

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

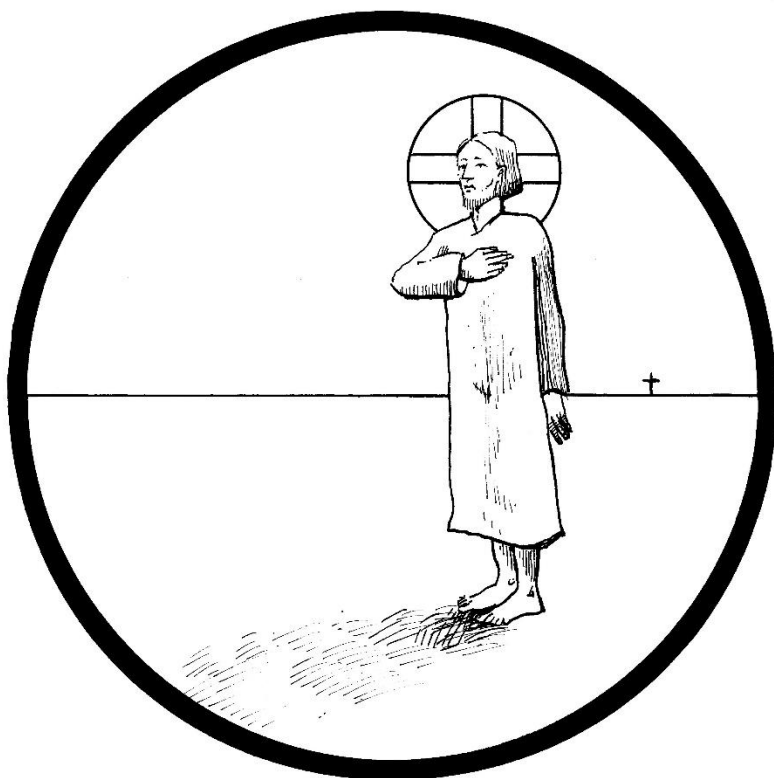
- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Life Thoughts: June 7 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Sin is the cause of all our woes in this life. God says so. Does it mean we can pick out particular sins as being the cause of particular woes? Quite often not. But we do know the cure to all our woes: the death of Jesus. His death paid for all our sins. His death gives us eternal life, no matter what sins we carry and no matter what woes we suffer. Jesus is greater than them all, and Jesus has paid the price for them all. So, as St. Peter says, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself” (Acts 2: 38-39). Repent of your sins and let Him cure all your woes.

Life Quotes: June 7 “Remember that our Savior was born into a human household ... He is our Friend, our Brother, He will help us in our time of need, especially when we seek Him out in God's Word and fervently in prayer. As you relate to others in your home, ask God's Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in difficult situations, mercy in abundance when forgiveness is needed, and love to cover all your family's interactions.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LCMS National Mission: June 7th – Second Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 9: 9 – “As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him.” When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, “Follow me,” and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I'll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?

Divine Service III

Hymn: “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

LSB 590

STJ: Rite of Holy Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Beth: Invocation and Exhortation (p.184)

Beth: Corporate Confession (p.184)

Service of the Word

Beth: Psalm 119:65-72

Beth: Kyrie (p.186)

Beth: Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Hosea 5:15—6:6*

¹I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹“Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;

I have slain them by the words of my mouth,

and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,

the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle

Romans 4:13–25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was

counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia (p.190)

Holy Gospel *Matthew 9:9-13*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed (p.158)

Office Hymn: “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

LSB 689

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

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Pax Domini (p. 197)

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns:

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

“By Grace I’m Saved” LSB 566

“Rise, Shine , You People” LSB 825

Nunc Dimittis: (p.199)

Thanksgiving (p.200)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Salutation and Benedicamus (p.201)

Benediction (p.202)

Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB 803

Announcements

Prayers

- Remember in our prayers our Shut-ins
- Remember Mae Morien on her 95th birthday on June 8th. May Your grace surround her, guide her path and fill her life with love, peace, and happiness. May she feel Your presence and know she is deeply loved.
- Remember Magnolia and Monroe on their baptism day. Father, bless these little ones with Your love and protection, and guide them to grow in faith and, hope. May Your Holy Spirit always be with them. Help the parents and Godparents provide love, guidance and a faithful example.

This Week at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Mon.	June 8	Elder Meeting	6: 00 pm
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STJ:	Mon.	June 9	Elder Meeting	6: 00 pm
STJ:	Mon.	June 9	Council Meeting	7: 00 pm
Beth:	Wed.	June 10	CWIA	1: 00 pm

Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Sun.	June 14	Worship Service	8: 00 am
			<i>Acolyte: Issac Kosik Greeters: Gabby & Jordan Umlauf</i>	
Beth:	Sun.	June 14	Worship Service	10: 30 am
			<i>Acolyte: Cassidy Thompson</i>	

Save the Date The Edgar parade! Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 pm

Looking for volunteers to help with the float decorating and being in the parade. Contact Mary Schultz, Mel Niemann, or Traci Pehlke.



Baptism of Magnolia Grace and Monroe Keziah Schoenrock

We welcome Magnolia Grace and Monroe Keziah into our church family. Parents are Danielle Schoenrock and Kaleb Schulz. Godparents are Aaron Niemann, Mike Koepke, Virginia Koepke and Emily Schulz.



Bethlehem LWML Ladies will be hosting Undie Sunday

Destitute people around the world need basic necessities. Thousands of people helped by The Grain Train do not have good underwear or socks. For Undie Sunday, please bring NEW underwear (all sizes, men's women's, girl's and boy's) and socks to church. Arlette will be collecting at Bethlehem and Jeff W. will collect at St. John. Undies and socks will be collected through Sunday, June 14th.



SAVE THE DATE: Bethlehem VBS

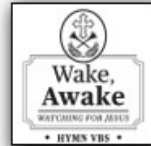
Shipwrecked - Rescued by God July 13th and 14th from 4:30-7:00. Join us for two fun-filled days of Vacation Bible School where kids will learn to trust God through life's storms. Enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, and games in an exciting, shipwrecked adventure! Anyone willing to help, please contact Janessa, Tammi, Beth or Patti.



St. John VBS:

Wake, Awake, Watching for Jesus Hymn VBS

is July 20-24, 9:00am- Noon. Please contact Traci if you can help, would like to register a child, or if you have any questions.



It is almost time for the Higher Things Youth Conference

in St. Louis, MO at Washington University. Our group will be leaving Sunday, June 21st. We will take a couple of days to do some sightseeing in St. Louis, MO. The Conference begins Tuesday afternoon with Divine Worship. Many opportunities for worship, spiritual growth and fellowship are planned.

We appreciate all the support our congregations have given to us to help us attend this event. If you haven't already, please join the Youth Facebook group. We will give regular updates, pics and some live videos of our trip together.

Thank you for your continued prayers. Please keep Pastor, Deb, Ronda, Kelly, Lauryn, Jady, Isabelle and Kassidy all in your prayers as the Lord prepares their hearts and minds for this experience!



If you want to support the youth traveling to St. Louis for the Higher Things Conference, you can contribute cash donations or Kwik Trip gift cards for gas and snacks. Any unused cash will be added to the Youth Group account.

The Youth Group will be participating in a service project while at the conference. As attendees gather around the Gifts of Christ Jesus, they will have the opportunity to serve their neighbors. Our Mission is to be involved in relationships with New Americans with whom we can share the Gospel through caring words and actions. **What is the project?** Making art/craft packs for their student programming

How can I help? We encourage you to support this service project by purchasing the items on the Amazon Wish List that will be used in the craft packs. You can also support by making a direct donation to Christian Friends of New Americans to purchase supplies as well. Amazon Wish List can be found at <http://higherthings.org/events/service-project/>

Set Apart to Serve has created an excellent one-page summary document of different church vocations in the LCMS. This tool presents basic information about the 8 different church work options and has a QR code that will take you to the SAS web page that details the programs, current costs and contact information for the Concordias. Find the informational flyer on the bulletin board.

North WI District LCMS June District Happenings is available and has lots of great information. The June District Happenings can be found at <http://nwdlcms.org/newsletters> or by scanning the QR code.



LCMS Life Ministry Join the LCMS in marches for life across the country in 2026! Visit lcms.org/marchforlife and get your gear!

LCMS Health Ministry For a Lutheran perspective on physical and mental health, check out our KFUEO partner podcast, Friends for Life! In addition to addressing life and family issues, Friends for Life also touches on a number of topics regarding physical and mental health. Listen at kfuo.org/friendsforlife.