

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

GRADUAL Ps. 41:4, 1

I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him.

DAILY READINGS

June 3: Eccl. 11:1-10; John 10:22-42; **4:** Eccl. 12:1-14; John 11:1-16; **5:** Prov. 1:8-33; John 11:17-37; **6:** Prov. 3:5-24; John 11:38-57; **7:** Prov. 4:1-27; John 12:1-19; **8:** Prov. 5:1-23; John 12:20-36a; **9:** Prov. 8:1-21; John 12:36b-50.

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Epistle: 1 John 4:16-21

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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June 3, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me. Alleluia. (Ps. 7:1)

PRAYER: O Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may hear the Word of Your holy prophets, and that by believing we might live in righteousness before You and in love towards our neighbor. Amen.

Sermon: “The Church of the Holy Spirit Listens to His Prophets” (Luke 16:19-31)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart (Johann Ludwig Krebs)

Offering: To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (Dieterich Buxtehude)

Postlude: Oh, What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be (Raymond H. Haan)

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: Leah Gordon

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

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Vacancy Pastor Richard Resch.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for SEWAC Deacons Steve Kruse & Dan Kappel and the Board Members, and also for our Third Grade Teacher Ruth Droogsma.

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. 13:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 13:5-6

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.
will sing | to the Lord,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.
How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for- | ever?*

How long will you hide your | face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all
the day?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?
Consider and answer me, O | Lord my God;*
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”*
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

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.

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

I will sing | to the Lord,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† First Sunday after Trinity †

•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 708

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 191 (or inside back cover)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 768

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 (“Create in Me”)

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 696

LSB 798

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199

(“Nunc Dimittis”)

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 675

BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF

June 3 - June 9

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Alexander Paguio	Gerald Blanck Alexis Brastad Olivia Brastad Alvin Cook Marcy Dalchow Beth Giefer Lyndsay Jackson Heather Larson Karen Pollock
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Collin Day Ed Kemna Kristina Kothrade Daniel Lallak Erin Oakland Katie Picotte	Dan Holthus
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Kaylyn Robinson	Annie Pace Sarah Pace Amy Schalo Michelle Tillmann
WEDNESDAY	
Andrew Fritz Melvin Haag Josef Johnson William Schutte A.J. Volberding	

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!

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

† **The First Sunday after Trinity** †

June 3, 2018

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, Bruce O'Hern, and Jan Stadler. 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 Schmiege, 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)

BAPTIZED TODAY is Thor Fredrik Gunton Lofquist, infant son of Cacilie and Samuel Lofquist. May our Lord Jesus bless Thor as he is nourished in the faith by his parents so that he may join us at the foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom. "May this child, Your mercy sharing, in Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever..Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven." (LSB 592)



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 Arrival at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19)
Next week: The Ten _____ (Exodus 20)

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

NEW TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We will study the *Book of Proverbs*, and 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, **TODAY** 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.

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY 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
MON: 7:00 pm: Summer Evening Divine Service
TUES: 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study (Auxiliary Rm)
WED: 7:00 pm: Adult Instruction Class (Auxiliary Rm)
THUR: 7:00 pm: Adult Instruction Class (Auxiliary Rm)
FRI:
SAT:
SUN: 8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
 9:30 am: Bible Study
 10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, June 10th:

Altar Guild: Deb Koehler
 Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Kevin Pomeranke
 10:30 am: Barron Cate
 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: *Scott Kulberg*, John Meyer,
 Bob Radintz, Bill Walters

Those Serving Next Week, Monday, June 11th:

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Jack Wold
 Acolytes: 7:00 pm: **1 acolyte needed**

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



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. Here is the link to sign up: <https://vbsmate.com/events/STJL/16790>

We are also going to need help from the entire congregation. There is a list of donations needed as well as props and decorations that we could borrow, located outside the sanctuary. Please have all items to the church no later than Wed. June 13th. The office is open during the week from 8 am-12 noon. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kendra Gilmore and Gretchen Dolan for their 10 years of Teaching service. Gretchen and Kendra were honored with a reception after closing services on May 31st. There will also be cake and coffee honoring them in Bible class between services today. Please congratulate them on their service to our congregation and their profession as Christian Teachers.

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 Pomeranke/Dan Holthus

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **JUNE** are: Kids Treats/Popcorn and Stew. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who helped put up the abortion crosses and sign. Pray that hearts will be changed and babies' lives will be saved through this display.

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE: Thank you so much for your ongoing support of LCMS mission work in Asia, including your most recent gift in April! It's folks like you who make the work of the church possible-even halfway across the world. Thank you again for all your support. It means a lot to us. ~Dan and Joan Jastram

LWML PROJECT: We will be assembling Baby Kits for needy families worldwide from items received through June 24th. Please place your generous donations in the collection playpen located in the narthex. Appreciated items include:

- Unscented Baby Lotion, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Wipes
- Baby Nail Clippers, Combs, or Brushes
- Onesies: NB-24 months, Receiving Blankets
- Diapers: NB-size 5/6, Pull-ups, & Swimmers
- Formula
- New Pack and Play sheets
- New Baby Clothing: NB - size 3T
- Christian Storybooks & Lullaby CDs
- New Mom Christian tracts, devotions, etc.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday, May 27th: 8:00 am: CT: 108 CM: 99
10:30 am: CT: 89 CM: 62



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Last Week</u> 05/27/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 6,115	\$ 652,544
Amount Needed	\$ 14,958	\$ 786,780
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (8,843)	\$ (134,236)
% Ahead (-Behind)	-59%	-17%



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