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August 3, 2025

Seventh 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: 592 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" (v. 1-3, baptism, v. 4-5)

Hymn of the Day: 774 "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

Distribution Hymn: 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

Distribution Hymn: 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

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

Distribution Hymn: 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Distribution Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Closing Hymn: 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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, Marilyn Ohlde, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, Gladys Stone, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home); Micah Helms (cancer)

Ushers today - *Zac Hiltgen, Cade Hiltgen, Dylan Ohlde, & Emmitt Tiemeyer

Ushers August 10 - *Ethan Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Noah Thalmann, & Deavon Ohlde

LYF Mowing August 9 - Cash Stunkel & Kingston Voelker

LYF Mowing August 16 - Dylan Ohlde & Cade Hiltgen

Upcoming Events

August 3 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

August 10 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- This morning we celebrate the infant baptism of Bodie Kent Ohlde, born on July 24th, to Tyler and Lesly Ohlde. His sponsor is DJ Wurtz, and Ricardo Ruacho is a witness.
- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Colossians 1:15** - "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."
- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - Enrollment dates for 1st-8th grade: Thurs., Aug. 7, & Fri., Aug. 8, 8am-6pm
 - Back-to-School Night: Sunday, Aug. 17 - 5 pm service at Zion & backpack blessing. Come put away your supplies & meet your teacher; light meal served by PTL to follow.
 - Tues., Aug. 19, at 8:10 am - First Day of School
 - Mon., Aug. 25 - 1st Day of MWF Preschool
 - Tues., Aug. 26 - 1st Day of Tu/Th Preschool
- **Every Member Visits:** Pastor Werner wants to meet you! If you have not yet done so, please contact Pastor Werner at 612-716-4753 to set up a visit. The three main questions to consider are: *How did you come to St. John Palmer? What do you appreciate about our congregation? What could be improved?* We as a congregation would greatly appreciate your input.
- It is time to renew our Lutheran Witness subscriptions. If you currently subscribe and would like to continue to receive the magazine, you do not need to do anything. If you would like to be added to the roster to receive the publication or if your address has changed, then please contact Theresa Meier by August 5th. This subscription is paid by St. John for any member who would like to receive the Lutheran Witness.
- The Beikmann Family has moved north. Our new address is 704 E Florence St., Pierce, NE 68767, and you can contact us at our same cell phone numbers. We'd like to thank you for being our church family these past eleven years and wish you God's richest blessings as you continue to minister to the Palmer area. -David & Diane, Claire, Camryn, & Cadence

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. 10:16-17; 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 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: vv. 1-2)*

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

He subdued peoples | under us,*

and nations un- | der our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*

Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

For God is the King of | all the earth;*

sing praises | with a psalm!

God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

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.

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 2:7-17*

⁷ Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Gradual (*Psalms 34:11, 5*)

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:19-23*

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 47:1*)

Alleluia. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:1-9*

¹ In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, ² “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” ⁴ And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵ And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶ And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷ And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

As We Gather... Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Genesis 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, “By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .” (Genesis 3:19). In other words, “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For “the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Catechetical Review

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

The Ten Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Sunday of the Feeding of the 4,000



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