

**ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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**SERVING TODAY**

Organist: Ethan Gillespie  
Greeters: Jim & Karen Vorpahl  
Ushers: Gary Depies, Don Pfeifer, Jim Vorpahl  
Elder: Ron Vorpahl

Handouts, Reports, & Minutes Available:  
<https://stjohnrandomlake.org/publications>  
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**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

If you have any additional petitions to include in our prayers, as well as changes or to have your request removed, please call or email Pastor Gillespie.

**We pray for:**

For all our first responders, doctors, nurses, and all of those who work in nursing homes and hospitals.

For an end to anxious thoughts and constant worry – that God would provide peace and joy in all circumstances.

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

For our Military personnel.

**Birthdays:** July 5: Gracie Yankunas, July 7: Jacqueline Goetsch, Jean Vetter, July 8: Chelsea Stelmachowicz, Jason Vorpahl, July 9: Gavin Kohler, July 11: Merlin Spieker, Don Vetter.

**Baptism Birthdays:** July 7: Joshua Treppish, July 8: Cassie Makela, Jacob Pannier, July 9: Alexia Dutton, Lisa Nytes, Eugene Raess, July 10: Kyle Backhaus, Paul Pannier, Danika Risch, July 11: Linda Arends, Jarod Treppish.

**Anniversaries:**

**Illness:** Marcella Bauer, Jan Borgwardt, David Goedde, Carol Haak (aunt of Pastor), Brad Jentsch, Janet Jentsch, Barbara Kaun (president, SWD LWML), Carol Kelling, Sandy Maxwell, Linda Mondloch, Joan Ney, Ken Nimmer, Erin Peterson,

**Grieving:** Family of Marian Schaft (sister of Ruth McKenna)

**Homebound:** Willis & Janice Liepert, Micky Lochman, Bev Depies

**Missionaries:** Federwitz Family

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# Fourth Sunday After Trinity



**St. John Ev. Lutheran Church & School**  
**Random Lake, WI**

**July 5, 2020**  
**9:30 am**

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## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!

We welcome you and pray that you will be comforted through the Lord's forgiveness and strengthened by His gifts!

- Sign the Friendship Register located at the end of the pew.
- Children's activity bags are available in the narthex as needed.
- Let an usher know if you would benefit from a large print service or assisted hearing device.
- Out of loving concern for your spiritual well-being (I Cor. 11:27-29), we ask that if you are not a member of St. John, that you speak to the Pastor before communing. (Acts 2:42).
- All communicants are asked to use the Christian Questions & Their Answers on page 329 and 330 in the Lutheran Service Book to prepare before coming to receive the Sacrament.
- Gluten-free hosts or diluted wine are available on request to Pastor.

### Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father--being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

### INTROIT

*Psalm 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1-2*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,\***

**my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;\*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\***

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD**

**all the days | of my life.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will lift me high up- on a rock.

**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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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### ALLELUIA VERSE

*Ps. 9:4b, 9*

**Alleluia** You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **Alleluia.**

## The Sunday of Fatherly Mercy

*July 5, 2020*

### Divine Service Three

Lutheran Service Book p. 184

### ✠ Hymns ✠

**Hymn of the Day: #696**

*"O God, My Faithful God"*

**Distribution Hymns:**

**#766, 714, 713, 843,**

**Closing Hymn: #656**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

### ✠ Readings ✠

**Introit** (*Bulletin*)

**Old Testament:** Genesis 50:15-21

**Psalm 138,** antiphon v. 8 (*Hymnal*)

**Second Reading:** Rom. 8:18-23

**Alleluia Verse** (*Bulletin*)

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 6:36-42