

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

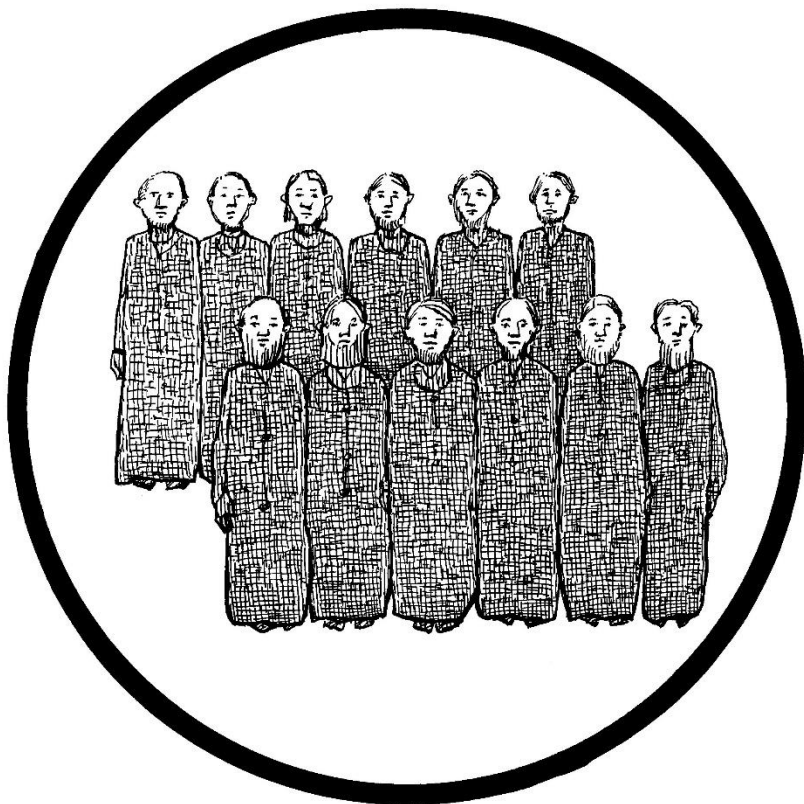
- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Reverend Michael Mathey, Pastor

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 14 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Sin and death came into the world through one man, Adam. If you are able to die, you know that sin's infection has gotten you. We are able to die from the moment of conception because sin's infection is so deep in our very existence. But as Paul reminds us, God's mercy is also for all men. He sends out His servants to proclaim God's Word and the gift of eternal life that is yours in Christ Jesus. Do not stop the little ones from hearing God's Word and believing but let them come into the presence of God before they even exit the womb and hear God's Word. When they exit the womb, give them God's gift of Holy Baptism and continue to let them hear God's Word. That is the way to cure sin's infection and see your children in eternity.

Life Quotes: June 14 "It is important for each of us that we not forget how our country came to be an independent nation. It's even more important that we individually remember how dependent we are upon God's provision, protection, and blessing for those liberties we daily enjoy and use. Take the time to turn to the Lord with a thankful heart. Pray also for the willingness to share in the responsibilities and duties that belong to you as a citizen of the United States of America." *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LCMS National Mission: June 14 – Third Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 5:8 – "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him — He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, God looked on us with kindness and generosity, and so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die and rise for us. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous and kind sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

Divine Service III

Hymn: "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

LSB 846

Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.184)

Corporate Confession (p.184)

Service of the Word

Psalm 100

Kyrie (p.186)

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, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 19:2-8*

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

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 5:6–15*

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia (p.190)

Holy Gospel *Matthew 9:35 – 10:20*

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

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

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing

every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

¹⁶“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles’ Nicene Creed (p.159)

Office Hymn: “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

LSB 834

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord’s Prayer (p.196)

The Words of Our Lord (p.197)

Pax Domini (p. 197)

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns:

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 641

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

LSB 827

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

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Nunc Dimittis: (p.199)

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Salutation and Benedicamus (p.201)

Benediction (p.202)

Hymn: “Not unto Us”

LSB 558

Announcements

Prayers

- Remember in our prayers our home bound members
- Lord, prepare our hearts to worship You in spirit and in truth. Remove distractions, renew our minds, and fill us with joy as we lift our voices in praise. Amen.

This Week at Bethlehem and St. John

STJ: Mon. June 15 Able-Light 10:00 am

Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John

Youth Group leaves for Higher Things Conference 8:00 am

Beth: Sun. June 21 Worship Service 8:00 am

Acolyte: Madalynn Johnson Greeters: Jill Penk & family

Beth: Sun. June 21 Worship Service 10:30 am

Acolyte: Christian Pehlke

STJ: Sun. June 21 Edgar Parade 1:00 pm

Edgar parade!

Date: Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 pm

Edgar Parade Float Decorating

Come and help if you are able.

Location: Pehlke's Home 227708 Aspen Dr.

Date: Saturday, June 20th

Time: 2 pm

Contact Mary Schultz, or Traci Pehlke with any questions.



LAST DAY TO DONATE:

Bethlehem LWML Ladies will be hosting Undie Sunday

For Undie Sunday, please bring NEW underwear (all sizes, men's women's, girl's and boy's) and socks to church.

Bethlehem VBS Shipwrecked - Rescued by God

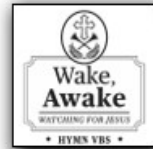
July 13th and 14th from 4: 30-7: 00. Join us for two fun-filled days of Vacation Bible School where kids will learn to trust God through life's storms. Enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, and games in an exciting, shipwrecked adventure! Anyone willing to help, please contact Janessa, Tammi, Beth or Patti.



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.



Thank you St. John Quilters for my graduating quilt gift.

– Micah Schulz



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 Cassidy 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/>

Portals of Prayer for July – September are available.

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.



Free Resource! *Nine Facets of a Healthy Life Ministry*
Lutherans For Life has produced a free downloadable resource based on a series of articles in our newsletter. The nine facets are: Consistent, Multifaceted, Unified, Gospel-Motivated, Resourced, Interfaced, Trusted, Multiplied, Careful. The word “facet” was chosen because, as the facet of a cut gem reflects light, so we are to reflect the light of Christ in our life ministries. Scan the QR code or go to <http://lutheransforlife.org/nine-facets-of-a-healthy-life-ministry/> for the article.

