

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Divine Service w/Holy Communion, LSB Setting III † June 6, 2021, 8:00 AM



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prelude

OPENING HYMN

905 Come, Thou Almighty King

Please stand and face the processional crucifix.



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit (sung responsively with cantor)

Psalm 13:1; antiphon: vv. 5–6



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

I will sing | to the Lord,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for- | ever?**
How long will you hide your | face from me?

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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

I will sing | to the Lord,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



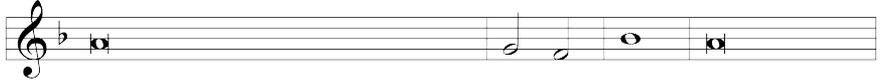
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

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 A - men.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, 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.

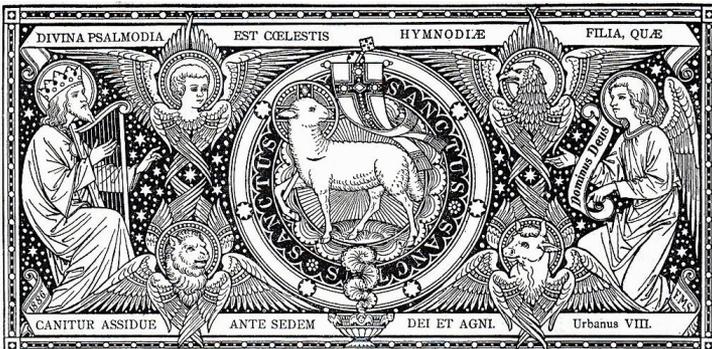


C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit



HYMN OF THE DAY

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Farewell and Godspeed to a Church Work Student

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

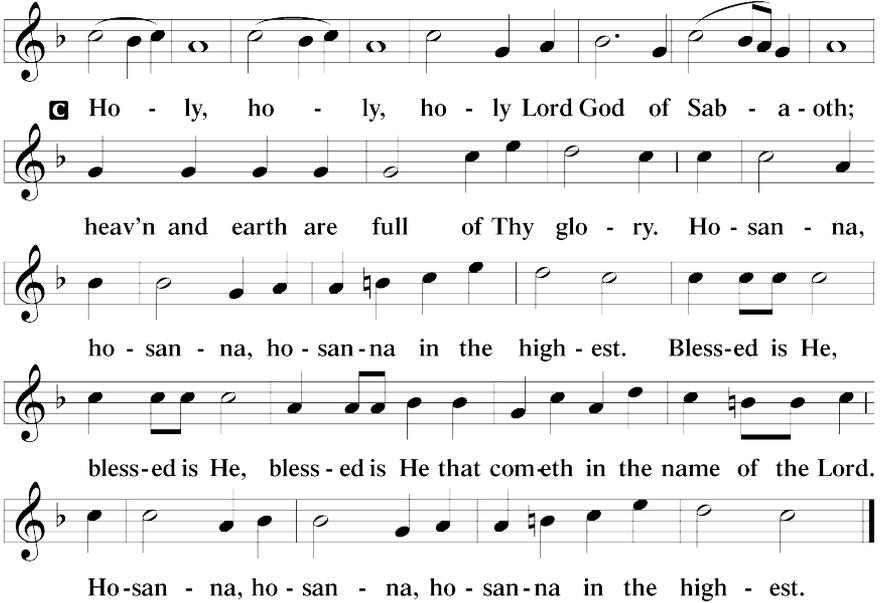
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, and a whole note E. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the staff.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

A musical score for Agnus Dei in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, consisting of five staves. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men." The melody is written on a treble clef staff.

Sit

Distribution

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

TLH 589 Oh, How Blest Are Ye Whose Toils are Ended



1 Oh, how blest are ye whose toils are end - ed, Who thro'
2 We are still as in a dun-geon liv - ing, Still op-
3 Ye mean-while are in your cham-bers sleep - ing, Qui - et,
4 Christ has wiped a - way your tears for - ev - er; Ye have



death have un - to God as - cend - ed! Ye have a - ris - en,
pressed with sor-row and mis-giv - ing; Our un - der - tak - ings
and set free from all our weep - ing; No cross or sad - ness
that for which we still en-deav - or; To you are chant - ed



From the cares which keep us still in pris - on.
Are but toils and trou - bles and heart-break - ings.
There can hin - der your un - trou - bled glad - ness.
Songs that ne'er to mor - tal ears were grant - ed. A - men.



- 5 Ah, who would, then, not depart with gladness
To inherit heaven for earthly sadness?
Who here would languish
Longer in bewailing and in anguish?
- 6 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us;
Lead us forth and cast this world behind us.
With Thee, th' Anointed,
Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed.

The Dismissal

- P** May the holy Body and precious Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Postlude

6/6/2021 (Trinity 1)

6/13/2021 (Trinity 2)

Pastor	Rev. Willie Grills	Rev. Willie Grills
Cantor/Organist	Peter Eckardt	Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Dave Moore	Dave Moore
Assisting Elder	Michael Stortzum	Michael Stortzum
Altar Guild	Connie Elder Jennifer Warfel	Connie Elder Jennifer Warfel
Acolyte	Nina Stortzum	John Cook Vaughn Prince

Prayer Requests

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery:

Connie Elder	Wanda Hesse
Janet Harper	Marge Anderson
Joan Zauner	Bob Zschau
Dennis Johnson	Herman Janssen
Pat Smith	Joyce Schmidt

Church Announcements

Church Secretary/Human Resources Job Opening: St. John’s is now hiring a full-time church secretary/human resources manager. Please submit your resume to the church office by Monday, June 7. Some office experience is preferred and should be fluent in Microsoft Office. Desired start time is the end of June. Call the church office at 234-4923 with any questions.

Custodial Job Opening: St. John’s is hiring a part-time (16-18 hours a week) custodian for the church building. The position has flexible hours. Please contact the church office (217-234-4923) for more information or to apply!

Pastor Herzberg plans to arrive the week of July 5. His first Sunday here will be July 11. His installation service will be the afternoon of July 25.

Pantry Party: We will be having a “Pantry Party” for the Herzberg family. Please bring any pantry items (paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, napkins, dry/can goods, etc.) to the church office by the first week of July. Thank you.

Family Photo: Pastor Herzberg is eager to get to know the members of St. John’s and would love to have an up-to-date photo of each individual/family, so that he can begin putting names to faces. Please send a digital photo to office@stjohns-mattoon.org, or bring a print to the church office, and they will be compiled with names and other info for Pastor Herzberg.

Summer Sunday School will start next Sunday, June 13th. Preschool–5th graders will all meet in the gym. Anyone who would like to help, please see Kallie Harris!

Men’s Club last meeting of the year will be at Denny’s on June 10th at 6:30 pm.



Vacation Bible School

- This year's VBS kicks off this evening, 4–7 p.m., with our opening (dinner included) and continues Monday through Thursday from 8:30–11:30 am.
- All volunteers, please be at the church by 3:30 pm this afternoon and by 8:15 am Monday–Thursday.
- We will be collecting food donations throughout the week for the food pantry, with a goal of 300 items! Anyone congregational members wishing to donate, may drop off their non-perishable food items at church!

The Ladies Aid rummage and bake sale made \$1,660 in profit this past weekend! We want to thank all of the congregation for their support in bringing their items, helping with miscellaneous tasks, and for all the baked goods. All was very successful because of your thoughtfulness. A huge thank you to Andy Adair, Mr. Duckett, the FIRE, Tara Stortzum's volley ball group, the LOL, Kenny Cobb, and Larry Miller with his trailer. We could not have done it without all your help. Thank you, everyone! ~ Ladies Aid

FIRE Fundraiser – The FIRE is sponsoring a fundraiser dinner at Taco Amigos on Monday, June 7 and El Vaquero on Monday, June 14. The FIRE will receive 10% of profits made those nights. Proceeds will go toward the National Youth Gathering. Please take a night off cooking and come eat!

Baby Bottle banks: If you took a bottle for the Choices Pregnancy Center fundraiser, make sure to return it on or by Father's Day, June 20.

Summer Scrip Dates: June 7, 21; July 12, 26; and August 9. Weekly ordering will resume August 16.

School Announcements

Employment Opportunities at St. John's Lutheran School:

- Part-time preschool teacher
- Part-time 1st & 2nd Grade Paraprofessional
- Full-time elementary teacher

Church Offering Numbers

Budgeted: \$175,582 Received: \$133,370

Schedule for June 6–June 13

Sun	8:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion (<i>Trinity 1</i>) 9:25–10:15 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Confirmation 2:00 pm Stortzum – Gym 5:00 pm Rebels – Cancelled due to VBS 4:00–7:00 pm VBS Kick Off
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love 8:30–11:30 am VBS 6:30 pm Elders Mtg
Tue	6:30 am Men's Bible Study @Honey Bee Café 8:30–11:30 am VBS
Wed	8:30–11:30 am VBS 6:30 pm FLECC-FH
Thur	8:30–11:30 am VBS
Sat	12:30 pm Shepards - FH
Sun	8:00 am Worship (<i>Trinity 2</i>) 9:10–10:00 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Confirmation 2:00 pm Stortzum – Gym

Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen 15:6). The name Lazarus means "God is my help."

The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31).

Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets-that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

CPH One-Year Lectionary Calendar Notes

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On Christian Giving

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” (Ps. 24:1)

As Christians, we understand that all we have and are is from God our loving Creator and that we are called to *“honor the LORD with [our] wealth and with the firstfruits of all [our] produce” (Prov. 3:9)*. This offering is to be given generously and freely, *“not reluctantly or out of compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7)*.

“Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD.” (1 Chron. 29:9)

Giving via Automatic Withdrawal

One way you can give your offering at St. John’s is through automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. There may be several benefits for you and the church with this type of giving.

- It can help you view your offering as your “firstfruits,” the first thing that you budget each month: giving your best and not what may be leftover.
- It may help you keep your monthly commitment (whatever amount you set), and your offering will not be dependent on you remembering your checkbook or envelope each week or remembering to give an offering even when you’re away.
- The church has a more dependable source of income from which to budget for her mission and expenses.
- You and the church alike are spared the hassle of writing and depositing checks, filling out envelopes, etc., saving time and money on both ends.

Should you choose, you may use the form on the back of this bulletin to sign up for automatic withdrawal. Please turn it in to the church office. God bless you and His Church through Jesus Christ our Savior!

St. John's Lutheran Church Automatic Withdrawal

CREDIT/DEBIT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I (we) _____ hereby authorize St. John's Lutheran Church to initiate entries to my checking/savings accounts at the financial institution listed below (THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION), and, if necessary, initiate adjustments for any transactions credited/debited in error. This authority will remain in effect until St. John's Lutheran Church is notified by me (us) in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford St. John's Lutheran Church and THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name on Account _____

Phone# _____

(Name of Financial Institution)

(Address of Financial Institution - Branch, City, State & Zip)

Financial Institution **Routing Number:** _____

Account Number: _____

Type of Account: ___ Checking ___ Savings

Amount Per Transaction: _____ Frequency: 1x per month 2x per month

****If you choose 1 withdraw per month, that withdraw will occur on the 24th of the month.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include a VOIDED CHECK

Automatic payments will be withdrawn on the 10th and/or the 24th of every month. A \$10.00 fee will be assessed for each Non-Sufficient Fund.