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June 20, 2021

Third 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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 614 "As Surely as I Live, God Said"

Hymn of the Day: 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Distribution Hymn: 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

Closing Hymn: 774 "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

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.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Charlotte Voelker (recovery)

Pamela Poppe

Family of Raymond Ohlde

Roger Lange

Acolyte this Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Eli Ohlde, Nathan Ohlde, & Jacob Bott

Ushers next Sunday - *Tyler Ohlde, Eli Thalmann, Evan Bott, & Elijah Meier

LYF Mowing June 26th - Ethan & Sophia Bott

LYF Mowing July 3rd - Conner Ohlde & Daniel Nabors

Upcoming Events

- June 20** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Father's Day Ice Cream Social (sponsored by LWML)
- June 27** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- June 28-July 2** 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School: God's Wonder Lab

Announcements

- * Thank you to those who have volunteered for VBS or to donate snack food items. There is still a list of food items needed posted on the Sunday School bulletin board. Donated items that are non-perishable may be brought anytime and placed in the VBS container in the kitchen. Please have all items in by **Sunday, June 27**.
- * St. John has \$12,458.72 left to match for the Endowment Matching Program. Matching goes until **July 15, 2021**, and what funds haven't been matched will go in the "4th Teacher Fund." Thank you for using the matching program!
- * CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Worship with us in Daily Chapel services **weekdays at 10 a.m.**, study Jeremiah 21-24 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), and study 2 Kings 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org, the KFUE Radio app, or wherever you get your podcasts!

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PROVERBS 20:7

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, 22:23ff; 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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit *(Psalm 25:1-2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: vv. 16, 18)*

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

You are the God of my sal- | vation;*

for you I wait all | the day long.

My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

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 Third Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Micah 7:18-20*

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 5:6-11*

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:11-32*

¹¹ [Jesus said:] “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened

calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

As We Gather...

Jesus Receives Sinners

“*This man receives sinners and eats with them*” (**Luke 15:2**). The Pharisees’ statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (**Micah 7:18–20**). “*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*” (**1 Timothy 1:15**). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (**Luke 15:11–32**), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father’s house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. “*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you*” (**1 Peter 5:6**). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

From “A Summary of the Christian Faith” by David Chytraeus (1568)

What is the High Priest?

The High Priest, or Christ, is the person whom God called immediately and anointed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit to bring forth the Gospel from the hidden bosom of the heavenly Father and to pray on our behalf. He has the promise that He is certainly heard and that He offers the sacrifice, namely, Himself, by which sacrifice He earns forgiveness of sins, righteousness and eternal life for the entire Church.

* The quotation above is by David Chytraeus and is from his 1568 work *A Summary of the Christian Faith*. The English translation is by Rev. Dr. Richard Dinda and is published by Repristination Press. For information on Elements of Religion and other books available from Repristination Press, visit www.scholia.net.

The Sunday of the Lost Sons

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed - The Third Article

III. The Forgiveness of Sins *(Continued)*

185. Why can and should I be sure of the forgiveness of my sins?

I can and should be sure of the forgiveness of my sins because God keeps His promises in Christ.

647 **Romans 8:38-39** - I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

648 **2 Timothy 1:12** - I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.

186. Why must we firmly hold to this teaching of justification by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith?

We must firmly hold to this teaching because

A. it is the most important doctrine of the Christian religion;

649 **Acts 4:12** - Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

650 **Acts 10:43** - All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

B. it distinguishes the Christian religion from false religions, all of which teach salvation by works;

651 **Galatians 5:4-5** - You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope.

Note: See Micah 7:18-20.

C. it gives enduring comfort to the penitent sinner;

652 **Acts 16:30-31, 34** - "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household."
... He was filled with joy, because he had come to believe in God.

653 **Matthew 9:2** - Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.

D. it gives all glory to God for His grace and mercy in Christ.

654 **Revelation 1:5-6** - To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father - to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.



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