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**July 7, 2024**

**Sixth 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:** 874 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

**Hymn of the Day:** 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

**Distribution Hymn:** 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

**Distribution Hymn:** 705 The Man is Ever Blessed

**Distribution Hymn:** 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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

**Closing Hymn:** 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

### Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto: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, Loren Bott,**

**JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home)**

**Ushers today** - \*Evan Bott, Deavon Ohlde, Aiden Sweet, & Mason Tiemeyer

**Ushers July 14** - \*Ryan Stuenkel, Cash Stunkel, Greyson Ohlde, & Conner Ohlde

**LYF Mowing by July 14th** - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

**LYF Mowing by July 21st** - Camryn Beikmann & Aiden Sweet

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Matthew 6:33-34** - "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

### Upcoming Events

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| <b>July 7</b>     | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion   |
| <b>July 8</b>     | 7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting; Elders Meeting<br>8:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting   |
| <b>July 14</b>    | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion   |
| <b>July 15</b>    | 8:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Mtg at LLS  |
| <b>July 15-19</b> | 9:00 a.m. - Noon JDMA Music Camp at St. John   |
| <b>July 21</b>    | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting<br>Dr. Bull presentation at Mt. Calvary (see announcement) |
| <b>July 22</b>    | 7:00 p.m. Special Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>(Mary Magdalene) at St. John   |

### Announcements

- St. John is invited to attend a presentation on **July 21st** at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Marysville; the presentation will be given by Dr. Bernard Bull, President of Concordia University in Seward, NE. We are invited to church at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11:45 a.m., and the presentation, which follows. Please contact Pastor Miller at [pastorphilipmiller@gmail.com](mailto:pastorphilipmiller@gmail.com) or 785-562-2046 with any questions.
- St. John's Matching has all been matched in the 2024 Endowment Fund Matching Program for Linn Lutheran School. Thank you for using the program!
- Sunday School will resume **August 18th**. The teaching sign-up sheet is located on the Sunday School bulletin board in the hallway. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hornkohl.

**As We Gather...**

**Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness**

*"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Romans 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).*

## 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.

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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 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8-9)

The Lord is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.  
Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*  
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

**To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*  
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down |  
to the pit.  
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\*  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.  
The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,  
and | I am helped;\*  
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.  
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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **First Reading: *Romans 1:18-27***

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

## **Gradual (*Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b*)**

**Return, O Lord! How long?**

**Have pity on your servants!**

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

**From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

## **Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:1-11***

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with

Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 31:1*)**

**Alleluia.** In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! **Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:17-30***

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.” <sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

## Catechetical Review

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

#### 86. What is a creed?

A creed is a statement of what we believe, teach, and confess.

275 **Romans 10:10** - It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

#### I Believe

#### 87. What is meant by “I believe in God”?

It means I trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in the Holy Scriptures.

276 **Psalm 31:14** - I trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

277 **Psalm 37:5** - Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him.

278 **Romans 10:17** - Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

279 **Hebrews 11:1** - Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

#### 88. Why do we say, “I believe,” and not, “We believe”?

Everyone must believe for himself or herself; no one can be saved by another’s faith.

280 **Habakkuk 2:4** - The righteous will live by faith.

281 **Luke 7:50** - Your faith has saved you; go in peace

*Bible narrative:* The foolish virgins could not obtain oil from the wise virgins (**Matthew 25:1-13**).

#### 89. What three creeds are used by the church?

The Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian.

## The Sunday of True Righteousness



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