

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 3:1-19 *(p. 2)*

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 *(p. 987)*

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. ⁹Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰for that

indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹²so that you may live properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - John 6:35-40 *(p. 892)*

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Collect of the Day

P We pray together the Collect of the Day.

G Merciful Father, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, we acknowledge that Your good and gracious will is done without our prayer. We pray that You would defeat all that opposes Your will: the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. In Your mercy, we implore You to strengthen and keep us firm in Your Word and faith all the days of our lives and bring us at last the inheritance You have prepared for us in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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G Experiencing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ

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• *Please Stand*

This Week at St. John's
August 3 - 9, 2025

Wednesday (6th))	2p	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Thursday (7th)	11a	The Lunch Bunch
Saturday (9th)	8a	Walk with One Another (Wilck's Lake)

Join Us for the Church Picnic - Sunday, August 24th, we will have our 10:30 worship service at Wilck's Lake Island. Following the worship service there will be a picnic where you can sample all the delicacies of the Lutheran potluck. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to join us in celebrating God's gifts and enjoying wonderful food and fellowship. Please use the sign up sheets in the Narthex to see what food is needed and where you help is needed.

Flower Coordinator Position Available - After many years Elfriede Welford has decided to step down as our Flower Coordinator. We praise the Lord for her many years of service. But that creates a new opportunity for service. The Flower Coordinator maintains the Flower Chart, serves as a liaison with the florist shop and makes arrangements for flowers for Easter and Christmas. To learn more please speak with Elfriede.

Summer Sabbath - "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he sabbathed on the seventh day from all his work that he had done." (Genesis 2:1-2) God stopped all that He had been doing to celebrate! During the summer months we too will stop some of what we normally do to give all of us a chance to celebrate God's incredible work in our midst! We pray that your summer is full of opportunities like that.

Feeding Farmville - It's hard to believe but we're already beginning to think about serving our neighbors for Thanksgiving. We're looking for people who might be interested in helping us lead this important project. To learn more please speak with pastor.

Come Join Me for a Walk - Pastor Sorenson is inviting you to join him for a walk around Wilck's Lake. The walk will begin at the boat ramp/skateboard park on West Third Street at 8 am this Saturday, August 2nd. There is no agenda. Just a chance to walk and share some fellowship.

Mission of the Month - This month our prayers and financial support go to Faith and Works Enterprises formerly known as Sandtown. We helped get this ministry get off the ground with a financial gift and by joining them for a prayer walk. They are a Lutheran presence in an underserved part of Baltimore. Their mission is standing with local neighborhoods to build capacity for meaningful work and holistic well-being



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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

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