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**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER**  
**PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION REUNION**  
**7.26.27.25**

**WELCOME** in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

**Saturday Evening, 6:30 p.m.**

Sermon: "What's Your Outlook?" Col 2:21-29

(Pastor Mueller)

LSB 184-202 (printed out) Hymns: TLH 224; 298; 305 vv  
1,2,3,7,8,9; 360

Sermon: (SID President Heath Curtis, Guest Speaker)

**St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.,**

TLH 5 Hymns: 224; 298; 459; 360

**St. John's 10:00 a.m.**

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 590; 687; 722; 727; 707; 594; 685; 689; 575

**ATTENDANCE:** (M) 55 (C) 22 Sunday School: N/A Adult Bible  
Class: Sunday:4

**REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's next  
Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's this evening/morning,  
is for the Historical Society. .

**USHERS** for August are: Charles Vogt, John Kroeger, Terry  
Lange, Corbin Willis, & Dale Wessel.

**ACOLYTES** for August are Bekett Stein & Trent Twenhafel

**80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Billy Temme will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday on July 29. If you would like to send him a note wishing  
him God's blessings, his address is: Billy W. Temme, Heritage  
Woods Apt. 192, 2049 E. McCord, Centralia, IL 62801. No gifts,  
please.

**VOTERS' MEETING:** The St. John's Voters will gather for our  
quarterly meeting **this Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** I.)  
If you cannot be present, please excuse yourself in writing (a text  
will work) with Pastor or one of the Elders.

**WRITE IN ON YOUR CALENDAR:** Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer  
(former Lutheran Hour speaker and President emeritus of  
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) has agreed to be our speaker for  
our next Confirmation Reunion, July 26, 2026, "If I'm alive and  
able" he says

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** in Centralia is having a  
Balloon Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, August 16, from 7:30 -  
10:30 a.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall building. Everyone is  
welcome to come and enjoy pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage,  
fruit, and more! Adult tickets are \$10, Children (10 and under) are  
\$5. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Trinity at  
(618) 532-2614 or they can also be purchased at the door. Please  
come and invite your friends and neighbors for the Trinity  
Breakfast and enjoy other Balloon Fest activities during the  
weekend!

**A BRIEF ACOLYTE MEETING** will be held after the service  
next Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF July 27<sup>th</sup>-Aug 2nd 2025**  
**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Dean Boester** recuperating at home following stroke and open-heart surgery

**Marilyn Stevenson (C)** now at Coulterville Rehab Center

**Alyssa Rhine** home under doctor's care

**Tanya Agan—CORLHS Bookkeeper—**Diagnosed with cancer; beginning treatments

**Dawn Mueller** recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Bobby Pryor—cousin of Bryan Wessel—**home but still in need of prayers

**Ray Hausler** at Sunrise of Westmont, 407 West 63<sup>rd</sup> St, Westmont, IL 60559. He still needs prayers for increased strength.

**Theresa Santos—**mother-in-law of Dave Ibendahl's cousin Doug—released from hospital to rehab facility. Her family appreciates all our prayers.

**Marvin Miessner** in the 500 wing at FMNH for more care

**Haeli Williamson—**former neighbor of St. John's and friend of Jessica Spenner--has returned home under home health. A little better each day

**Don Caves--**Son-in-law of Agnes Boehning and nephew of Dorothy Lange & Eunice Witte—taking chemo

**Jim Schleben—**Pastor's brother-in-law—brain tumor  
**Albert Gallatin (C)** ongoing health issues

**Lorna Kottmeyer (C)** recuperating from neck surgery

**Tom Anderson—**friend of the Hausler's—very ill

**Sara Leinberger—**friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

## **THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS**

### **AILMENTS:**

**Amanda Jack**—cousin of Jennifer Dunn—taking chemo for breast cancer

**Jaxton Westbrook**—student at Irvington Grade School—taking chemo for leukemia

**Frances Kasten**—kindergarten teacher at Trinity, Hoyleton, chemo

**Brent Maschhoff**—New Minden neighbor—dealing with pancreatic cancer

**Mike Curry**—friend of Charles Vogt—dealing with cancer

**Rosemary Miller**—sister of Howard Weihe—on experimental drug

**Duane Miller**—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—awaiting more treatments

**Rev. Robert G. Heimgartner**—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

### **MISSION PRAYERS:**

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Books for Haiti through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (our Sunday School mission Project)
- Centralia Correctional Center

### **We Remember:**

The People suffering after tornadoes, fires, floods, hurricanes, wars and other disasters

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS** Carolyn Meier & Keisha Rettinger 8-1;  
Emmett Schnitker 8-2

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Eve)**  
Saturday, July 26, 2025 + 6:30 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois  
*Service in the St. John's Memorial Chapel*  
*Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three*

*THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED today at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of St. John's and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament here, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. (See Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)*

*For the proper accounting of souls, we ask all communicants to sign the Communion Register.*

**HYMN:** "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

*TLH #224*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 184-185 / TLH p.15-16*

**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.

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.**

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.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 138 *spoken responsively:*

P: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
C: **Before the gods I sing your praise;**

P: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,  
C: **For You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.**

P: On the day I called, You answered me;  
C: **My strength of soul You increased.**

P: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,  
C: **For they have heard the words of Your mouth,**

P: And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
C: **For great is the glory of the LORD.**

P: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,  
C: **But the haughty He knows from afar.**

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;  
C: **You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.**

P: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;  
C: **Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**  
**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.**

**KYRIE** *TLH p.17 / LSB 186*

C: *(Sing:)* **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *TLH pp.17-19 / LSB 187-189*

C: *(Sing:)* **Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** *TLH p.9 / LSB 189*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **And with thy spir - it.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Sing:)* **A - men.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Genesis 18:17-33*

P: <sup>17</sup> The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup> seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup> For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." <sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup> And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*Colossians 2:6-15*

P: <sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been

buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**TRIPLE ALLELUIA** (*Sing:*)

*LSB 190 or TLH p.20*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 11:1-13*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: (*Sing:*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: <sup>1</sup> Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him

whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Sing:*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

*LSB inside back cover or 191/ TLH p.22*

**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 of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN:** "Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy" *TLH #298*

**SERMON:** "Walk in Christ" *Colossians 2:6-15*

**OFFERTORY** *LSB 192-193 / TLH pp.22-23*

**C:** *(Sing:)* **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

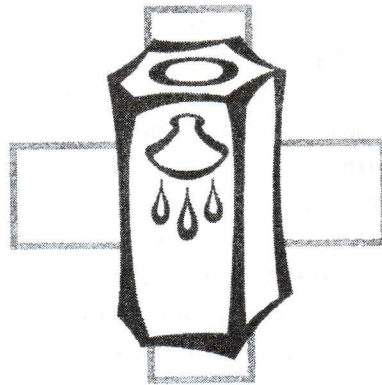
**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN:** "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" *TLH #305*  
*We sing the first three and the last three stanzas (1,2,3,7,8,9).*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** *TLH pp.24-31*

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
*TLH #360*



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**THIS WEEK July 27-Aug 3rd, 2025**

Today	8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUD
Monday	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC 7:00 p.m. Voters' Mtg (M)
Saturday	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christ Our Song Piano Lessons NO Worship
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Worship at C 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7 10:00 a.m. Worship at NM w/HC 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on Cable TV Acolyte Mtg After Service