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**July 13, 2025**

**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:** 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

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

**Distribution Hymn:** 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

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

**Distribution Hymn:** 852 "O God of Mercy, God of Might"

**Distribution Hymn:** 698 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

**Closing Hymn:** 851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

### 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); Addie Voelker (healing); Micah Helms (cancer)**

**Ushers today** - \*Elijah Meier, Ethan Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, & Emitt Tiemeyer

**Ushers July 20** - \*Evan Bott, Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, & Liam Voelker

**LYF Mowing July 19** - Aiden Sweet & Deavon Ohlde

**LYF Mowing July 26** - Gretchen & Samuel Bott

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>July 13</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  |
| <b>July 20</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>~10:45 a.m. Quarterly Voters Assembly Meeting |
| <b>July 21</b> | 7:00 p.m. LLS School Board Meeting at LLS   |
| <b>July 27</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  |

## Announcements

- There will be an LYF/Parent meeting for those who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering after church **TODAY**, July 13. Please meet in the parish hall.
- All of the Endowment Matching has been used from St. John for Linn Lutheran School for 2025. Thank you to everyone who used this program. We appreciate your support.
- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Psalms 119:11** - "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
- **KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUORadio on Facebook, X, and Instagram.
- **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we're beginning a summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 3, 4, 11, 15, and 20. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians! On Concord Matters this Saturday (7/19 at 10 a.m.), Pastor Finnern will lead us through "Part 2" of our study on the 2nd Commandment in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at [theresa\\_meier@yahoo.com](mailto:theresa_meier@yahoo.com) by noon on Friday.

## 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

## 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 (*Psalms 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 8:18-23*

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> 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.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 9:4b, 9*)

**Alleluia.** You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **Alleluia.**

## 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

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

### 1. The Holy Spirit (Continued) The Work of the Holy Spirit

#### 156. What is the special work of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit sanctifies me (makes me holy) by bringing me to faith in Christ, so that I might have the blessings of redemption and lead a godly life (sanctification in the wide sense).

*Note:* The word sanctification is used in two ways:

1. The wide sense - the whole work of the Holy Spirit by which He brings us to faith and also enables us to lead a godly life.

2. The narrow sense - that part of the Holy Spirit's work by which He directs and empowers the believer to lead a godly life.

551 **1 Corinthians 6:11** - You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

#### 157. Why do you need the Holy Spirit to begin and sustain this faith in you?

By nature I am spiritually blind, dead, and an enemy of God, as the Scriptures teach; therefore, "I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him."

552 **1 Corinthians 2:14** - The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

553 **Ephesians 2:1** - You were dead in your transgressions and sins.

554 **Romans 8:7** - The sinful mind is hostile to God.

555 **Ephesians 2:8-9** - By grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, that no one can boast.

556 **1 Corinthians 12:3** - No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

#### 158. What has the Holy Spirit done to bring you to faith?

The Holy Spirit "has called me by the Gospel," that is, He has invited and drawn me by the Gospel to partake of the spiritual blessings that are mine in Christ.

557 **Romans 1:16** - I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

558 **2 Thessalonians 2:14** - He called you to this through our gospel.

559 **Revelation 22:17** - The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

*Bible narratives:* Invitation to the wedding banquet of the king's son (**Matthew 22:1-10**). Invitation to the great banquet (**Luke 14:15-17**).

## The Sunday of Fatherly Mercy



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