

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:7-17

⁷Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

GRADUAL Ps. 34:11, 5

Come, O children, listen to me;*

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Those who look to him are radiant,*

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Epistle: Romans 6:19-23

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:1-9

¹In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ²And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." ³And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" ⁴And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁵And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁶And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁷And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁸And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

DAILY READINGS

July 15: Judg. 15:1-16:3; Gal. 3:23-4:11; **16:** Judg. 16:4-30; Gal. 4:12-31; **17:** 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Gal. 5:1-26; **18:** 1 Sam. 1:21-2:17; Gal. 6:1-18; **19:** 1 Sam. 2:18-36; Acts 15:22-41; **20:** 1 Sam. 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22; **21:** 1 Sam. 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40.

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† The Seventh Sunday after Trinity †
July 15, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of Joy! Alleluia. (Ps. 47:1)

PRAYER: O God, it is Your loving nature to give and You created us to receive Your love. May we, by your grace and Spirit, receive all that You offer and provide. Amen.

Sermon: "Christian Faith Receives the Lord's Compassion" (Mark 8:1-9)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Sonata No. 2, mvt. (Charles W. Ore)

Offering: Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread (Gerhard Krapf)

Postlude: New Songs of Celebration Render (Michael Burkhardt)

Altar Guild: Theresa Gaffer & Jill Gehl

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

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Miranda Blanck
10:30 am: Mason Brastad

Ushers: 8:00 am: Larry Jobes, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
10:30 am: Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna,
John Meyer, Danny Schilling

Money Counters: Ruth Droogsma, Mike McFerrin,
Paul Radintz, Mark Schutte

Those Serving This Week, Monday, July 16th:

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Jerry Rogge

Acolytes: 7:00 pm: Christian Burfeind

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our Safety Team, our PTL Members, and our Middle School English Teacher Gretchen Dolan.

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. 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: Ps. 47:1-2

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.

He subdued peoples | under us,*
and nations un- | der our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*

Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

For God is the King of | all the earth;*

sing praises | with a psalm!

God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

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.

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† Seventh 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 690

CONFESSION: LSB 203

INTROIT: (bulletin)

KYRIE: LSB 204

GLORIA: LSB 204

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 205

CREED: LSB 206 (or inside back cover)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 819

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB 955 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 208ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 732

LSB 625

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 211

("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 652

BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF

July 15 - July 21

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
	Scott Brockberg Brian Callahan
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Hannah Dufault	Eva Beck
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Jessica Besel Ava Gapen Julie Mazurowski Abigail Pace Judith Renner	Mason Felber Nick Minnihan Philip Rehmer
WEDNESDAY	
Jack Schalo Luke Walton Linda Waterman	

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!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 -12:00 Monday through Friday

If you have urgent pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Matthew Moss:
pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org or 763-496-5350

**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. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

† The Seventh Sunday after Trinity †

July 15, 2018

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *Mary Magdalene (July 22)* Prov. 31:10-31; Acts 13:26-31; John 20:1-2, 10-18

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), Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Troy Eder, Kristine Eversman, Bruce O'Hern, Bob Malwitz, Bob Abraham, Ron Conley, and Alvin Cook. 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— 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, the family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte.

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

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 †

ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Chris & Emily Sawyer's Marriage Blessing Ceremony.

BAPTIZED YESTERDAY is IslaRose Germaine Baltés, infant daughter of Nicholas and Ashley Baltés. May our Lord Jesus bless IslaRose as she is nourished in the faith by her parents so that she 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)



A RENEWED FOCUS- We have finished our series on the Church of the Holy Spirit (looking back to Pentecost). Having just celebrated the Birth of John the Baptist, our next two series will take up the themes of his preaching- faith and repentance.

Christian Faith:

Produces New Righteousness (July 8)

Receives the Lord's Compassion (July 15)

Seeks Faithful Teachers (July 22)

Serves Only One Master (July 29)

Unites (and Divides) (Aug. 5)

Justifies the Sinner before God (Aug. 12)



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 Priests' Vestments (Exodus 28)

Next week: The Consecration of the Priests (Exodus 29)

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

THE SUMMER MONDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE: Every summer we add a Monday night service at 7:00 pm which has the same liturgy, Scripture readings, and sermon as the previous day's Divine Service. The weekly summer evening services will run through Monday, August 27th.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We study the *Book of Proverbs*, meeting 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.



THANK YOU: Pastor and Leah Johnson and family would like to thank the congregation, individual members, and leaders for the appreciation you showed us at the end of June on the fifteenth anniversary of my ordination and installation here at St. John's on June 28, 2003. It is an honor to serve as one of the pastors in this congregation and a joy to bring God's Word to members of all ages.

ADDITIONAL THANK YOU: Pastor Johnson and family would also like to thank the congregation for the ongoing care and concern you have demonstrated for our family, particularly in the recent projects updating the parsonage, including an insulation project that was completed earlier in the spring. This is certainly a tangible way to show respect for the office of the ministry, your pastor and his family, and the property that belongs to you. We appreciate all the time, planning, coordination, work, and funds that were necessary to make this happen.

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
MON:	9:30 am:	Boys Summer Basketball
	7:00 pm:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	7:00 pm:	Board Meetings
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Auxiliary Rm)
WED:	9:30 am:	Boys Summer Basketball
	6:00 pm:	Constitution Committee Meeting (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, July 22nd:

Altar Guild:		Theresa Gaffer & Jill Gehl
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Kevin Pomeranke
	10:30 am:	Dan Holthus
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	McKenzie Burke
	10:30 am:	Henry Bymark
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Larry Jobs, Rod Priebe, Jack Schalo
	10:30 am:	Joel Johnson, Ben Kemna, John Meyer, Danny Schilling
Money Counters:		Dave Giefer, Tim Lodholz, Bob Stashenko, Jack Wold

Those Serving Next Week, Monday, July 23rd:

Worship Assistants:	7:00 pm:	Ross Meyer
Acolytes:	7:00 pm:	Bradley Kruse



Ways to Give



In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give to St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689



Giving App

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!



Online

Visit www.stjlutheran.org to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED: Pr. Briel has been asked to return to Nigeria this coming September to teach several more classes at the Jonathan Ekong Lutheran Seminary in Uyo, Nigeria. Contributions toward his travel expenses and necessary text books for the classes he will be teaching would be greatly appreciated. God continue to bless his and all other missionary activities in our church as we seek to train indigenous pastors to bring the gospel to the nations. ...donations for this special trip should be made payable to St. John's, and designated as "Briel Nigeria Trip". Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



THANK YOU to Pastor Moss and Pastor Johnson for their visits while I was in the hospital for 2 weeks. Also, thank you for the loving and caring friends at St. John's and for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers. Thanks to God for all the wonderful and special friends.
~ Ed Kemna & family



PROPERTY & GROUNDS: is looking for volunteers to help assemble cabinet units in the new Second and Pre-K classrooms. Hardware and doors need to be attached and the units must be attached to the wall. Let us know if you can help with this.
~Kevin Pomerence/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 **JULY** are: Jello/Pudding and Cleaners (Toilet Cleaner, All-Purpose, etc.). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



Donations given to CROSS in July will be proportionally matched by Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless (OYH) Foundation to help end hunger and address housing instability for families and individuals living in Maple Grove, Rogers, Osseo, Dayton, Champlin, Corcoran, as well as those families without a home.

DEACON APPOINTMENT: Dan Kappel has resigned from the council of Deacons for personal reasons, and the Deacons have appointed Phil Schutte to fill the remainder of Dan's term.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY CAREER Pastor Johnson is attending a special recognition service today in honor of his father's retirement from his life work of spiritual care of Word and Sacrament. Blessings to his family as they celebrate this joyous occasion.

PRO LIFE SAVE THE DATE: July 14th our Pro-Life group will have another Sewing Saturday. Any age is welcome to sew baby quilts or tie blankets for needy families. Come anytime between 9 am and 3 pm. *Lunch will be provided. And we are inviting other churches in our circuit.* RSVP LeAnn Cummins 763-420-2317 or Gretchen Kliche 763-477-6136.

THANK YOU to Pastor Moss and Pastor Johnson for their visits while I was in the hospital. Thank you to all for the prayers, cards and good wishes.
~Jan Stadler



GOLF TOURNAMENT: It's time to register for the fifth annual St. John's Lutheran Golf Tournament! This fun event will take place at the beautiful Rush Creek Golf Club on Saturday, September 15th. Put together a team and register now -- or sign up as an individual and we'll find you a team. Simply go to <https://tinyurl.com/StJohnsGolf2018> or fill out a paper form. Sponsorships are also available. Event proceeds go toward tuition assistance and roof repairs for the church and school. Contact Stu Glock with questions lizzystu@aol.com, 612-309-5861.

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION for Pastor Loel Wessel of First English Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, July 22 at 3:30 at the church in Spring Valley, 217 West Grant Street. RSVP by July 6th: call Mary Ann 507-421-8275, or email FEL@mediacombb.net

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	Sunday, July 8th:	8:00 am: CT: 125 CM: 102
		10:30 am: CT: 100 CM: 78
	Monday, July 9th:	7:00 pm: CT: 51 CM: 32



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<i>Last Week</i> 07/08/18	<i>Year-to-date</i> since 07/01/18
Total General Fund Receipts	\$ 15,072	\$ 30,407
Amount Needed	\$ 20,709	\$ 177,519
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (5,637)	\$ (147,113)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-83%
Current Building Mortgage Balance (June 30)		\$ 620,052



Important Notes:

Amount Needed above includes the prior years cumulative deficit budget of \$136,101 as of June 30, 2018, plus the pro-rated portion of the \$53,217 Congregation-approved deficit for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2018.

Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

GIVE+



NEW GIVING OPTIONS: We are excited to now offer three electronic giving options for St. John's stewardship! *Online giving* has been in place for some time (formerly known as Simply Giving...re-branded as the Give+ electronic giving program of Vanco Payment Solutions), but now St. John's has introduced two more elements of that program: *The Mobile App* and *Text*. As

convenient alternatives to envelope offerings, all of these options are fast, more secure, and manageable for one-time or repetitive contributions, **and** you can direct your money to any of St. John's current giving funds! No longer do you have to carry cash or checks to make contributions – and, if you are unable to give in person while out ill, on vacation, or business, you can initiate a transaction anytime, anywhere! Additionally, when there are special giving opportunities, attending congregational social events, or responding to special appeals, your supplemental discreet gift can easily be submitted. When you participate in electronic giving, you may still want to demonstrate your stewardship during services; so our offering plate cards (that read "I give electronically") are available to drop in the offering plate as it is circulated.

In weeks to come, expect postings on Facebook and our website. While traditional envelope offerings are still an option, any donations made electronically provide accurate record posting, and do not require the tedious manual handling of the money counting process, or endure the physical environment of bank check processing. St. John's relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis; please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future.

New members will be advised of our giving method options, and guests/non-members will have the ability to contribute anywhere, anytime and have a record of their donation. *You are encouraged to utilize any and all of the ways now available to you for giving to St. John's Lutheran Church.* Members will receive a statement at the end of the year that will reflect your total combined giving by fund distribution.

For detailed information on these options, please see the insert in today's bulletin, and check out the display in the narthex. Kindly be patient with the introduction and implementation of these new programs – it may take more effort to perfect the process! Comments or questions: secretary2@stjlutheran.org