

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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July 26, 2026

The Eighth 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: 577 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Hymn of the Day: 745 "In God, My Faithful God"

Distribution Hymn: 680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Distribution Hymn: 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Distribution Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Closing Hymn: 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home);

Annette Bott (cancer)

Acolyte today - Ashley Nabors

Acolyte Aug. 2nd - James Werner

Ushers today - *Ethan Bott, Emitt Tiemeyer, Emmerich Hornkohl, & Cash Stunkel

Ushers Aug. 2nd - *Daniel Nabors, Mason Tiemeyer, Nolan Meier, & Lucious Petesch

LYF Mowing Aug. 1st - Liam & Lydia Voelker

LYF Mowing Aug. 8th - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

Upcoming Events

July 26

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

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Aug. 2

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

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Aug. 9

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

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

5:00 p.m. Back-to-School Night (see announcement below)

Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Ephesians 4:29** - "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."
- **Linn Lutheran School enrollment dates for 1st-8th grade students:**
 - Thursday, July 30: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - Friday, July 31: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - Monday, Aug. 3: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - Enrollment packets have been mailed out in order to give parents time to fill out forms; bring those forms to enrollment. If these enrollment times don't work, please call the school at 785-348-5792 or message Mrs. Ann Ohlde.
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Back-to-School Night: Sunday, Aug. 9th, at 5:00 p.m.** at Zion Lutheran Church-Teacher Dedication/Bookbag Blessing for students. Following the service, a light meal will follow at Linn Lutheran School. Students can also meet their teacher and put school supplies away!
 - **Thursday, Aug. 13-** 1st Day of School for Linn Lutheran 1st-8th grade students. Students can be dropped off starting at 7:45 a.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. and class begins at 8:10 a.m.
 - **Thursday, Aug. 13, at 8:30 a.m.-** Opening Chapel at Zion Lutheran Church. All are welcome to join us!
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFuo.org:** Our study of the book of Matthew continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! Tune in to "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near" as we look at Matthew 12 and 13. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we move forward in our study of Acts! We'll be picking up this week with chapter 21. Don't forget to listen to The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.)! This week is Bach Week, and we'll be airing special episodes each day in commemoration of the church musician, J.S. Bach. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

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 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9-10)*

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

**Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.
Within her | citadels***

**God has made himself known as a | fortress.
Let Mount Zion | be glad!***

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
This is God, our God forever and | ever.***

**He will guide us for- | ever.
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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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: *Jeremiah 23:16-29*

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord
to see and to hear his word,

or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the Lord!

Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹ “I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Gradual (*Psalm 31:2b, 1a*)

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 8:12-17*

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 7:15-23*

¹⁵ [Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Catechetical Review

How the head of the family should teach his household to pray morning and evening.

Daily Prayers

Morning Prayer

In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little 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.

Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.

As We Gather...

Beware of False Prophets

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jeremiah 23:16-29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Romans 8:12-17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27-38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

The Sunday of the Good and Bad Trees



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