

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

Hymn of the Day: 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Distribution Hymn: 707 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Distribution Hymn: 588 "Jesus Loves Me"

Closing Hymn: 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail 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.

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Ethan Bott

Ushers this Sunday - \*John Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, Eli Thalmann, Nathan Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - \*Trey Voelker, Elijah Meier, Ryan Stuenkel, Lance Gerleve

LYF Mowing August 8th - Sophia Bott & Claire Beikmann

LYF Mowing August 15th - Eli & Ella Thalmann

### Upcoming Events

- August 2** 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 9** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Special Voters Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Installation Service of Robyn Meyer at Zion
- August 16** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 19** School Resumes

### Announcements

- \* There will be a special Voters Meeting next Sunday, **August 9th**, at 10:45 a.m. to consider UV Light Filtration for our HVAC systems.
- \* **Building for Eternity Update:** Exciting news! We have surpassed our original building goal of 160,000! As of July 29th, we have raised \$176,697.49! Thank you all for the amazing support. It's been incredible to see the excitement surrounding this building project in our community. The additional funds raised will be used for projects identified by the school board and voted on by the school association.
- \* The 2020 Endowment Funds for LLS have been used up. Thank you to all who donated funds through the Endowment this year. We appreciate your continued support of Christian Education in our community!
- \* **Linn Lutheran News:** Enrollment and cleaning days will be Tuesday, **August 4th**, from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Saturday, **August 8th**, from 9 a.m.- noon. The installation service for Robyn Meyer will be Sunday, **August 9th**, at 6:30 p.m. at Zion. The first day of school for 1st-8th grade is **August 19th**; Preschool will start **August 24th**.
- \* Thank you to all who provided music in July during distribution while the organist took communion: Theresa Meier, Elijah Meier, Claire Beikmann, and Merv Knox.
- \* If you have a child going to 3/4 year old Preschool this Fall, they can also start coming to Sunday School! Message call or message Ann Ohlde so she knows who to add to the Sunday School class! Thank you.
- \* If you have a student entering 3rd, 4th or 5th grade and do NOT attend Linn Lutheran, we will have Mid-Week for them on Wednesday nights during the school year. If this is one of your students, please contact Ann Ohlde. We are also looking for someone to teach Mid-Week classes. Materials and lessons will be provided; let Ann know if you are interested.
- \* This week on KFUO.org, study Judges 14-17 on Sharper Iron's "Rebellion and Rescue" mini-series (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), study the scriptures in the August Lutheran Witness with Pastor Weslie Odom on The Coffee Hour (**8/7 at 9 a.m.**), and study the Epitome of the Formula of Concord with Pastor Matt Richard and host Pastor Sean Smith on Concord Matters (**8/4 at 2 p.m.**). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts.



## Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> “Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

## Epistle Reading: *Romans 9:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

## Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14:13-21*

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup> They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” <sup>18</sup> And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## *As We Gather...*

### *Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God*

By the Gospel of “*the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever*” (**Romans 9:5**), we are “*the children of God*” (**Romans 9:8**), “*not because of works but because of him who calls*” (**Romans 9:11**). Therefore, “*listen diligently*” and “*hear, that your soul may live.*” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “*an everlasting covenant*” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*” (**Isaiah 55:2–3**). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “*said a blessing,*” broke the loaves “*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*” (**Matthew 14:18–19**), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (**Matthew 14:20**).

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### From “**A Contentious Question:**”

*Whether the Godhead is truly known to some degree, or may indeed be known by human understanding without the revealed Word of God? (1619)*  
by The Theological Faculty at Wittenberg

Indeed all men are by nature vain. They know nothing of God and the visible blessing that He is. They know and see none of the works of Him who is the Master. Instead, man regards as gods either the fire or wind or strong wind or the lights in the sky as ruling the world. They rightly should have know very much better that it is He who is Lord over everything and has created everything. And, by marveling at His power and might they should rightly have noticed from this how much more powerful is He who has brought about all this. For indeed the great beauty and the works of this very same Creator should be known as from a picture. (page 13)

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The most knowledgeable have imagined an invisible God for themselves, yet one about whom they knew nothing, not even who He is. And they have not attained the enlightenment by which they could say that the true God is Jehovah, whom Israel serves, who is one in essence but threefold in person, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (page 14)

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## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles' Creed - The First Article

#### Humanity (Continued)

##### **102. Why do we say, "God has made me?"**

God created the first man and woman, and God has created each one of us.

344 **Genesis 1:28** - God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

345 **Psalms 139:13** - You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

346 **Jeremiah 1:5** - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

##### **103. How did God first create life?**

God created all living things, both plant and animal, by His Word alone, from nothing. He created humanity specially, from dust, then gave us His own breath as life.

347 **Genesis 2:7** - The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

348 **Psalms 139:14** - I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

##### **104. What plan does God use for the reproduction of living things?**

God created living things to reproduce "according to their kinds." Animals, plants, and people can reproduce only living things like themselves.

349 **Genesis 1:21** - God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

350 **Genesis 1:24** - God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.

##### **105. What is the Christian's proper response to theories of evolution regarding the beginning of the world?**

By faith Christians believe what the Word of God teaches about creation. Evolutionary theories are not scientifically verifiable.

351 **Hebrews 11:3** - By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

352 **2 Peter 3:5-6** - They deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

353 **1 Timothy 6:20-21** - Guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

## *The Sunday of the Feeding of the 5,000*



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