



**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 a yellow attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

**ETERNAL CANDLE** This warm, steady glow, encourages us to offer our thanks to our faithful Lord and God especially to the Holy Spirit as He has given us saving faith and strengthens us in the assurance that heaven is our home.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Val McDonald, in memory of Tayler.

**DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS** The current Dollar for Missions project is replacement of insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal. 45-year-old insulation has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be replaced, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for \$10,000.

**WASP ALERT** It has been mentioned to the office that there are large wasps flying around the office doors. According to Kenny’s Pest Control, they are called Cicada Killers– they are NOT human aggressive (although very alarming looking), and there is no chemical treatment to be used against them. There is not a nest to avoid or remove– they will burrow individually in the landscape after catching a cicada.

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** It’s been said that children may not always be good at listening to adults, but they never fail to imitate them. Consider this: the words you speak are less important than the everyday life you lead. Your children (and grandchildren) are constantly learning about life by watching you. What an immense responsibility. What an incredible privilege! Pray that God will help you to be the kind of adult you want your child (or grandchild) to become. Find inspiration from the One whose love, humility, obedience, honesty, and faithfulness we’re encouraged to imitate. (Ephesians 5:1-2; Philippians 2:5-11; and 1 John 2:6) **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS** *1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”* Elijah was so sure that he was right — that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can’t go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God’s work in the church with our offering. Take a look in Luther’s Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week KFUE.org:** This summer on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we’re studying a selection of the Psalms! This week, we’ll take a look at Psalms 23, 27, 33, 37, 42, and 43. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we are wrapping up our study of 2 Corinthians, picking up with chapter 10. Don’t forget to tune in on Saturday (7/26 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters as we study the 3rd Commandment in the Large Catechism! How should we understand the Sabbath? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

**FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE NEEDED** Target has recently become a very generous and beneficial donor of food to us. If anyone would be able to assist Greg on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings, it would really help him out. All you have to do is: meet at church at 8:45am, ride with him to Target, load up the donations, bring it back to church and unload and inventory it. If you could help any of the days it would be greatly appreciated. You will not be contractually bound to his service if you volunteer! Please call Debbie Girard at 309-235-8822 if you have any questions or would like to do a ride- a-long. Also, we are getting low on plastic grocery bags if you would like to donate.

*July 19th and 20th, 2025  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Divine Service Setting 3*

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## The Lord's Week

### Sunday, July 20th

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

### Monday, July 21st

6:30pm- Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

### Tuesday, July 22nd

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

### Wednesday, July 23rd

9:00am- TOPS  
1:30pm- Activities Room

### Thursday, July 24th

6:30pm- Call Committee meeting

### Saturday, July 26th

9:30am- Choir rehearsal  
5:00pm- Worship

### Sunday, July 27th

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

#### Please Note:

During the summer, the office is only open  
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-noon.

Pastor is sometimes in the office in the afternoon, but  
is often out on visits.

If you took home any of the free plants that came out  
of the courtyard, could you please return the buckets  
and containers they were in? The Trustees would like  
them back. Thank you!

## Bible Study Opportunities

**Pastors And Bishops: Divine Authority or Satanic Power** As our congregation prepares for the Holy Spirit to send us a new undershepherd it may be helpful for us to review the theology of the pastoral ministry. A biblical understanding will help us determine whether our pastors and bishops exercise divine authority or wield satanic power. Our primary text will be the Holy Scriptures, but we will also take a peek at our Lutheran Confessions to see how that Word is properly understood and applied.

### Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

In this class Clark Stojan, who has engaged in extensive study and made many trips to the Holy Land, leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

### Serving the Lord this Week:

**Organist:** Jean Grewe

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

**Ushers:** (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon,  
& Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Esther Cashion, Derek & Joel Duffy, Clinton &  
Jackson Merritt

**Communion Assistants:** Kevin McAnally & Ralph  
Grotelueschen

**Acolyte:** Joel Duffy

The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.

### Memory Verse Challenge:

#### 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*



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### **Introit**

**P** Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

**G The Lord is my portion;**

**I promise to keep your words.**

I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.

**When I think on my ways,**

**I turn my feet to your testimonies;**

I hasten and do not delay  
to keep your commandments.

**The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;**

**teach me your statutes!**

♪ **LSB 186— Gloria Patri**

### **Readings**

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the eighteenth chapter.

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” *(Genesis 18:1-14)*

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

**G Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Epistle reading is from Colossians, the first chapter.

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. *(Col. 1:21-29)*

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

**G Thanks be to God.**

**LSB 190— ♫ Alleluia**

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

**G ♫ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” *(Luke 10:38-42)*

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

**G ♫ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD  
July 19th and 20th, 2025  
*Please remember the following in your prayers this week...*

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