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Important Announcements

For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Stay Home when Sick: If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

Singing: At this time there are mixed studies on what effect singing may have on the spread of this disease. Due to this, the governor's office has made refraining from congregational singing a requirement. So we will speak the liturgy and the hymn of the day will be sung by the pastors. To make up for this deprivation in the Sunday Divine Service, we will add much music and singing to the Wednesday evening service which is still Live-Stream only. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home: The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services

† The First Sunday after Trinity †

June 14, 2020

Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 13:1–4; antiphon: vv. 5–6

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

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 beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Kyrie

LSB 204

☐ **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

☐ **1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav’nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated
At God’s right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 41:4, 1

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

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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray *Sung by pastors*



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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Sermon

“Stop Counting Your Dollars - Listen to the Prophets!”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.

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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), Ilene Shepherd, Brigitte Ritter, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Melvin Haag, and Carol Kappel (mother of Dan Kappel). 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 John and Arleen Barrett, Linda Bredenberg, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Vivian Kuns, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Florida), Brian Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), Emily Sawyer (Florida), and Danny Schilling (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—the family of Audrey Bauermeister, Shirley Holthus & family (at the loss of her sister, Sharon Berndt), the family of Dorothy Cooper, the family of Pr. Roger Dramstad (former Circuit Pr.-Eternal Hope, Brooklyn Park), Jerry Rogge & family (at the loss of his father Merlyn), Katie Moss & family (at the loss of her grandmother Barbara Behling), Rob Essig & family (at the loss of his brother-in-law Barry Schramel), Mark Ellinger & family (at the loss of his mother Ruth), the family of Robert Malwitz, the family of Alvin Cook, and the family of Betty Schmiege.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—Justin Bermel & family (at the loss of his father Douglas, and his brother Jeffrey), Rob Borchering & family (at the loss of his mother Carol), the family of Rev. Greg Tyler (Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Osseo), Lisa Kolander & family (at the loss of her mother Lucy Fairchild), Jan Stadler & family (at the loss of her sister, JoAnne Hackbarth), John Meyer & family (at the loss of his brother Jeff), the family of Larry Jobes, Dan Kappel & family (at the loss of his father Francis), Joellyn Wicht & family (at the loss of her mother Frances Spielman), Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa), the family of Fred Hunt, and the family of Diane Lawrence.

All expecting families and their unborn children—especially Megan & Zach Stewart, Paige & Andrew Windsperger, and Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

NEW ARRIVAL: We pray with thanks to God for the healthy birth of a baby boy, John Joseph Koosman, born to Maria and Jeremy Koosman on June 8th. May God Almighty bless mother, father, and child as together they grow in all wisdom and strength, and in God’s Word.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Bill Hillyer.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our Office Secretaries & Receptionist, and for our many appreciated members of school support including Teacher Aides, Subs, Retirees, Admin Assistants, and Library Volunteers.

† Announcements †

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, Phased-Reopening: *All St. John’s events and activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice, however, we now are able to hold Divine Services, weddings, and funerals that adhere to our protocols, as published in the pastoral letter of May 24, and available in our church’s “Covid-19 Preparedness Plan”. Please visit our website for the link to these documents and to stay informed as updates can happen quickly.*

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Please keep in mind your social distancing awareness and hygiene guidelines when entering the building and encountering other individuals; you are encouraged to wear a mask as you enter, exit, or at any time when not social distancing. Our Custodial Staff has been working diligently maintaining disinfection measures throughout the building to help keep our limited staff & visitors safe.

VIDEO BIBLE STUDY: Ephesians: An Epistle for the One Holy Church- in adult Bible study this summer we will study Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, one of the most important Epistles in the New Testament and important for our understanding of what the Church is and is here to do. A video recording will be uploaded to the YouTube Channel “Matthew Moss” and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!

June 14- Prayer of Thanksgiving (Eph. 1:15-23)

June 21- Made Alive Together in Christ (Eph. 1:1-10)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY has resumed as we take up again the Book of Acts. We will meet via Facebook Live at 9:45 am each Tuesday. This format will allow any questions you might have, simply post a comment and if it is seen it will be answered. This week we look at Happenings in the Church (Growth, Martyrdom, Imprisonment, Rescue, Divine Judgment) - Acts 11:19 through end of Chapter 12.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES are being live-streamed on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Since our Sunday services will have a reduced liturgy and hymnody, our Kantor has agreed to come on Wednesdays to add music and hymns to this service. New bulletins will be uploaded to our website each week to include the hymns to be sung.

NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER'S PASSING: It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home Diane Lawrence on June 6, 2020. A private ceremony will be held at Glen Haven funeral home on Monday, June 15 (with burial to follow at St. John’s). A memorial service will be held at St. John’s at a future date.

BAPTISED on *Thursday* was Jude Brian Knutson, infant son of Heaven & Brian Knutson born on February 12th, and *Today* are Amelia Liane Kaiser, infant daughter of Eric & Laura Kaiser born on March 5th, and Jordan Levi Ashland, infant son of Jennifer & Christopher Ashland born on April 25th.

May our gracious Lord Jesus keep Jude, Amelia, and Jordan safe in the holy Ark of the Church until they reach their new home in heaven. “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” Matthew 19:14

VBS: We regret to inform you that Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this summer due to COVID-19. It saddens us to do this because many look forward to this week of ministry to share in God's love and word.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: We will reschedule the meeting as soon as practical once the current social distancing policies associated with the Coronavirus pandemic are loosened. We plan to use the same packets that have already been distributed for the meeting. Please continue to keep St. John’s, our members, our community and our country in your prayers as we deal with this crisis.

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 submission has been extended to June 30th*. Email 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.

RECOGNIZING OUR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: We have several St. John's members graduating this year; please keep these young members in your prayers: Ashlee Eder, Lucas Kiesow, Christina Kolstad, Kelsey Latterell, Mitchell Schmidt, Luke Walton, Jack Wicklund, and Alexa Zupfer. (If you are a graduating high school senior this year and your name was not listed, please contact the office so we may make the correction and include you in the recognition.)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (June 14 - June 20) *Sunday*- Patrick Dadd, *Monday*- Christian Burfeind/Luke Hebert/Drew Heisler, *Tuesday*- Mary Brockberg/Alicia Oldre/Alexander Walton, *Wednesday*- Lorraine Conley/Tom Eversman/Jessica Gugliuzza, *Thursday*- Mandi Kliche, *Friday*- Cooper Essig/Kyle Gaffaney/Timothy Gordon/Tom Parduhn/Lynn Slauson, *Saturday*- Miranda Blanck/Mandy Brackeen/Tyler Brown/Lora Cleaveland/Joe DeSplinter/Meryl Oswald/Catherine Radintz.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	
	06/07/20	since 07/01/19	
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 35,475	\$ 1,442,130	Current Building Mortgage Balance (May 31, 2020): \$314,546
Amount Needed	\$ 19,472	\$ 1,544,481	
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 16,003	\$ (102,352)	
% Ahead (-Behind)		-7%	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK (June 7th) Total: 154 CM: 109

Note: The pastors and kantor are only counted once in both figures above, but take up three of the 50 slots at each service. Also, Safety Team members are positioned in the halls, and do not count against the 50 available spots in the sanctuary, however they are included in the numbers of those present for worship and communing if they communed.