



**Communion Notice** Today we celebrate Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's own body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because we believe that participation in this sacrament is also a public confession of unity in the faith we invite communicant members of congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive the sacrament. We welcome our fellow Christians who wish to come forward but do not share all our beliefs to fold their arms in front of them and receive a blessing. We pray that our common baptism and the continued work of the Holy Spirit will draw us closer to one another and dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that as we are led into all truth from God's Word such divisions will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Let us all express in our hearts a prayerful desire for such unity of faith to be achieved.

**General Announcements:**

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS.** We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

**ETERNAL CANDLE** The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Ralph and Norma Grotelueschen in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar are from the Altar Guild.

**CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP** St. John's is taking a special offering for financial aid to any students who are working towards a career in church work. If you would like to contribute to this 'scholarship', please mark your offering envelope as "Church Scholarship".

**BLACKSMITHING** The arbor leaves project is completed. Thank you to all that helped!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS Matthew 10:42 - "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."** The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord's work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** Many years ago, our Lutheran ancestors left behind the familiar and came seeking religious freedom in a new land. We celebrate that freedom this week, even as we recognize growing challenges to our religious liberty. Join us in praying for our leaders, both in government and in our LCMS church. May God strengthen them to boldly speak and act in ways that secure our freedom not just to have faith, but to live out that faith in the public square. Your prayers for the staff and leadership of Lutheran Family Service as they proclaim, teach, and live out God's good plan for life, marriage and family are also appreciated. Happy 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, America! [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

**THANK YOU** Caleb and Kimberly and their families thank you for the cards, gifts, and your presence at their reception! They are truly grateful for the love and support of their St. John's family!

**THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ADVOCATES FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE.** Adam and Eve – Marriage grounded in creation, not culture In the beginning—before the Supreme Court, before America, before the church, before Israel, before culture, before sin— God created humanity. He formed the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve. Their union is the first marriage, created, defined, and blessed by God at the dawn of time. Marriage is not a cultural invention but a divine institution grounded in creation itself. God spoke the first legal formula for marriage: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org>

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
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## The Lord's Week

### Sunday, June 28th

9:00am– Worship  
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday school

### Monday, June 29th

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes

### Tuesday, June 30th

10:00am– Food Pantry  
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

### Wednesday, July 1st

1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

### Saturday, July 4th

5:00pm– Worship w/Communion  
(Pastor Astrowski)

### Sunday, July 5th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion  
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday school

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Sundays, 10:15am

Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms following worship; we are doing a study on the book of Matthew.

### Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

**Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith?** On summer break. We will resume Sunday, September 13th.

### Wednesdays, 10am- Women's Bible study

We are on summer break. Class will resume after Labor Day

### Saturdays, 8am- Men's Bible study: On Summer break.

We will resume Saturday, September 12th

### Weekly Memory Verse:

#### Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

### Serving the Lord this Week:

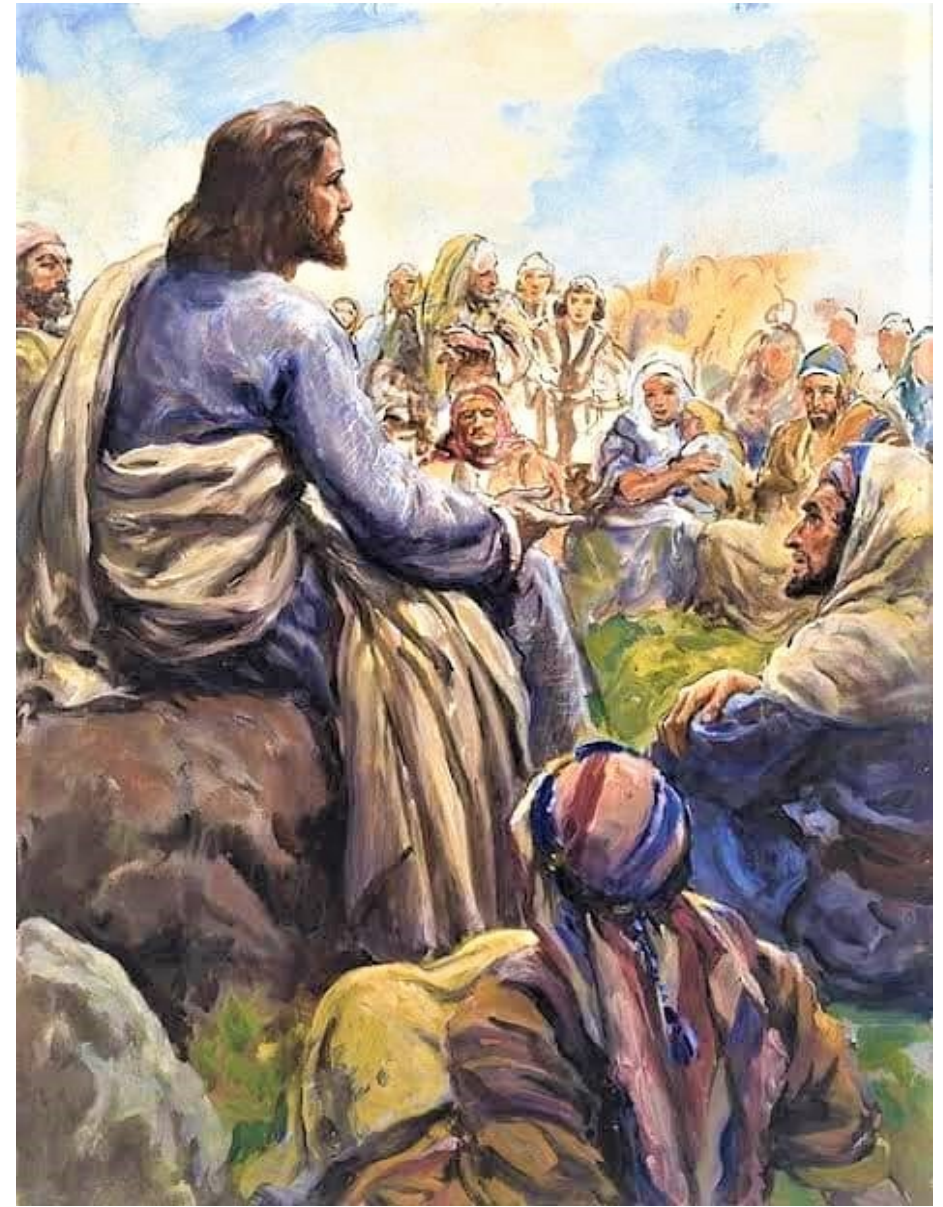
**Organist:** Christine Engebrecht

**Greeters:** (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw  
(Sun.)

**Ushers:** (Sat.) Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller  
& Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Rod Hopkins, George Aukee, & Penny Schreck

**Altar Guild (June):** Christina Sihrer, Carole Krouth,  
& Margie Schaefer



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### Introit

**P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**C** **Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,**

who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.

**For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the Lord,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

### Readings

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Jeremiah, the twenty-eight chapter.

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.” (*Jer. 28:5-9*)

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Epistle reading is from Romans, the seventh chapter.

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law,

having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. (*Rom. 7:1-13*)

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **LSB 190– ♪ Alleluia**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**C** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” (*Matthew 10:34-42*)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD**

June 27th and 28th, 2026

*Please remember the following in your prayers this week...*

**Members**

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Duffy  
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Elijah Medina- Iran

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Howard & Anne Williams(18)  
Don & Wanda Cass(74)

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Ron and Cora Whipple  
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Steve Ward- Cindy Hart's  
brother- stroke

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