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July 2, 2023

The Fourth 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: 504 "Father Most Holy"

Hymn of the Day: 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

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

Distribution Hymn: 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Distribution Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Distribution Hymn: 851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Closing Hymn: 966 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

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, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman
(in the nursing home)

Ushers today - *Evan Bott, Liam Voelker, Elijah Meier, & Ethan Bott

Ushers July 9 - *Tyler Ohlde, Greyson Ohlde, Zac Hiltgen, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Mowing July 8th - Daniel Nabors & Liam Voelker

LYF Mowing July 15th - Camryn Beikmann & Aiden Sweet

Upcoming Events

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| July 2 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class |
| July 5 | 8:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting |
| July 9 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class |
| July 16 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Voters Assembly Meeting (No Bible Class)
1:30 p.m. Music/Strings Informational Meeting at Zion
2:00 p.m. LLS Association Meeting at Zion |

Announcements

- 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: Colossians 3:12 - **"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."**
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Study the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study 2 Samuel 16-19 plus a new Free Text Friday on Matthew 18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center (weekdays at 10 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Kids in the Divine Service

Law and Gospel

Many people wrongly think that the Old Testament is the Law and the New Testament is the Gospel. In fact, the Old Testament and the New Testament each contain both Law and Gospel.

What are the basics of the Law and the Gospel?

The Law teaches us God's will for how we live, namely the Ten Commandments. God's Law demands perfection, but it is impossible to be perfect. According to the Law, we are sinners and are in big trouble with God. We need someone to save us. The Law shows us our sins.

The Gospel tells us what Jesus has done to save us from our sins. But the Gospel doesn't stop there. It tells us what Jesus continues to do for us because of His great love for us. The Gospel shows us our Savior, Jesus!

An easy way to remember all of this is to think of the following letters: S.O.S. The Law "shows our sins" while the Gospel "shows our Savior"!

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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 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1-2)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me

high up- | on a rock.

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 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 50:15-21*

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."
¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."
¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Gradual (*Psalms 79:9-10a*)

Atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Help us, O God of our salvation,

for the glory of your name deliver us.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 8:18-23*

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 9:4b, 9*)

Alleluia. You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:36-42*

³⁶ [Jesus said:] "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you.

Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

As We Gather... Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Romans 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Genesis 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:8-13).

From "A Summary of the Christian Faith"

by David Chytraeus (1568)

Why is the Son of God called the Logos or the Word?

First, with respect to the eternal Father, because He is the image of the Father in which shine fully the wisdom, goodness and essence of the Father, just as our speech is the reflection of the thoughts of our mind.

Second, with respect to ourselves because He was the first to speak to mankind the promise of the Gospel, brought forth from the secret bosom of the Father and then repeated it in conversation with the fathers, as we read in John 1: "The Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known."

Third, because He is effective through the ministry of His Word or the Gospel, and He kindles a true knowledge of the eternal Father, true consolation and life by speaking or through His Word. "No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him," Matthew 11. "The word of God is living and active," Hebrews 4. "Thy word gave me life," Psalm 119.

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We must consider five points in this form of praying which Christ set forth in Luke 11 and Matthew 6:

I. Who God is whom we address, namely, the eternal Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who revealed Himself by sending this very Son, the Mediator, for whose sake we also flee for refuge to Him in faith, who embraces us with fatherly gentleness and accepts and hears our prayers. Our address of God, "Our Father," contains this teaching.

II. The mandate of Christ which commands invocation and, in fact, the recitation of this verbal formula which Christ has given.

III. The promise that God certainly wants to accept and hear our invocation to reveal the desired blessings in that order and way which He expressed in the promise. We therefore say, "Our Father." Thus He embraces us with parental gentleness and benevolence as we read in great detail in Luke 14: "If you then are veil," etc. Also, He is our Father, that is, not only loving His only-begotten Son, about whom He says: "This is My beloved Son," but also loving us, His adopted children for His sake, having regard for us, caring for us, defending us, listening to us, saving us.

IV. The faith which adds its "Amen" to the divine promise. page (161)

*The quotation above is from the work published by Repristination Press. For information on this book and other books by Repristination Press see www.scholvia.net.

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

15. What is the summary of commandments 1-3 (First Table)?

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (**Matt. 22:37**; see **Deut. 6:5**).

16. What is the summary of commandments 4-10 (Second Table)?

"And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself (**Matt. 22:39**; see **Lev. 19:18**).

17. What is the summary of all the commandments?

Love is the summary of all the commandments.

- 41 **Rom. 13:10** - Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

18. Whom does God mean when in the Ten Commandments He says, "You shall?"

He means me and all other human beings.

- 42 **Matt. 5:19** - Anyone who breaks 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 practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 43 **Rom. 3:19** - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

Bible narrative: Jesus explained the meaning of these commandments for all people (**Matthew 5**).

The Sunday of Fatherly Mercy



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