

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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**August 11, 2019**

**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 Gruoner, 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:** 711 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead"  
**Sermon Hymn:** 771 "Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 628 "Your Table I Approach"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"  
**Closing Hymn:** 719 "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at [gholtorf@bluevalley.net](mailto:gholtorf@bluevalley.net).  
Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

**Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain**      **Kelly & Quinn Rhoades**  
**Arnold Lohmeyer**

**Acolyte this Sunday** - Conner Ohlde  
**Acolyte next Sunday** - Daniel Nabors  
**Ushers this Sunday** - \*Alec Tiemeyer, Lance Gerleve, Tyler Ohlde, Aaron Stuenkel  
**Ushers next Sunday** - \*Trey Voelker, Brett Peters, Brady Kolle, Cody Ohlde  
**LYF mowing August 17** - Ryan Stuenkel & Elijah Meier  
**LYF mowing August 24** - Sophia Bott & Claire Beikmann

### Upcoming Events

- August 11**      8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- August 18**      8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
6:30 p.m. LLS Installation Service@Zion and  
Back-to-School Night@LLS
- August 25**      8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

### Announcements

- \* St. John is in need of someone to teach Midweek to the 4th-6th graders this school year at our church on Wednesday evenings. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our youth; if interested, please visit with one of the elders.
- \* Sunday School teaching schedules are hanging up on the hallway bulletin board. Please sign up to help teach this fall. Whatever isn't filled in will be assigned on a rotation to the parents with students in that class. Thank you!
- \* **Linn Lutheran News:**
  - \* 2019-2020 School Year Theme: Matthew 18:20 - In Jesus' Name
  - \* **Aug. 18th** - Installation Service/Back-to-School Night - 6:30 p.m.@Zion
  - \* **Aug. 21st** - First Day of School (8:10 a.m.-3:35 p.m.)
  - \* We are in need of volunteers; even serving for one hour a week would be greatly appreciated! For more information or an application, contact the school at 785-348-5792) or David Beikmann at [linnluth@bluevalley.net](mailto:linnluth@bluevalley.net).
  - \* **Staff:** Mrs. Laura Stunkel (Preschool), Mrs. Kelsey Hatesohl (1st/2nd), Mrs. Jessie Uffman (3rd/4th/5th), Mr. David Beikmann (6th/7th/8th), Pastor David Gruoner (Confirmation), Mrs. Ann Ohlde (Secretary), Mrs. Kay Bott & Mrs. Theresa Meier (Aides), Mrs. Deanna Giles (Custodian), & Mr. Claire Wohler (Bus Driver)
- \* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Washington will be hosting a program called "Stay Strong, Stay Healthy" that is based on simple, strength-building exercises that will improve balance, health, and state of mind, promoting quality of life and independence, especially for adults age 60 and over. If you are interested, the details are posted on the hallway bulletin board.

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This week on KFuo.org, learn about the Saga of Salvation in the book of Exodus with Rev. Timothy Appel and guest pastors (including Thy Strong Word host Rev. AJ Espinosa) weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT, study Daniel 3-7 on Thy Strong Word with Rev. AJ Espinosa weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT, and hear stories about Lutherans at home and around the world on The Coffee Hour weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.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. David Gruoner, Vacancy 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, 22:23ff, Luke 22:17-20)
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

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



### Introit

Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

**He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.**

**He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.**

**His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,  
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.**

**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.**

Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

### Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### *As We Gather...*

As we come together today for worship and like sheep to feed on God's Word and Sacraments, our fears are replaced by faith and we are strengthened to go back into the world. We hear the words of our Shepherd King Jesus as He tells us, 'Have no fear, little flock.'

## 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.

## Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-34

22 [Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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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)

\* The quotation above is from the 2004 translation by Rev. Dr. Elmer Hohle and Rev. Dr. Gerald Krispin and is published by Repristination Press. It is used with permission.

## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism Introduction (Cont.)

#### **12. Why are all six chief parts of the Small Catechism taken from the Bible alone?**

All the chief parts of the Small Catechism are taken from the Bible, because, as God's written Word, the Bible is the only final authority for Christian faith and life.

"We pledge ourselves to the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments as the pure and clear foundation of Israel, which is the only true norm according to which all teachers and teachings are to be judged and evaluated..."

"[We have] a single, universally accepted...form of doctrine...from which and according to which, because it is drawn from the Word of God, all other writings are to be approved and accepted, judged and regulated" (Formula of Concord SD Rule and Norm 3, 10).

38 **Matthew 15:9** - They worship Me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.

39 **Galatians 1:8** - Even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned.

## The Ten Commandments

#### **13. What are the Ten Commandments?**

The Ten Commandments are the Law of God.

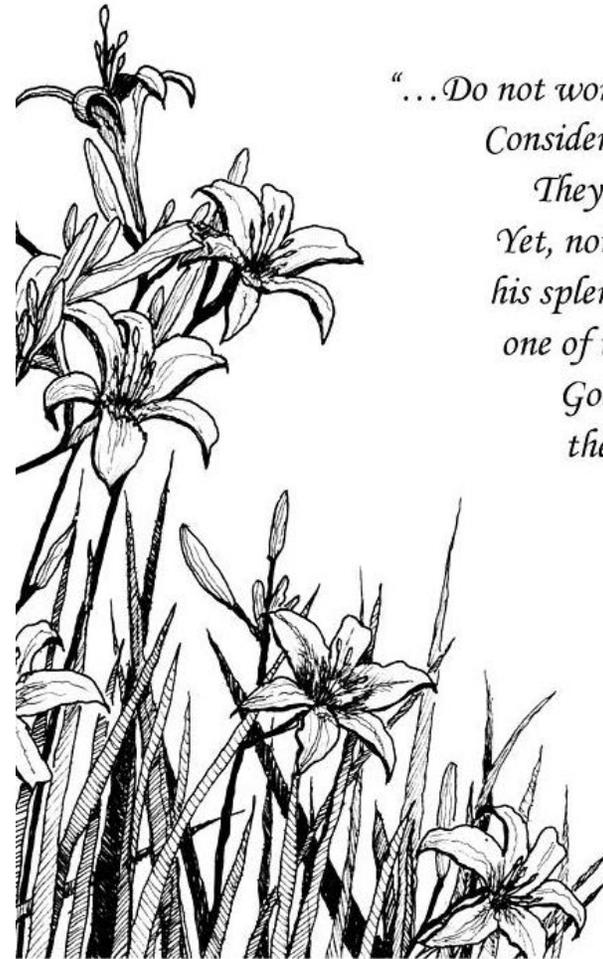
*Note:* God gave them in this order but did not number them (**Deut. 5:6-21; Ex. 20:1-17**).

#### **14. How did God give His Law?**

When God created people, He wrote the Law on their hearts. Later, he arranged the Law in Ten Commandments, wrote it on two tablets of stone, and made it known through Moses.

40 **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.

*Bible narrative:* God wrote His commandments directly for the Israelites (**Ex. 19:20; 31:18**). There are three kinds of laws in the Old Testament: the moral law, which tells all people their duty toward God and other people; the ceremonial law, which regulated the religious practices in the Old Testament; and the political law, which was the state law of the Israelites. Only the moral law was written into the human heart.



*"...Do not worry about your life...  
Consider how the lilies grow.  
They do not labor or spin.  
Yet, not even Solomon in all  
his splendor was dressed like  
one of these. If that is how  
God clothes the grass of  
the field, ... how much  
more will He clothe  
you! ... But seek  
first His kingdom  
and these things  
will be given to  
you as well."  
Luke 12:22-31*

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