

# Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

~ The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod ~

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The Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

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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 Quotes:** “You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That’s how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this family—a family with a rich past and a glorious future.” Rev. Peter Sulzle, *St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Life Thoughts:** God the Father sent His Son because He loves life. God the Son paid the price necessary to redeem life. God the Holy Spirit calls people to faith, giving them new life now and eternally (John 3:1-17). The Holy Trinity is For Life! Holy Father, Son, and Spirit, make my life reflect Your own and extend it especially to those in the shadow of death. Amen.

## Divine Service III

Hymn : “Father Most Holy”

LSB 504

### Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.184)

Corporate Confession (p.184)

### Service of the Word

Kyrie (p. 186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

<sup>4</sup>“To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

<sup>22</sup>“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,

the first of his acts of old.

<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,  
<sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.  
<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,  
**the word of faith that we proclaim.**  
For with the heart one believes and is justified,  
**and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

### Second Reading      *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia (p.190)

**Holy Gospel** *John 8:48–59*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I

do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Athanasian Creed (p.319)

**Office Hymn:** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Prayer of the Church

### **Service of the Sacrament**

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Sanctus (p.195)

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Agnus Dei (p.198)

Distribution of the Sacrament

## Hymns:

"Your Table I Approach"	LSB 628
"Glory Be to God the Father"	LSB 506
"I Bind unto Myself Today"	LSB 604

Nunc Dimittis: (p.199)

Thanksgiving (p.200)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Salutation and Benedicamus (p. 201)

Benediction (p.202)

**Hymn:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805

## Announcements

### Remember in our Prayers:

Our Shut-ins

**Please remember to sign the Guest Register at the end of the pews.**

### This Week at Bethlehem and St. John

STJ: Mon. June 16 Able-Light 10:00 am

STJ: Sat. June 21 VBS Planning Mtg. 9:00 am

### Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth: Sun. June 22 Sunday Worship 8:00 am

*Acolyte:* Madalynn Johnson *Greeters:* Jill Penk and Family

STJ: Sun. June 22 Sunday Worship 10:30am

*Acolyte:* Ben Hartwig

### Edgar Parade

Date: TODAY

**NEED DONATIONS:** Candy and 200 sandwich bags to hand out on the parade route. Questions? See Deb Mathey or Traci Pehlke. Thank you for any help!



### St. John Brewer Trip

**When: Thursday, August 28**

**(DATE CHANGE)**

**Pick up:** 8 am St. John parking lot

**Cost:** \$85 includes a sack lunch, soda/water, charter bus

Not included in the price is stopping to eat on the way home.

Contact Stacey VanHoy (715-506-0207) to reserve your spot!

## **Corrections for the Newsletter or Weekly Bulletin**

If you see a need for a correction, please let me know. I am more than happy to correct and change it for the future.

The best way to let me know is:

1. call the office (715-352-2888) Tues. – Fri. from 9 am to noon or leave a voicemail message
2. send an email to [secretary@stjbeth.org](mailto:secretary@stjbeth.org)
3. drop a note in the “Tidbits for Tabitha” baskets located at Bethlehem above the mailboxes (black mesh tray) or at St. John in the office on the desk.

- Thanks Tabitha Hartwig



## **Blood Drive**

Location: Community Bible Church in Stratford

Date: June 19th, 2025.

Time: 1:00 - 6:00

## **Secretary Office Hours Changing for ONE WEEK**

For the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, the following will be Tabitha's (church secretary) hours.

Mon. June 16 9 am – 12pm

Tues. June 17 8 am – 11pm

Thur. June 19 9 am – 12 pm

Fri. June 20 9 am – 12 pm

Announcements for the bulletin will be due on

Thursday (like normal) June 19<sup>th</sup>.

