

# 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 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 18, 2021

**Preacher:** Pr. Matthew Johnson

**Liturgist:** Pr. Matthew Moss

**Organist:** Dr. Katie Moss

*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.*

## 804 O Worship the King



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

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# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: vv. 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.**

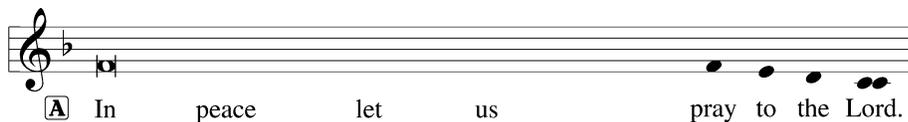
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a great king over | all the earth.

## Kyrie





**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.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**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.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 2:7–17*

<sup>7</sup>Then 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. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>And 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.

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

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but 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."

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

## Gradual

*Psalm 34:11, 5*

Come, O children, lis- | ten 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*

<sup>19</sup>I 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.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 8:1–9*

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

<sup>1</sup>In 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, <sup>2</sup>“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” <sup>4</sup>And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” <sup>5</sup>And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. <sup>8</sup>And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup>And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

**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*

## 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

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## Sermon: “Providence Means God Sees and Does More than See” (Mark 8:1-3)

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, 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, Rachel & Jeremy Costello, and Katie & Matthew Moss. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

**UPCOMING NUPTUALS:** Jessica Gugliuzza and Jared Sand are to be united in Holy Matrimony this Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. May our Lord Jesus bless Jessica and Jared as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for all our Families with School-Aged Children.

### † Announcements †

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 22 — *St. Mary Magdalene.*

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

July 25 – James 5:7-12- *Rest in the Lord, Wait Patiently for Him*

**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 25<sup>th</sup> you will hear: *Acts 11:27 – 12:5, Romans 8:28-39, and Mark 10:35-45.*

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** At last Sunday’s Assembly the voters decided to proceed with hiring a Business Manager for our Church & School. Please pray that our search committee finds the right person for our needs. A job description and application will be forthcoming soon!

**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)

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK...** Sun-Mon, July 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Total 207 CM 169

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	<u>Last Week</u> 07/11/21	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/21
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 18,675	\$ 28,592
Amount Needed	\$ 25,700	\$ 51,401
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (7,026)	\$ (22,809)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-44%
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.

**PIANO INVENTORY:** Thanks to a generous gift we will be purchasing a few pianos for use in our Church & School. As part of this process, we will have a technician evaluate the eight pianos currently on site to learn which are still serviceable, possible trade-in value, or needing to be retired. If one of the pianos on site was donated by your family with the understanding that it return to you if ever it was not needed, please get in touch with the Church Office by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove, MN. Invite friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers...let's fill it up!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** (July 18 – July 24) ***Sunday***- Jack Schalo/Luke Walton/Linda Waterman, ***Monday***- Sue Brady/Scott Brockberg/Brian Callahan/Lucas Chase, ***Tuesday***- Eva Beck/Bjorn Briel/Rachel Costello/Andrew Stavig, ***Wednesday***- Mason Felber, ***Thursday***- Brittany Anderson/Peter Ims/Isak Preus/Mary Pruhs/Dennis Stieg, ***Friday***- Samantha Brustuen/Adam Kiesow/Benjamin Kiesow/Piper Mathwig, ***Saturday***- Aria Beck/Heather Vetsch

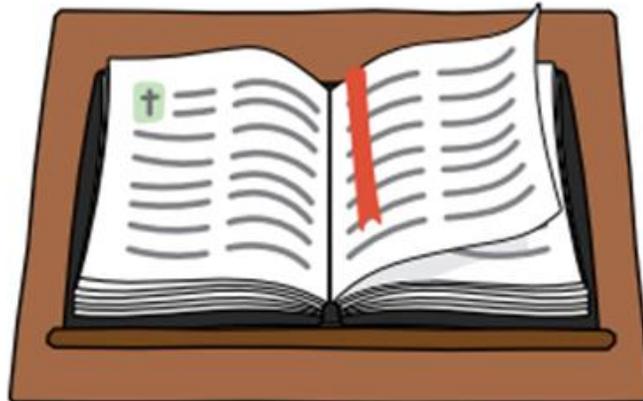
**PLANNING TO STOP IN?** Please call the office first as we have many construction and maintenance projects in the works this summer. Notice of your arrival will help us coordinate and better accommodate your visit. Summer office hours are 8-noon, Monday - Friday  
763-420-2426 (secretary@stjlutheran.org)

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is the “lectern”?

When the Lord calls us together for worship, He feeds us with His wonderful Word and Sacraments. In most churches, **the Bible**

**sits on a stand called a “lectern.”** The word “lectern” comes from the Latin word “lectio,” which means “reading.”



## Why is the Bible read from a lectern?

For thousands of years, God’s living Word has been read to His people. When this Word is read to us, we remember that God continues to deliver His promise of salvation to us through faithful preaching and teaching. With the help of the lectern, our church Bible is in a great place for reading to all of God’s people!



**Parents:** Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the lectern in order to get a better look. Allow them to look at the church Bible. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places. During the service, before the readings, remind them that they are about to hear God’s Word, and the lectern holds the Bible that they will hear God’s wonderful promises from!



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