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June 23, 2024

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 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: 665 "Be Strong in the Lord" Hymn of the Day: 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

Distribution Hymn: 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Distribution Hymn: 561 "The Tree of Life" **Distribution Hymn:** 566 "By Grace I'm Saved" **Distribution Hymn:** 504 "Father Most Holy"

Closing Hymn: 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home); Royce Ohlde (knee surgery & recovery)

Ushers today - *Ethan Bott, Aiden Sweet, Greyson Ohlde, & Liam Voelker
Ushers June 30 - *Daniel Nabors, Noah Thalmann, Dylan Ohlde, & Zac Hiltgen
LYF Mowing by June 30th - Zac Hiltgen & Noah Thalmann
LYF Mowing by July 7th - Conner & Greyson Ohlde

Upcoming Events

June 23	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
June 25	7:00 p.m.	Hymn Festival at Immanuel
June 30	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion

Announcements

- St. John has \$8,556.00 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!
- Linn Lutheran Preschool has two openings in its M/W/F preschool class. This is our 4/5 year old classroom that meets in the morning. Please contact the school (785)-348-5792 or director Laura Stunkel if you have any questions.
- 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
 - 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/MEKsLcsdjJq1PM2G9) We also need volunteers age 13 & up!
- From Bethlehem, Greenleaf & St. Peter's, Barnes: We are excited to inform you that Pastor Randall Jahnke will be installed as pastor of our churches on Sunday, June 30, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem. Pastor Hayes will give the liturgy, and Pastor Koch will deliver the message. We invite you to join us in this celebration. There will be a reception following the installation in the parish hall at Bethlehem. As we begin this new chapter in our congregation, we would like to ensure information from your congregation and area is shared with our members and Pastor Jahnke in an easy manner. Some confusion has happened in our email address. You can reach us by emailing bethlehemgreenleaf@hotmail.com. This email will be checked regularly by someone who can get the information in our bulletin and send it to St. Peter's in a timely fashion. Our postal address remains the same as always. God's blessings from Bethlehem and St. Peter's!

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 th	ne following	statements	as part	of your
elf-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 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

15 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." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 17 '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. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 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. 21 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 8:18-23

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

- 36 [Jesus said:] "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.
- ³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ 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."

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

As We Gather... Christ's Mercy 1s 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 Ten Commandments

Sin (Continued)

82. What has original sin done to human nature?

Original sin

A. has brought guilt and condemnation to all people.

- 259 **Romans 5:19** Through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners.
- 260 Ephesians 2:3 Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.
- B. has left everyone without true fear and love of God, that is, spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God
 - 261 Genesis 8:21 Every inclination of his [man's] heart is evil from childhood.
 - 262 **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.
 - 263 Ephesians 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.
 - 264 **Romans 8:7** The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
 - C. Causes everyone to commit all kinds of actual sins.
 - 265 Matthew 7:17 Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
 - 266 **Galatians 5:19** The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

83. What is actual sin?

Actual sin is every act against a commandment of God in thoughts, desires, words, or deeds.

- 267 **Matthew 15:19** Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.
- 268 **James 1:15** After desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin. (Sins of commission).
- 269 **James 4:17** Anyone, then who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. (Sins of omission).
- LCMS memory verse challenge: Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

The Sunday of Fatherly Mercy



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