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June 2, 2024

First 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 (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 818 "In Thee Is Gladness"

Hymn of the Day: 724 "If God Himself Be for Me"

(vv. 3 & 7 - women; vv. 4 & 8 - men)

Distribution Hymn: 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Distribution Hymn: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Distribution Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Distribution Hymn: 658 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

Closing Hymn: 582 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home)

Ushers today - *Elijah Meier, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Liam Voelker

Ushers June 9 - *Eli Thalmann, Daniel Nabors, Greyson Ohlde, & Noah Thalmann

LYF Mowing by June 9th - Dylan Ohlde & Cash Stunkel

LYF Mowing by June 16th - Daniel Nabors & Kingston Voelker

Upcoming Events

June 2 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

June 9 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- Last call to sign up your child or to sign up to volunteer for VBS June 17th-21st! Sign up sheets are located in the entry way.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for snack donations for VBS (happening June 17-21). Please consider donating items for the kids to enjoy!
- St. John has \$15,656.00 left to match in the 2024 Endowment Fund Matching Program for Linn Lutheran School. The Matching Program runs until July 15, 2024. Checks can be mailed or dropped off at Linn Lutheran. Thank you for using the Matching Program!
- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Numbers 6:24-26** - "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."
- Jubilate Deo Music Academy is excited to offer a music camp this summer to strengthen music skills by engaging in LSB services that may not be familiar, singing in large and small groups, folk dancing, playing musical games, and more! Plus, we will be encouraging the artist in everyone to work on a group project we can all be proud of. The camp is for kids ages 7-12 and will meet from 9am-12pm on July 15-19 at St. John Palmer, with a service of Evening Prayer and Family Fellowship Time on Friday at 6pm. For more info, call or text Diane Hayes (970) 227-8600 or email JDMAKansas@gmail.com. Sign up soon because space is limited! (<https://forms.gle/MEKsLcsdj1q1PM2G9>) We also need volunteers age 13 & up!
- Linn Lutheran School has an opening for an as needed maintenance position available. Tasks would include:
 - Conduct maintenance tasks to school as directed by school management
 - Minor repairs to school classrooms and common areas
 - Install equipment and appliancesIf interested, please contact David Beikmann by phone at 402-200-9720 or e-mail at david.beikmann@cune.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. 10:16-17; 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 13:1-4; antiphon: vv. 5-6)*

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love; *
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.
I will sing | to the Lord, *
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for- | ever?*

How long will you hide your | face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?

Consider and answer me, O | Lord my God;*

**light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"*
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.**

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 First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 15:1-6*

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Gradual (*Psalms 41:4, 1*)

**I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!”
Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him.**

Epistle Reading: *1 John 4:16-21*

¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 7:1*)

Alleluia. O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*

¹⁹ [Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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

On the Resurrection of the Dead.

On the Last Day, God, by His omnipotent Word, will raise the bodies of all dead men and unite them with their souls, and the wicked will endure eternal punishment with the devil, and those who are pious and doing good works will gain eternal rewards in heaven.

What is new obedience?

... Good works, or the worship of God, are the actions of the mind, will, heart and external members which God has commanded, which the Holy Spirit has aroused and which we have done in faith to this end: that we show God and honor.

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 Ten Commandments

The Purposes of the Law

77. What purposes does the Law then serve?

A. First, the Law helps to control violent outbursts of sin and keeps order in the world (a curb).

245 **1 Timothy 1:9** - We also know that law is made not for the righteous [good people] but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers.

246 **Romans 2:14-15** - Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

B. Second, the Law accuses us and shows us our sin (a mirror).

247 **Romans 3:20** - Through the law we become conscious of sin.

248 **Romans 7:7** - I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."

C. Third, the Law teaches us Christians what we should and should not do to lead a God-pleasing life (a guide). The power to live according to the Law comes from the Gospel.

249 **Psalms 119:9** - How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your word.

250 **Psalms 119:105** - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

251 **1 John 4:9, 11** - This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him ... Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Note: See **Luke 10:27**.

The Sunday of the Rich Man & Lazarus



As We Gather...

Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness" (**Genesis 15:6**). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (**1 John 4:20**). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (**Luke 16:19-31**). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

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