

Nativity Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Our 93rd Year”

June 7, 2026



Welcome to Nativity Lutheran Church; please take a moment to fill out the visitor cards found in the pews. Prayer request can be filled out on the reverse side of the visitor card; you may place the card in the offering box or give them to Pastor Kuhl. The service today includes Holy Communion and all who desire to receive what our Lord offers in this meal, his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to partake.

For your convenience, restrooms are located in Goetz Hall on the lower level; the staircases in the church building narthex access them. There is a semi handicapped, unisex restroom located through the left front door of the sanctuary.

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dean A. Willich

Lector/Reader: Arlene Renard

Minister of Music: Dennis Jon Wolfgang

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

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Worship Note: *We will be using the “Bread of Life” Communion setting (No. 5) from the blue “With One Voice” (WOV) through the middle of July. The Hymns will continue to be from “Evangelical Lutheran Worship” (ELW).*

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – arr. Lani Smith

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – arr. Don Hustad

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Jesu, Fount of Consolation – Johann Sebastian Bach

Arranged by Homer Whitford

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Kyrie - WOV page 28

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

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Gathering Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – ELW No. 836

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise – WOV page 29
“Glory to God in the Highest.”

Prayer of the Day - “Today’s Readings” Insert
Please respond Amen.

**Please be seated for the Readings*

First Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6 – Printed in “*Today’s Readings*” Insert
Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God’s face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

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Psalmody

Psalm 50:7-15 - “Today’s Readings” Insert
Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)
Please join in chanting the Psalm in unison using tone 5.

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25 –Printed in “*Today’s Readings*” Insert.
Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God’s promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

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Gospel Acclamation – WOV page 31

“Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?”

**Please stand if able.*

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is announced: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus demonstrates God’s mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

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R: The Gospel of the Lord.

Concluding Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Dean Willich

Hymn of the Day

Come, Ye Disconsolate – ELW No. 607

Tune: CONSOLATOR

Please stand for the final verse.

Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed – WOV page 33

Prayers of the People

P: God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of Peace

Offering Response

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord – WOV page 35

**Please stand if able.*

You may place your offerings, visitor cards and prayer request cards in the white church found in the narthex of the church either before or after our worship service.

Offering Prayer

**Please stand if able.*

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

The Meal/Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface

WOV page 36 *Spoken*

Holy, Holy, Holy – WOV page 36
Eucharistic Prayer XI – ELW page 69
Spoken Final Amen

Lord's Prayer and Lamb of God – WOV page 39

Invitation To Communion

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

Distribution

**Please be seated.*

*All are Welcome to receive the Lord's Meal at His table.
Please come forward to the Communion Rail.*

Communion Music

Meditation – David Lasky

Post Communion Canticle – WOV page 40

“Thankful hearts and voices raise;”

**Please stand if able.*

Prayer after Communion

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story - ELW No. 661

Tune: HANKEY

Dismissal

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – arr. Richard Ellsasser

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

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Our Sunday Bulletin is now uploaded to our Website on
Saturdays.*

We thank Nativity's longtime friend Pastor Dean Willich for being with us today as Presiding Minister. Pastor Dean will be with us again next week, on June 14th as Pastor Steve will be visiting family.

Nativity's Leadership

Rev. Dr. Steven C. Kuhl - Pastor
Dennis Jon Wolfgang – Director of Music/Organist
James Ribnek, III – President
Dr. Robert Saur – Vice President
Jill Mickelson – Treasurer
Nicole DeBack – Secretary

Church Council Members at Large

Sandra Larson, Gerald and Tammy Newburg,
Dennis Jon Wolfgang

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

As a Community we pray: For those with immediate needs of healing and strength: Gary Brautigam, Marvelyn Cockroft, Gary Hanson, Pastor Steven Kuhl, Maureen Jones, James Larson, Sarah O'Brien, Rev. Mick Roschke, Maureen Sopa, and Jennifer Wigand. If you know of

individuals that need to be added to or taken off the list, please let any Council Member know.

There are no Birthdays this Week.

A Huge Thank You to the workers who labored last Saturday for Nativity's yard clean-up day!

Thank You to: Nicole DeBack
Jeff and Jill Mickelson
Gerry and Tammy Newburg
Jim Ribnek
Dennis Wolfgang

Sewing Club - Great News! The Sewing Club has extended their time with us. They're working other sewing projects. It's a great chance to visit and possibly take up sewing. Stop in, "No strings attached..." Tuesday evenings 5 to 8 in Goetz Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship/Offerings: We are always grateful for everyone's financial support, no matter how large or small the gift. If you cannot attend worship in person, you may mail your offerings and donations to the church at any time. The mailing address is on the back of this bulletin. Have you remembered Nativity Lutheran Church in your estate planning?

Nativity Lutheran Church is **pet friendly**; you are invited to bring your leashed service or companion animal to all Nativity Worship Services or Events.

This Week's Calendar

Location Key: "S"=Sanctuary, "G"=Goetz Fellowship Hall, "UC"=Upper Meeting/Conference Room, "C"=Children's Area

TODAY:	6/7	Pentecost II 11:00 AM "S" Nativity Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday:	6/9	12:00 PM "G" S.A. 12-step 5-8 PM "G" Sewing Club
Wednesday:	6/10	9:00 AM "UC" Quilters 8:00 PM A.A. Al-Anon
Friday:	6/12	12:00 PM "G" S.A. 12-step
Saturday:	6/13	8:30 AM "S" Organ Lesson
Sunday:	6/14	Pentecost III 11:00 AM "S" Nativity Worship/Com.

Commemorations this Week

Commemorations: When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of men and women across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. As we remember such Christians, we remember them in the context of remembering Christ. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Yet their lives point to how God's "extraordinary grace (works) in ordinary people". "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith" (Augsburg Confession).

Sunday, June 7th - Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866: Noah Seattle was chief of the Suquamish tribe and later became chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, a tribal alliance. When the tribes were faced with an increasing number of white settlers, Seattle chose to live and work peacefully with them rather than engage in wars. After Seattle became a Roman Catholic, he began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe, a practice that continued after his death. On the centennial of his birth, the city of Seattle— named for him against his wishes—erected a monument over his grave.

Tuesday, June 9th – Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church:

These three monks from the British Isles were pillars among those who kept alive the light of learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries, including one on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. That monastery was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan, who helped bring Christianity to the Northumbria area of England, was known for his pastoral style and ability to stir people to charity and good works.

Bede was a Bible translator and scripture scholar. He wrote a history of the English church and was the first historian to date events anno Domini (A.D.), “year of our Lord.”

Bede is also known for his hymns, including “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” (ELW No. 393).

Thursday, June 11th – Barnabas, Apostle: The Eastern Church commemorates Barnabas as one of the Seventy

commissioned by Jesus. Though he was not among the Twelve mentioned in the gospels, the book of Acts gives him the title of apostle. His name means “son of encouragement.” When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him in over the fears of the other apostles, who doubted Paul’s discipleship. Later, Paul and Barnabas traveled together on missions. At the Council of Jerusalem, Barnabas defended the claims of Gentile Christians in relation to the Mosaic law.

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