

The First Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

Please note that we wish to practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge, and reserve socializing to the outdoors. Thank you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 777 *Amazing Grace!*

**Liturgy** Please follow the projection on the wall.

**Old Testament Lesson** Genesis 15:1-6 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 16:19-31 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father

Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

**Hymn** 278 *Delay Not, Delay Not, O Sinner, Draw Near*

**Sermon** 1 John 4:16-21 We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us. God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. In this way His love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love.

We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? This then is the command we have from Him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

## **The Perfect Match: Sound Doctrine & Christian Love**

**Hymn** 373:1-5 *By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless*

**Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Hymn** 378 *All That I Was, My Sin, My Guilt*

**UNITED IN MARRIAGE** Kendall Boernsen and Maranatha Wiechmann were united in holy matrimony in a private service last Tuesday evening. May the Lord bless them richly in their new life together. The couple now resides in Hartley, IA.

**SECOND SERVICE** The use of a second service is a work in progress. Depending on the turnout today, and depending on the wishes of those who are present, next week’s schedule may be slightly different. Hopefully an announcement can be made after the service.

**INVITATION** “We are hosting an open house graduation celebration for Jonathen Lueck on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 5pm at our home at 37468 870<sup>th</sup> Street, Okabena. All of the congregation is invited to come and wish him well on his future plans to attend North Dakota State University at Fargo and enjoy food and refreshments at our home.” The Lueck family

**COMMUNION** The pastor requested that our celebration of the Lord’s Supper be moved from June 28 to July 5. If anyone wishes to received private Communion, please speak with the pastor.

**CONFIRMATION** Due to the COVID restrictions, we have not been able to hold a Confirmation Service. We hope to have this scheduled, soon. Parents, if you haven’t already responded to the email that requested your input, please do so asap.

**FAMILY BIBLE CLASS** Family Bible Class will follow the service this morning in either the sanctuary or basement.

**COOKBOOKS** The Anniversary cookbooks are available for purchase at the cost of \$10 each. There is a sheet to sign. Please indicate how many copies you take and whether they have been paid for.

**TRAVEL CUPS AND ORNAMENTS** These are available in the entryway. The cost is \$15 and \$5 respectively. Please give the money to the Sumeys.

**SPOKESMAN** June is the month when subscriptions are due for the Lutheran Spokesman and Meditations. The cost for the Spokesman is \$14 per year. The cost for Meditations is \$15 per year. Please see the list in the entryway and indicate if you would like to renew/cancel, or add a subscription to the list. The Treasurer will send one check to cover the full amount.

**MN DELEGATES** Due to the postponement of the CLC Convention, the MN Delegate Conference has postponed its meeting until 2021.

**CLEANING LIST** Ever since the lockdown went into effect, we have not been publishing a weekly Cleaning List. As the number of attendees increased, so did the need to resume the regular schedule. We owe a special thanks to Connie DeWall for drafting the new list.

**CLEANING** (Wk 5) D. Iverson, D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumeys  
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