

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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**July 19, 2026**

**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 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:** 638 "Eat This Bread"

**Hymn of the Day:** 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

**Distribution Hymn:** 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

**Distribution Hymn:** 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Distribution Hymn:** 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

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

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

### 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); **loved ones of Ruth Henderson; Kelly Voelker** (recovering from surgery)

**Acolyte today** - Jase Meier

**Acolyte July 26th** - Ashley Nabors

**Ushers today** - \*Aiden Sweet, Cade Hiltgen, Samuel Bott, & Kingston Voelker

**Ushers July 26** - \*Ethan Bott, Emmitt Tiemeyer, Emmerich Hornkohl, & Cash Stunkel

**LYF Mowing July 25** - Lucious Petesch & Kingston Voelker

**LYF Mowing August 1** - Liam & Lydia Voelker

## Upcoming Events

**July 19** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Voters Assembly Meeting

**July 20** 7:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting

**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

## Announcements

- We are asking that LYF members please gather in the kitchen after church today to help restock the children's activity bags for 15-20 minutes
- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **1 John 4:18** - "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."
- **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.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFuo.org:** We're continuing our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll take a look at chapters 10, 11 and 12. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we've been delving into the book of Acts! Tune in as we pick up with chapter 17. On the Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m.), we'll be sharing stories from the floor of the 69th Synodical Convention, happening in Phoenix, AZ. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting [kfuo.org](http://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.

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### 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.

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### 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.**

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.

### 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.

## 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.

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## 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

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH  
IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

### The Sacrament of the Altar

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

*Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

## The Sunday of the Feeding of the 4,000



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