

Divine Service Setting Three
Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 13, 2020
St. John Lutheran Church, Crete (Kramer), NE
Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus

Announcements

Bells

596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you
 whole
 And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

Baptismal Rite 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (see page 268 in Lutheran Service Book)

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit *See Insert*

Kyrie

C  Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:

C  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

P The Lord be with you.

C  And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Ezekiel 17:22-24 *See Insert*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 *See Insert*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

C  Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C  Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

See Insert

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

742 For Me to Live Is Jesus



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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Sermon "Before the Judgment Seat" 2 Corinthians 5:10

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Stand

Offertory

- ☐** **♪** 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.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C **♪ Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

894 For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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INTROIT Ps. 92:12–15; antiphon: Ps. 92:1

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.
They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.
They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

**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.**

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

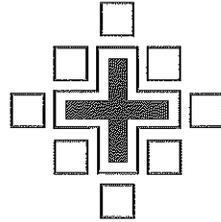
Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

DAILY READINGS

June 13: Prov. 13:1–25; John 14:18–31; **14:** Prov. 14:1–27; John 15:1–11; **15:** Prov. 15:1–29; John 15:12–27; **16:** Prov. 16:1–24; John 16:1–16; **17:** Prov. 17:1–28; John 16:17–33; **18:** Prov. 20:5–25; John 17:1–26; **19:** Prov. 22:1–21; John 18:1–14.



Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in

the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26–34

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Crete, Nebraska. Rev. Maynard L. Toensing Jr.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 2021

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. *The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind.* The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “able to hear it,” that is, “to his own disciples,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “seed on the ground,” which “sprouts and grows” unto life, even as “he sleeps and rises” (Mark 4:26–27). “On the mountain height of Israel,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “a noble cedar.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “every kind of bird” will dwell, and in which “birds of every sort will nest” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1). The readings today are as follows: the Old Testament Reading is

Ezekiel 17:22-24, the Epistle Reading is 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, and the Holy Gospel Reading is Mark 4:26-34. **The text is 2 Corinthians 5:10 and the sermon is titled, "Before the Judgment Seat".**

TODAY'S LIFE QUOTE...“It’s a terrible thing to see any life that is used and abused instead of being protected and cared for. The value of life should not be based on the benefits it can offer. So we pray to the Lord to move all people to value and appreciate all life as God’s gift.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

WALK BY
Faith,
NOT BY
sight.

PRAYERS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD....

In our prayers today: *Coen Allen Ziemann as he is baptized today*

For God’s continued care: *All who have been infected with COVID-19, Camdon (Betts' great-grandson), Kenny (Merlin and Maureen Bett's son), Logan (extended family member of Betts' family), Tammy Homolka, Norman Johnson (Linda Lee's father), LaVerna (Kate) Kattau, Emma Korte (granddaughter of Les and Judi Korte), Titus Kotas (friend of Heath Dewey), Amy Munro Kounovsky, Linda Lee, Harry Meinke, Gary Peace (Deanna Eggert's cousin), Elmer Reetz, Michelle Reetz Mike Reiss (Del's son), Tina Rockenbach, Judy Toensing, Morgan Toensing*

Those in our congregation who are shut in: *Dan Murphy, Albert Vosika, August Wendelin*

For our adopted Missionaries: *Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul...please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for the May Newsletter—copies are also available on Narthex table*

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

TODAY WE WELCOME Coen Allen Ziemann into our St. John Church family through the waters of Holy Baptism. Coen is the son of Chauncey and Taylor Ziemann. His sponsors are Abbey Reetz, Chanasei Ziemann and Chadd Ziemann..

MEETINGS THIS WEEK...LWML will meet Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 pm...VBS planning meeting will be Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm



VBS REGISTRATION is available on the church website! We’re still looking for volunteers to provide dinners, lead groups, and participate in the puppet show...call, text, or email Kaylie Brethouwer if you are interested! Thanks! kaylieb1@icloud.com (402)826-9432

VBS DINNER SIGN-UP sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. VBS will be July 18-22 for volunteers.

PORTALS OF PRAYER July through September are available in the Narthex. Additional large print copies have been ordered and are located on the table, so please make use of them. The June Newsletter is also available on the table.

VOTING BALLOTS for all confirmed members are located in mailboxes. There are also some available beside the ballot box on the table in the Narthex. The Elders have sent an email explaining the voting and a copy is included as an insert in today’s bulletin folder for those members without email access.

A CARD SHOWER is planned in honor of Rev. Lyle Hansen in honor of his 40th year in the holy ministry. He was ordained on June 28, 1981 and installed the following week at St. John Lutheran, Kramer. Please mail your congratulations to Pastor and Colleen at their home address: 1825 120th St, Boone, IA 50036 or email **cole75@frontier.com**.

WORSHIP SERVICE attendance for Sunday, June 6, 2021 was 92 for the two services with 82 attending Holy Communion. The worship services are recorded and put on **www.stjohnkramer.org** website. Once again, thank you to all who have made this possible for all of us!

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR MAY, 2021:

General Budget	\$ 9,920.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Missions	\$ 158.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 15.00
Lambs of Christ	\$ 15.00
Special projects	\$ 15.00
Special Missions (Evangelism)	\$ 15.00

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OUR MISSION...Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions and mission outreach.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, you may contact Pastor Toensing at 402-418-8760 or by email at pastortoensing@gmail.com

ABOUT THE COVER...The new growth that sprouts from a seed and makes its way above ground is the wondrous work of God. We do not need to know how this works to trust that it, indeed, does. Such is the kingdom of God. It sprouts apart from our work. No matter who plants or waters, God is the One who gives the growth. What may look insignificant to our eyes at times is God working glorious growth unto eternity wherever the Word of Christ is preached.