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June 7, 2026

The First 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: 706 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

Hymn of the Day: 768 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Distribution Hymn: 544 "O Love, How Deep"

Distribution Hymn: 798 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Distribution Hymn: 543 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Distribution Hymn: 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Distribution Hymn: 542 "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

Closing Hymn: 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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); **Ruth Henderson; Kelly Voelker** (recovering from surgery)

Acolyte today - James Werner

Acolyte June 14th - Jase Meier

Ushers today - *Dylan Ohlde, Aiden Sweet, Greyson Ohlde, & Emmitt Tiemeyer

Ushers June 14th - *Evan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, Lucious Petesch, & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Mowing June 13th - Cash & Hendrix Stunkel

LYF Mowing June 20th - Cade Hiltgen & Nolan Meier

Upcoming Events

- June 7** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
1:00 p.m. LLS Association Mtg at Zion (to discuss forming a long-term planning committee for LLS)
- June 8-12** 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tropical Trek VBS
- June 14** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
- June 21** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
- June 22** 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting

Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **1 Corinthians 6:20** - "You were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."
- Camp Jefferson-Circuit 7 Camp is **June 12-14**. Campers must have completed 5th-8th grade to attend. Register for camp on Camp Jefferson-Circuit 7 Camp Facebook page. Additional questions: please contact Kate Olson.
- Linn Lutheran School office hours for June and July are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.
- St. John had two donations for the matching program for May, totalling \$3,800.00; matched by Linn Lutheran Endowment was \$1,900.00. St. John's bill left to pay Linn Lutheran for the month of May was \$12,318.32. Left to match for 2026 is \$36,400.00. If you would like to donate, you may mail or drop off a check at Linn Lutheran School or put a check in Ann Ohlde's bulletin box. Thank you!
- Today is the final day to sign up for Tuesday evening women's Bible study so materials can be prepped. We'll be (re)developing or strengthening a daily habit of Bible reading with the book of John. Text or call Martha Hornbostel for more details and to sign up. (785) 747-7410

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 13:1-4; antiphon: vv. 5-6)*

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love; *
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.
I will sing | to the Lord, *
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for- | ever?*

How long will you hide your | face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?

Consider and answer me, O | Lord my God;*

**light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"*
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.**

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 First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 15:1-6*

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Gradual (*Psalms 41:4, 1*)

**I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!”
Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him.**

Epistle Reading: *1 John 4:16-21*

¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 7:1*)

Alleluia. O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*

¹⁹ [Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

As We Gather... Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. For he was truly Abraham’s seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord “counted it to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6). The name Lazarus means “God is my help.” The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And “he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

Catechetical Review

As the head of the family should teach
it in a simple way to his household.

The Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sunday of the Rich Man and Lazarus



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