

Today we continue our 14-week summer sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount called “Best of the Best” by transitioning into Matthew 7 and looking at verses 1–6. In these verses, Jesus teaches us about inappropriate judging. Unfortunately, Matthew 7:1 – “Do not judge, or you too will be judged” – has become one of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible. For many people, they try to use these words as an excuse to do whatever they want and think, “You can't tell me what I'm doing is wrong because Jesus tells you not to judge!” As we look at Jesus’ teaching on judging, what we will see is that He calls us to be critical of ourselves but gracious and merciful towards others – especially our brothers and sisters in Christ. Throughout worship today, you are encouraged to examine your own sins and rejoice in God's forgiveness.

### Sermon Notes

#### Matthew 7:1-6 ~ “Judging”

- \* **Where do you see judging and criticism in the world today?**
- \* **What effect does hypocritical, condemning judgment have on others?**
- \* **What is Jesus NOT saying when He tells us not to judge?**
- \* **What is Jesus calling us to do in these verses?**
- \* **What is the point of verse 6?**

### MISSION STATEMENT

“At St. John Lutheran Church, our purpose is to make and equip disciples everywhere by proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior.”



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### The week of August 9 at St. John!

#### \* Thank You! ...

A huge “Thank You!” to everyone who provided treats and helped unload our stuff at our new house. It was incredibly helpful and very much appreciated!  
*Pastor Dave and Family*

#### \* Summer Mid-Week Bible Study ..

Join us on Thursday, August 13 at 6:30pm via Zoom! You can access the meeting by going to <https://bit.ly/GoodNewsBibleStudy5>. We are spending the summer looking at the topic of the Good News and the study is based on a book called "Simply Good News" by N.T. Wright (please note that you do NOT need the book to participate in the study). If you missed the first four studies, recordings are available on our website. Contact Pastor Dave with questions.

#### \* Fall Survey ...

We will be sending out another survey the week of August 10 to get feedback from everyone in regards to Fall programming. We want to hear everyone's comfort level with in-person worship, Bible studies, Sunday school, etc. so that we can plan accordingly.

#### \* Christian Sympathies ...

Emma Mehrl (mother-in-law/grandmother) passed away on Monday, August 3 in Shorewood, MN at the age of 96. A gravesite Christian burial was held on Friday, August 7 at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia, MI. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Mary Jo & Krista at 973 Winterberry Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

#### \* In Our Prayers ...

Mehrl family, Courtney Boever, Joanne Dahlin, Lisa Larsen, Ruth Hagemeyer, Alex Brouhard, Laura DePetro, Lorraine Schire, Don Boese, Kevin Portuguese, Mary Schultz, Oline Tolbert, Peter Nyout, Ron & Joan Arndt, Leon Schmidt, Doug Lasker, Dolores Weir, Carol Mrozik, Betsy Dehler, Gene Pommerening

### Weekly Social Media Post ...

Jesus tells us not to judge. This doesn't mean we don't call out wickedness. What it does mean is that we focus on our own sin first and echo the words of the old hymn — chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me.

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