

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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**June 28, 2026**

**The 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 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:** 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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

**Distribution Hymn:** 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

**Distribution Hymn:** 758 "The Will of God Is Always Best"

**Distribution Hymn:** 716 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

**Distribution Hymn:** 719 "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

**Closing Hymn:** 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

### 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** - Holden Bott

**Acolyte July 5th** - Harper Hubbard

**Ushers today** - \*Elijah Meier, Ethan Bott, Deavon Ohlde, & Nolan Meier

**Ushers July 5** - \*Eli Thalmann, Emmerich Hornkohl, Cash Stunkel, & Aiden Sweet

**LYF Mowing July 4** - Greyson Ohlde & Emmerich Hornkohl

**LYF Mowing July 11** - Lexie and Kyra Ohlde

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>June 28</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class |
| <b>July 5</b>  | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class |
| <b>July 12</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class |

## Announcements

- LCMS Memory Verse Challenge: **Isaiah 40:8** - "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."
- **June Report for Linn Lutheran Endowment Matching Program:**
  - 6 people donated to Linn Lutheran School from St. John for a total of \$37,230.00.
  - Endowment matched a total of \$18,615.00.
  - St. John's bill to Linn Lutheran School for June is \$18,076.32, which was covered by donations; therefore, St. John had no need to write a check to Linn Lutheran this month!
  - \$17,785.00 is left to match for 2026, which runs until Dec. 15 this year.
- This is a reminder for anyone considering a donation to the Kansas Lutheran School Scholarship Foundation as a way of supporting LLS while also reducing your State of Kansas 2026 tax liability. Contributions made by June 31st are particularly impactful, as they help the foundation effectively plan for the upcoming school year beginning in August. If you have any questions, please reach out to Canaan, or feel free to contact Rev. Dan Grams at (785) 357-4441.
- **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 6 and 7. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we've just begun a brand-new study in the book of Acts! Tune in as we pick up with chapter 7. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this Saturday (7/4 at 10 a.m.)! Pastor Finner is taking us through a mini-series on the significance of the Lutheran Confessions. This week, we are asking how the Confessions form us. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!



## Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup> '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. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

## Gradual (*Psalm 79:9-10a*)

**Atone for our sins, for your name's sake!**

**Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"**

**Help us, O God of our salvation,**

**for the glory of your name deliver us.**

## Epistle Reading: *Romans 12:14-21*

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:36-42*

<sup>36</sup> [Jesus said:] "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> 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."

<sup>39</sup> He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup> 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? <sup>42</sup> 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."

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## 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).*

## Catechetical Review

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

### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

#### Third

*How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (*Titus 3:5-8*)

#### Fourth

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (*Romans 6:4*)

## The Sunday of Fatherly Mercy



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