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June 27, 2021

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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 504 "Father Most Holy"

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

Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 683 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Distribution Hymn: 756 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Closing Hymn: 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

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

Darwin Knox (hip surgery)

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde; Acolyte next Sunday - Aiden Sweet

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

Ushers next Sunday - *Cody Ohlde, Elijah Meier, John Bott, & Brady Kolle

LYF Mowing July 3rd - Conner Ohlde & Daniel Nabors

LYF Mowing July 10th - Elijah Meier & Mason Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

- 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
- July 4 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- * Mark your calendars! VBS Week is scheduled for **June 28th through July 2nd!**
- * "Christian Culture" will be sent to you FREE! Sign up at lutherclassical.org. "Christian Culture" is the magazine of Luther Classical College. Published every quarter, "Christian Culture" aims to do exactly what its title suggests – promote genuine Christian culture in our churches, homes, and communities. We need Christian culture to fill our homes with strong fathers, faithful mothers, the reading of God's Word and good literature, the singing of hymns, and commitment to Lutheran church and school, so that we and our children can remain in the world but not be of the world.
- * Linn Lutheran is looking for a janitor for the '21-22 school year. The work averages 10 hours a week. For more information, contact David Beikmann @ 402-200-9720.
- * 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 **TODAY, June 27.**
- * St. John has \$10,708.72 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 KFuo.org: Worship with us in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center **weekdays at 10 a.m.**, study Jeremiah 25-28 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), study 2 Kings 19-22 on Thy Strong Word (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters on **Saturday, July 3, at 10 a.m.** Find programs on demand at 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. 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.



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.

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

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.

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.

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," **Psalms 119**.

* 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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

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

The Sunday of the Fatherly Mercy

IV. The Resurrection of the Body

187. What do Scriptures teach about the resurrection of the body?

They teach that on the Last Day Christ "will raise me and all the dead." The same bodies that have died shall be made alive.

655 **Job 19:25-27** - I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes - I, and not another.

656 **John 5:28-29** - A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out.

657 **1 Thessalonians 4:16** - The Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

188. Are people reborn in bodies or forms?

Reincarnation, the belief that when people die they are reborn in other bodies or in a series of other bodies, is contrary to Scripture.

658 **Hebrews 9:27-28** - Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him. *Note: See 1 Corinthians 15.*

189. What difference will there be between believers and unbelievers in the resurrection?

A. The believers will rise with glorified bodies and enter everlasting life in heaven with God.

659 **Daniel 12:2** - Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

660 **John 5:28-29** - All who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

661 **1 Corinthians 15:42-43** - So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

662 **Philippians 3:21** - [Christ] will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.

B. The unbelievers will rise to eternal death, that is, to shame and torment in hell forever.

663 **Isaiah 66:24** - Their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.

664 **Matt. 10:28** - Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

665 **Matthew 25:41** - He will say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

666 **Revelation 1:7** - Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the people of the earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen.

Bible narrative: The story of the rich man and Lazarus illustrates that there are only two places (**Luke 16:19-31**).



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