-mail 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 - *Aaron Stuenkel, Aiden Sweet, Mason Tiemeyer, & Noah Thalmann

Ushers July 30 - *Cody Ohlde, Liam Voelker, Dylan Ohlde, & Ethan Bott

LYF Mowing July 29th - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Mowing August 5th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

Upcoming Events

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| July 23 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class |
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Announcements

- Thank you to everyone at St. John who donated to Linn Lutheran School using the Endowment Matching Funds program. All the funds from St. Johns were used for 2023.
- Linn Lutheran School Enrollment for the 2023-2024 School Year is on Monday, Aug. 7th, & Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. If you just have a Preschooler (no elementary-aged students), enrollment is Wednesday, Aug. 9. If these times do not work for your family, please call the school office at 785-348-5792 or contact Mrs. Ohlde in the office, and she will set up a time for you. Also coming in August: Aug. 13th - Back to School Night; Aug. 16th - 1st Day of School; Aug. 21 - 1st Day of MWF Preschool; and Aug. 22 - 1st Day of TU/TH Preschool.
- LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: John 5:39 - **"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. Thank you!

From Martin Luther's Sermon for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

... When one officer or judge is sufficient, likewise one jurist or physician can meet the needs of one city or more, and for a time of the entire country; we must have thousands of preachers for the various countries since the parishes and districts are so many; for children are daily born who must be baptized and educated, learn God's Word and become Christians. From what source can ministers be had, if they are not reared and educated? Then the churches must either stand vacant and the people scatter and go astray, or the people receive and suffer from coarse mule-like characters and corrupters of the Word.

But woe unto all who contributed to bring about such a state or have not tried to prevent it, that God's house had to become desolate; much more, however, those who have discouraged and hindered others from entering the ministry, or continuing in it; for such characters are worse than the Jews or Turks. However they are not to be excused because they allowed themselves to be discouraged from entering the ministry on account of poverty, for their greatest lack was in faith that Christ would, notwithstanding, give them their daily bread or nourishment for their bodies, which, although at times may be scanty and bitter, yet, you are to remember on the other hand how very much greater treasure it is that one receives a piece of bread into his hands in an exceptional way and through the special blessing of God, than all the riches and fullness of the world.

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 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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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*

⁷ 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. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ 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.

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

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ 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.”

Gradual (*Psalms 34:11, 5*)

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:19-23*

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 47:1*)

Alleluia. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:1-9*

¹ 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, ² “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ 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.” ⁴ And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵ And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶ 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. ⁷ And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ 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” (Rom. 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).

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment (Cont.)

22. What does God require of us in the First Commandment?

God requires that we fear, love, and trust in Him above all things.

A. We fear God above all things when we revere Him alone as the highest being, honor Him with our lives, and avoid what displeases Him.

65 **Genesis 17:1** - I am God almighty; walk before Me and be blameless.

66 **Psalms 33:8** - Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him.

67 **Psalms 96:4** - Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.

68 **Proverbs 8:13** - To fear the Lord is to hate evil.

69 **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.

Bible narratives: The three men in the fiery furnace feared God more than the king (**Dan 3**).

B. We love God above all things when we cling to Him alone as our God and gladly devote our lives to His service.

70 **Psalms 73:25-26** - Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

71 **Matthew 22:37** - Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Bible narrative: Abraham loved God more than his son (**Genesis 22**). Joseph resisted the temptation of Potiphar's wife (**Genesis 39**).

C. We trust in God above all things when we commit our lives completely to His keeping and rely on Him for help in every need.

72 **Psalms 118:8** - It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

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

Bible narratives: David trusted in the Lord when he fought against Goliath (**1 Samuel 17:37, 46-47**). Abram left his country and relatives to go where the Lord sent him, trusting that the Lord would take care of him (**Genesis 12:1-9**). Daniel committed himself to the Lord's keeping (**Daniel 6**).

23. Who is able to keep this and the other commandments?

No person can keep any or all commandments perfectly, except Jesus Christ. All those who have faith in Him by the power of His Spirit willingly strive to keep these commandments.

74 **Ecclesiastes 7:20** - There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.

75 **1 John 1:8** - If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

76 **John 14:15** - If you love me, you will obey what I command.

77 **Philippians 2:13** - It is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

The Sunday of the Feeding of the 4,000



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