

† The Holy Trinity †

May 27, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers, and greatly to be praised and glorified forever. Alleluia. (Liturgical Text)

PRAYER: O Holy Triune God, Lord of all, grant us that faith in You which is unalloyed and that worthily sings Your praise, now and forever. Amen.

Sermon: "The True God Shines His Light Upon Our Darkness" (John 3:3,5,11,13-15)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: selected movements from Veni Creator Spiritus (Nicolas d' Grigny)

Offering: Variations on "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" III. Pastorale (Jeffrey Blersch)

Postlude: Nicaea (Flor Peeters)

Altar Guild: Arlene Rogge & LuAn Schutte

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Tom Eversman
10:30 am: Todd Haag

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Zach Kappel & Leah Gordon
10:30 am: Colin Vetsch & Alex Vetsch

Ushers: 8:00 am: Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler,
Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge
10:30 am: Marvin Cummins, Tim Lodholz,
Dean Noren, Wayne Schutte

Money Counters: Ruth Droogsma, *Dave Giefer*,
Paul Radintz, Mark Schutte

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for BOA Deacons Tom Eversman & Mike Gaffer and the Board Members, and for Treasurer Chad Brown, and also for our Teachers Deb Volberding (First Grade) and Gary Volberding (7th & 8th Grade).

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

INTROIT Ps. 8:1-20, 3-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy
O | Lord, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,*

the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*

and the son of man that you | care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*

and crowned him with glory and | honor.

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.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

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•Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

•Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.

•Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329 – 330).

OPENING HYMN: LSB 507

CONFESSION: LSB 184

INTROIT: (bulletin) – conclude

with Gloria Patri on LSB 186

KYRIE: LSB 186

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And with thy spirit**

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 190

CREED: LSB 319 – *Athanasian Creed*

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 498

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 ("Create in Me")

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 947; LSB 940

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199 ("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 505

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
May 27 – June 2**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Andrew Mock Max Stoffels	
MONDAY	FRIDAY
	Karen Fussy Landon Gilmore Darlean Goskey Diane Radintz Diane Schwecke
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Emerald Kemna Dan Kolander Courtney Meine Olivia Schutte	Pat Ellinger
WEDNESDAY	
Jackson Kruse	

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS: 5/27... Summer break- No youth bible class

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *no special feast days this week.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Troy Eder, Kristine Eversman, and Bruce O'Hern. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, and the family of Caroline Lucht.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Francis), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), and the family of William Cahlander.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available by individual appointment through the summer. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! 763-420-2426 email: secretary@stjlutheran.org

† Announcements †

TRINITY SEASON – From ancient times the Church Year has had two halves: Festival Time (Advent - Pentecost) and Ordinary Time (Trinity Sunday - the Last Sunday of the Church Year). Our Historic Lectionary takes the Ordinary Time to group lessons together to teach on main topics related to the major festivals that occur during this half of the Church Year. So the first few weeks of the Trinity Season offer different doctrinal lessons on what the Church of the Holy Spirit (given at Pentecost) will look like.

The Church of the Holy Spirit:

Hears His Prophets (June 3)
 Receives His Invitation (June 10)
 Rejoices over Repentance (June 17)
 and, Confesses the Faith & Catches Men (July 1)



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached the Wilderness. It should only have been a short stay at Mount Sinai to receive the Law, but things go wrong through Sin. God who is merciful and just, therefore, institutes a place of worship, The Tabernacle, where He might dwell with His people and forgive their sins.

This week: The Wild, Wild Wilderness (Exodus 17-18)

Next week: The Arrival at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19)

Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

NEW TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Beginning this Tuesday we will study the *Book of Proverbs*. We meet Tuesdays at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. Join us as we reflect on Jesus Christ, the Wisdom from on High. All knowledge *begins* with the Fear of the Lord and many practical insights flow from that knowledge- the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



ACOLYTE TRAINING: Pr. Johnson will be offering training for 5th-7th grade students, especially the 5th graders who will be newly of acolyte age as 6th graders in the fall, **NEXT** Sunday June 3rd between services – please meet in the sanctuary for a session.

MARRIAGE RETREAT – UPDATE: After printing the “Save the Date” in the May Newsletter, the venue had to call and cancel our reservation for July 13-14 due to needed maintenance at their facility. All their remaining weekends were booked, so we are resuming the search for a suitable and affordable venue. Please bear with us patiently. Thank you!

NEW ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: Pastors Johnson and Moss will be offering **two** Adult Instruction classes this summer. The first is on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. The second is on Thursdays, from 7-8:30pm. Childcare will be provided for the Thursday sessions *only*. Please let one of the pastors know if you have not already notified them of your intent to attend.

CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND: This St. John's fund assists students with a career path towards being a full-time church worker (future pastors, teachers, DCEs and deaconesses) with their college tuition. Disbursements are awarded each year from the interest earned on this fund. The application is available on our St. John's website. **The deadline for application submission is May 31.** Turn in completed applications to any member of the SEWAC Board or the church secretary. To make a donation to this important fund, write “Church Worker Scholarship Fund” on your offering envelope.

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY 8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 9:30 am: Bible Study
 10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 4:00 pm: Adult Open Gym

MON: No School/Office Closed (Memorial Day)
 10:00 am: Memorial Service (Cemetery)

TUES: 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study (Auxiliary Rm)

WED:

THUR: 7:00 pm: Closing Service/8th Grade Graduation

FRI: 8:00 am: Chapel ~ Devotion; Last ½ day School

SAT:

SUN: 8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 9:30 am: Acolyte Training Session
 9:30 am: Bible Study
 10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 4:00 pm: Adult Open Gym

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, June 3rd:

Altar Guild: Deb Koehler

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Joe Koehler
 10:30 am: Ross Meyer

Acolytes: 8:00 am: 2 acolytes needed
 10:30 am: 2 acolytes needed

Ushers: 8:00 am: Dan Kolander, Floyd Lieske, Matt Kolander, Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
 10:30 am: David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche

Money Counters: Tim Lodholz, *Craig Schutte*, Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold

Those Serving Next Week, Monday, June 4th:

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Erik Preus
 Acolytes: 7:00 pm: 1 acolyte needed



ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY service of prayer and thanksgiving is **TOMORROW MORNING** Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am in the church cemetery. The apostle Paul writes in Romans 13 "give honor to whom honor is due." Every year we give thanks to God for all who currently serve in the armed forces of our nation and remember all veterans after their service. Each year we focus on a member of our congregation who has died in Christ and is buried in our church cemetery. This year we give thanks to God for Harold Bauermeister, who served our nation as a paratrooper during the era of the Korean War.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: How exciting, VBS is just around the corner!! Mark your calendars June 18th-23rd, 9am til Noon, with a program and pot luck on the 23rd at Noon. The theme this year is "Splash Canyon-God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride". Registration for both... Students: Pre-K (3yr old) thru 4th grade and Volunteers: 5th grade and up, will open right after Memorial Day. We are also going to need help from the entire congregation. There will be a list of donations needed as well as props and decorations that we could borrow, these lists will be posted soon. Thank you all in advance for all your help in making our VBS program successful again this year. Any questions please contact Tara Eder at tara.eder@gmail.com.



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: on the recommendation of the Call committee has extended Contracts or Calls to the following people, Brittany Stroschein for Pre-K, Miriam Preus for 4th Grade Teacher, Rachel Keinath for Resource K-8/Jr High Social Studies Teacher. We pray they all consider taking these positions adding to the already wonderful staff we have. If you have any specific comments or concerns with these candidates listed, feel free to contact Brian Callahan at 763-242-3837, or brian.callahan@centurylink.com.

ADMINISTRATOR CALL: After prayerful consideration, a Call has been approved by the Board of Deacons and extended to Mrs. Krista Nagy to serve as the new Administrator of St. John's. Please keep Krista, her husband Scott, and their two children in your prayers as she considers this Call over the coming weeks.

COME CELEBRATE: with the Board of Education and PTL, **THIS** Thursday, May 31st, after closing services, in honor of Gretchen Dolan and Kendra Gilmore's 10 Year service anniversary. We will also be celebrating Julie Preus retirement after 41 years of service in Christian Teaching. Congratulations!

PROPERTY & GROUNDS: We are starting to plan the parsonage window and door replacement project. We'd like to give any members who do this type of work professionally the first chance of bidding on this job. Contact one of your deacons if you'd like to discuss this. We are also in need of ~\$20,000 to pay for this project and we'd like to fund it through individual contributions rather than adding it as a line item in the budget. If you'd like to make a contribution to this project, please mark your envelope as such or contact one of your deacons. ~Kevin Pomerence/Dan Holthus

