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Trinity 4 - Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. & Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.  
 Divine Service, Setting Three, p. 184  
 Hymns: 683, 696, 619, 842, 805  
 Sermon: "As Your Heavenly Father is Merciful"  
 Text: Luke 6:36-42

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**Welcome guests!** We are glad that you are here and pray that you will be blessed through the hearing of Christ's Word. We invite you to sign the guest register in the narthex before you leave and to worship with us again!

**Guests and the Lord's Supper** - Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. **If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, please speak to Pastor Koch before approaching the altar.**

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| Saturday Attendance: 17 | Communed: 17 |
| Sunday Attendance: 50   | Communed: 40 |

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: \$4,893.27  
 Amount Received Last Week: \$3,227.79

## THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION

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| PRIVATE ABSOLUTION | SUNDAY | 8:15-8:45 AM |
| DIVINE SERVICE     | SUNDAY | 9:00 AM      |
| BIBLE CLASS        | SUNDAY | 10:20 AM     |

**Guest Pastor** – This weekend we again welcome the Rev. Dr. Karl Fabrizio to preach and lead us in divine service. We thank him for being here and for his Word and Sacrament ministry in Pastor Koch's absence. Pastor Koch will be returning on Thursday.

**The bulletins and flowers at the foot of the cross** are given to the glory of God by Jeremy and Kim Tietzen in gratitude to God for Jake's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you, and God's blessings on your birthday, Jake!

**There will be no divine service** next Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**The July** calendar and Bible reading schedule are on the narthex table.

**Please do not place used bulletins** back on the narthex table. If you do not want to take them with you, please place them in the basket provided on the table. Thank you! - Sara

**LCMS Young Singles Retreat:** Saint John Lutheran Church in Sycamore invites LCMS singles (high school graduates thru age 30ish, not dating, dating, even engaged) to join them on Saturday, August 1 (1:00-7:00pm) for a Singles Retreat titled *The Underappreciated Love: Philia*. This retreat will feature a prayer office, presentations by Pr. David Petersen, indoor and outdoor activities, food, and fun. Participants are welcome to hang around after 7:00pm to visit and/or play board games. Come and get to know other LCMS singles who faithfully confess Jesus Christ and the one true faith. More info and registration are available by scanning this QR code. Saint John is located at 26555 Brickville Road in Sycamore, Illinois.



**Issues, Etc.** - Recent topics include The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Marxism & Liberation Theology, Expressive Individualism & the Christian Life, The Sevenfold Graces of the Spirit in Isaiah 11, and more.

**Bible Class** will resume next week under the theme, “How to Live as Christians in both Church and State.”

**Focus on Stewardship** - *Romans 8:18* – “*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly applies to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

**If you are going to be out of town** over the summer, be sure to include the worship of God in your plans. You can go to [LutheranLiturgy.org](http://LutheranLiturgy.org) to find a church that uses our historic Lutheran liturgy. Our Father’s Lutheran Church has a service on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Luther Memorial in Shorewood has a service on Mondays at 7 p.m., and Peace in Sussex has a Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. God grant you all a blessed summer in which you find your Sabbath rest in the gifts of Christ in His Word and Supper!

**Give Your Offering** or special donation online by scanning this QR code or by going to [MountZionGreenfield.org](http://MountZionGreenfield.org) and clicking on the “Offerings” link. Thank you!



### **About Today’s Readings**

“Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.” (Luke 6:36-42) The old Adam in us, however, wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” (Romans 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. (Genesis 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. (Romans 8:8-13)