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The 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 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: 641 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Hymn of the Day: 608 "Lord, to You I Make Confession"

Distribution Hymn: 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Distribution Hymn: 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Distribution Hymn: 727 "On Eagles' Wings"

Distribution Hymn: 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Closing Hymn: 814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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 - Briette Bott

Acolyte June 28 - Holden Bott

Ushers today - *Greyson Ohlde, Conner Ohlde, Noah Thalmann, Kingston Voelker

Ushers June 28 - *Elijah Meier, Ethan Bott, Deavon Ohlde, & Nolan Meier

LYF Mowing June 27 - Sophia & Emma Hiltgen

LYF Mowing July 4 - Greyson Ohlde & Emmerich Hornkohl

Upcoming Events

- June 21 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Father's Day Ice Cream Social (hosted by LWML)
- June 22 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting
- June 28 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Announcements

- This morning we celebrate the infant baptism of Hadlie Diane Peters, daughter of Aaron and Chelsie Peters, born on May 20th.
- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Colossians 4:2** - "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."
- The Father's Day special collection **TODAY** is for the Northcentral Kansas Outreach Program.
- CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFYO.org:** Tune in for "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we're discussing the book of Acts. Follow along as we pick up with the end of chapter 2. Stay tuned for this week's edition of Concord Matters (6/27 at 10 a.m.)! Pastor Finnern and a guest will be answering the question, "What are the Lutheran Confessions?"

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.

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 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.

Gradual (*Psalm 55:22a, 16, 18a*)

**Cast your burden on the Lord,
and he will sustain you.
I call to God, and the Lord will save me.
He redeems my soul in safety.**

Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-32*

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.’”

Catechetical Review

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

First

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (*Matthew 28:19*)

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (*Mark 16:16*)

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

What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the promise concerning Christ, or the teaching not known by nature but produced from the secret counsel of the Godhead through the Son. In it God, out of His boundless mercy, for the sake of Christ, His Son, freely promises the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life to all who repent and embrace these promised blessings by faith.

The sum of the Gospel is Christ's statement: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life." **Romans 3:** "We are justified freely by the grace of God through the redemption which is in Christ, whom God put forward as an expiation by His blood to be received by faith," etc.

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 and Found



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