

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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Important Announcements

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

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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

July 11, 2021

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

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.

579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
light And should be done as good and right.
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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Service of the Word

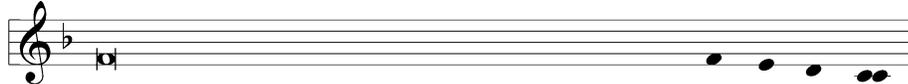
Introit

Psalm 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8-9

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
Save your people and bless your | heritage!*
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
 The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped; *
 my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
 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.
 The LORD is the strength of his | people; *
 he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.
 Save your people and bless your | heritage! *
 Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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

Gradual

Psalm 90:13, 1, 2b

Return, O LORD! | How long?*
Have pity on your | servants!
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all gener- | ations.*
From everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17–26

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do

the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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

562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

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Sermon: "Jesus Uses the Law Lawfully" (Matthew 5:17-19)

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, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O'Hern, Justin Brynjulfson, Barb Grambart, Randy Goerke, Diane Haag, Sandy Meyer, Elwyn Manthei, and Harlan Peterson. 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 Dale Avenson, John Barrett, Sue Erickson, Inez Koehler, Joyce O'Hern, Steve Orbin, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

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

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— Gerald Anderson & family (at the loss of his father Dale), Joyce O’Hern & family (at the loss of her father-in-law Marland), Arlene Rogge & family (at the loss of her father George Hackler), Lois Foggia & family (at the loss of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker), the family of Vivian Kuns, Stephanie Haver & family (at the loss of her brother Brandon), Char Abraham & family (at the loss of her brother Russell), the family of Linda Bredenberg, the family of Tracey Rosso, Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her brother, Daniel Anderson), the family of Gerald Oswald, Kyle Gaffaney & family (at the loss of his grandfather Bill Reese), Jim Day & family (at the loss of his sister), Heidi Brackeen & family (at the loss of her father Dennis Anderson), the family of Marlys Johnson, the family of Harold Grambart, the family of Courtney Meine, Marlys Kothrade & family (at the loss of her great-grandson Lukas Bouska), Bob and Char Abraham (at the loss of their daughter-in-law Debra Abraham), and Tony Stadler & family (at the loss of his brother Ted).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— the family of Bruce Hansen, the family of Arleen Barrett, Ty Holthus & family (at the loss of her father Patrick Oberle), and Deb Volberding & family (at the loss of her mother Carol Handberg).

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially, Jamie & Jim Peterson, and Rachel & Jeremy Costello. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Corcoran, and Pastor Matthew Moss & Pastor Matthew Johnson.

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

† Announcements †

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (James): Faithful Christians should expect trials and suffering in this life. Our Lord promised it. In Peter’s first epistle he strengthens the Church for such suffering and trials. It is a message of great hope and the promises of glory for those who endure the fiery trials. Join us at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall as we take up this great Book of Holy Scripture.

July 11 – James 4:1-12- *Turn from Assimilation to the World to God the Giver of the Spirit and Grace*

July 18 – James 4:13 – 5:6- *Turn from the World in its Haughty and Godless Self-assurance*

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Parents with hands full in the pews on Sunday morning sometimes need a little *time with the texts* in the week leading up to a Service. People new to Lutheranism sometimes need more context to the Service. Some members simply look for more in-depth study of the appointed readings. We encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. on your podcasting App or at their website, especially using Pastor David Peterson’s “Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning (the 1-Year Lectionary).” Next Sunday July 18th you will hear: *Genesis 2:7-17, Romans 6:19-23, and Mark 8:1-9.*

ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED: Church (and Military) Member Nathan Mazurowski and Mariah McLeod would like to announce their engagement to be united in Holy Matrimony. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this lifelong union according to God’s good will and pleasure.

MONDAY EVENING DIVINE SERVICES are held at 7:00 p.m. Please encourage your friends and family who work on Sunday mornings or travel on the weekends to make use of this additional opportunity to hear God’s Word and receive His gifts.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available this month by appointment only. 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)

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: The Council of Deacons has called a Special Congregational Assembly to be held **TODAY** Sunday, July 11, 2021, at 1 pm. The purpose of the Assembly will be to approve the hiring of a full-time business manager. We will also provide an update on our financials. This new position was unanimously approved by the Council of Deacons, pending Congregational Assembly approval, during the last Council meeting on June 10th. The agenda and information packet are available in the narthex.

BIBLES AND BREWS: *THIS* Wednesday, July 14 from 6 - 9pm, will be the triumphant and other-worldly return of Bibles and Brews! Join us at the Kruse family's homestead for a special session: *A Biblical Response to U.F.O.'s and Extraterrestrials*. Bring your growlers and crowlers, tankards, pints, cans, and bottles. Please sign-up on the link provided so our hosts know how many are coming to their place. You can bring children as well, sitters will be provided by the Church, so please indicate in the Comment Line how many under age 10 will be joining you. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094BACAF2AA7FD0-bibles>

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK... Sun-Mon, July 4th-5th: Total 166 CM 130

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u> 07/04/21	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/21
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 9,918	\$ 9,918
Amount Needed	\$ 25,700	\$ 25,700
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (15,783)	\$ (15,783)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-61%

Current Building Mortgage Balance: \$ 165,000

Amount Needed above includes all budgeted revenues, including offerings, school tuition and third-source income, for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2020. There was no cumulative deficit as of July 1. Questions can be directed to Church Treasurer Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: St. John's Lutheran School is seeking to hire individuals for the following positions to start in the 2021-2022 school year:

- Resource/Special Education Teacher (contracted with LSEM)
- Hot Lunch Coordinator (part-time or full-time)
- ESP Aides (after-school care positions available)
- We are also interested to know if anyone has or is willing to attain a bus driving license to be hired as needed for help with school activities and transportation.

If you or anyone you know has interest in one of these roles, please contact Gretchen Dolan at the school office 763-420-2426 or gretchen.dolan@stjlutheranschool.org.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY: *Invite your friends and family to check out St. John's Lutheran School!* We are actively enrolling students at St. John's for the 2021-22 school year and are especially eager to expand our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. Please spread the word to your family and friends! Some classes currently have waitlists, but call us to learn about availability in grades 1-8. We'd love to grow our St. John's family! Contact admissions@stjlutheran.org or call 763-420-2426 for more information.

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS:

Please send us your college age student's address (even if they are living at home) so that St. John's may keep in touch with them throughout the year. This includes college students, military and young adults who have chosen to work. Email addresses to: sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL POSITION AVAILABLE: St. John's Lutheran Church & School is seeking to hire a permanent part-time individual for the school year 2021-2022. This position would start late August 2021 for the school year and beyond; afternoons 20-25 hours per week. Responsibilities will include:

Light Cleaning (Vacuuming, Sweeping, Mopping, Carpet Extraction, Windows etc.), Snow Shoveling, and Chairs/Tables set-up help for Church & School Events. Direct interested inquiries to: John Draskovich (custodian@stjlutheran.org) or Phil Koehler (pkoehler@rocketmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE!!! St. John's 8th Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove, MN. Invite friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers...let's fill it up!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (July 11 - July 17) *Sunday-* Brandon Maurer/Colin Philipp, *Monday-* Jacob Briel/Layla Briel/Wayne Schutte, *Tuesday-* Irene Rehmer/Jenna Spaulding, *Wednesday-* Pat Kalk/Emma MacMillan/Sandy Meyer, *Thursday- ...*, *Friday-* Hannah Dufault, *Saturday-* Ava Gopen/Julie Mazurowski

PLANNING TO STOP IN? Please call the office first as we have many construction and maintenance projects in the works this summer. Notice of your arrival will help us coordinate and better accommodate your visit. Summer office hours are 8-noon, Monday - Friday 763-420-2426 (secretary@stjlutheran.org)

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Law and Gospel

Many people wrongly think that the Old Testament is the Law and the New Testament is the Gospel. In fact the Old Testament and the New Testament each contain both Law and Gospel.

What are the basics of the Law and the Gospel?

The Law teaches us God's will for how we live, namely the Ten Commandments. God's Law demands perfection, but it is impossible to be perfect. According to the Law, we are sinners, and are in big trouble with God. We need someone to save us. The Law shows us our sins.

The Gospel tells us what Jesus has done to save us from our sins. But the Gospel doesn't stop there. It tells us what Jesus continues to do for us because of His great love for us. The Gospel shows us our Savior, Jesus!

An easy way to remember all of this is to think of the following letters: S.O.S. The Law "shows our sins" while the Gospel "shows our Savior"!



Parents: Distinguishing between Law and Gospel is a life-long venture of study. Perhaps you or your child can take notes during the sermon. Following the Divine Service, discuss these notes, identifying the Law and the Gospel in the sermon.



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