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Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 24, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LCMS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Praise to You and Adoration LSB 692

Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book LSB 184

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

- ❖ Do “I swear to God” cheaply, for frivolous and false oaths, or for stories that are over-exaggerated?
- ❖ Do I swear by God's name when it is for the truth of the Gospel or the benefit of my neighbor in need?
- ❖ Do I pray with fervor only in times of trouble?
- ❖ Am I bored and indifferent in prayer?

Introit

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O Lord,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O Lord, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Kyrie	LSB 186
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 187
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB 189
Old Testament Reading	Proverbs 3:1-8

¹My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
²for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.
³Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.
⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
⁷Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
⁸It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Romans 10:15, 18; Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful are the feat of those who preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the world.

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7–10


⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power
belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed,
but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be
manifested in our bodies.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB 190

Holy Gospel Luke 22:24-30 (NKJV)


P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered
the greatest. ²⁵And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them,
and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ ²⁶But not so among
you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who
governs as he who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves?
Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.
²⁸“But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹And I bestow upon
you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at
My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day	<i>By All Your Saints in Warfare</i> LSB 518:1, 23, 3
Sermon	
Offertory	LSB 192
Installation of New Elders	
Prayer of the Church	LSB 193
Liturgy of Holy Communion	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns	LSB 644, 632, 617, 583, 682
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
Benediction	LSB 202
Closing Hymn	<i>Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious</i> LSB 548

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

We welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the gym.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	8/14/25	6:30 p.m.	24
Sunday	8/17/25	9:00 a.m.	162

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Sandy Damms, Tom Domagalski, Daut Gaba, Jerry Garske, Carol Georgson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Candace Kolter, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Pat Wagner, and Barbara Wieting.

FLOWERS are given by the Goetz family in memory of Gerald Goetz.

COUSINS SUBS DONATION NIGHT to support the 8th graders and help them raise money for their class trip will take place at the Cousins Subs located at 6201 South 27th Street in Greenfield (27th and College) on Monday, August 25. Go any time between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and 20% of those sales will be donated to Our Father's School.

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 Sunday School and Bible Study will start at 8:00 a.m. in the school. The Sunday Divine Service will move to 9:15 a.m. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2025-2026 begins on Sunday, September 7 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We welcome all children ages 3 through 6th grade students. Registration forms are located in the narthex and may be returned to either the box (same location) or school office. If you are interested in helping out or becoming a Sunday School teacher, please call Christina Janetzke at (414) 975-4826 or email cwingy10@yahoo.com.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT The 61st academic year at Our Father's opened on Wednesday with 124 students - an increase of 24 students from the end of the previous year. We praise God for the opportunities He has placed before us and welcome your prayers for the students, teachers, and support staff.

PART-TIME ART TEACHER NEEDED Our Father's is seeking a person to teach Art classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade, one and a half days per week. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Principal Cahill at 210-473-7109. If your desire is to teach more than one and a half days per week, please also inquire.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP There are a number of open spots available to sponsor flowers this fall, starting in September. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you would like to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring flowers. The cost is \$30 per bouquet.

PART-TIME JOB OPENING Church Secretary needed at Grace Lutheran Church in Racine to perform clerical tasks, prepare the weekly worship service bulletins, announcements and insert, maintain congregation data base. Hours available up to 16 hours per week. Please attach a cover letter and resume if interested to Steven Vargas, Email- (sleger1@wi.rr.com) and phone 262-902-4177.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	8/24	DIVINE SERVICE Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m.
Monday	8/25	Cousins Sub Donation Night	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8/27	Matins No Morning Bible Study	8:05 a.m.
Thursday	8/28	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Friday	8/30	NO SCHOOL	
Sunday	8/31	DIVINE SERVICE Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

August 24 through August 30, 2025

Skinned alive! That, according to tradition, is how Bartholomew (called Nathanael in John) was martyred. Christ’s preachers are not to be great lords, but servants who faithfully stay with Christ in His trials (Luke 22:24–30). They are “jars of clay”; the Savior they preach is the “surpassing power” (2 Cor. 4:7). Christ’s servants are “afflicted in every way,” “always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested” there (2 Cor. 4:8–10). On the foundation of their prophetic and apostolic confession, the Church is built, “joined together” by Christ, “the cornerstone” (Eph. 2:20–21). As an apostle (Luke 6:13–14), Bartholomew manifested “the Son of God” in his preaching and his death. Christ is the “Son of Man” — the King who opens heaven to us by His wounds (John 1:49–51). We bear sufferings not leaning “on [our] own understanding,” but trusting in the Lord (Prov. 3:5–7). Life will be manifested in our bodies, too, when the Lord brings “healing to [our] flesh and refreshment to [our] bones” in the resurrection (Prov. 3:8). For this reason, Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin. He will have need of it on the Last Day — at least for sizing.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 92

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, open my lips to teach my own children of Your ways and sing of Your righteousness. Open my mouth to praise You with a contrite heart. Break my own spirit and renew me with Your Holy Spirit. Do good to all Your baptized children that we may sing with joy of the death and resurrection of Your Son until the day when we sing in the heavenly Zion. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday	St. Bartholomew, Apostle—John 1:43–51 Trinity 10—Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem—Luke 19:41–48
Monday	The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:40–52
Tuesday	Mary Sits and Jesus' Feet—Luke 10:38–42
Wednesday	The Rebellion of Absalom—2 Samuel 15:2–15 (15:16–18:5) 18:6–15 (16–32) 18:33–19:6
Thursday	Ruth and Her Kinsman Redeemer—Ruth 1:1–19a (1:19b–3:18) 4:1–10 (11–22)
Friday	NO SCHOOL—Martyrdom of John the Baptist—Mark 6:14–29
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Genesis 4:1–15

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Luther, Lectures on Romans 9:33: He who believes in Him will not be put to shame. The Hebrew text reads: “He who believes shall not make haste.” This can be reconciled by interpreting it to mean that he who believes in Christ is secure in his conscience and righteous and, as the Scripture says, “bold as a lion” (Prov. 28:1). And again, “Whatever befalls the righteous man will not disturb him” (Prov. 12:21), while, according to Prov. 28:1: “The wicked flee when no one pursues,” and again in Is. 57:20: “The wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot rest.” “There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked” (Is. 57:21). And in Ps. 1:4 we read: “The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away,” in Lev. 26:36: “The sound of a driven leaf shall put them to flight,” and in Is. 30:15 ff.: “For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’ And you would not, but you said, ‘No! We will speed upon horses,’ therefore you shall speed away; and, ‘We will ride upon swift steeds,’ therefore your pursuers shall be swift. A thousand shall flee at the threat of one ...” And this is the meaning, that he who believes in Christ will not be in a hurry, will not flee, will not be terrified, for he fears nothing, he stands quiet and secure, established on the solid rock, as our Lord taught in Matt. 7:24. But he who does not believe in Him, even though he “makes haste,” that is, flees, yet he cannot escape the tribulation and the anguish which beset him, and particularly the judgment. For

this is the penalty of the damned, and their iniquity is without end, that they flee from God and yet cannot escape Him. This is what every evil conscience which has forgotten Christ does, as we read in Deut. 28:67: “In the morning you shall say, ‘Would it were evening!’ and at evening you shall say, ‘Would it were morning!’ because of the dread which your heart shall fear and the sights which your eyes shall see.” “For the Lord will give you a trembling heart and a languishing soul” (Deut. 28:65).

Such is the horror and the flight of the hastening conscience, which is the very confusion of the conscience itself. For as Pliny says: “For no living creature is fear more confusing than for man.” How aptly therefore our translation agrees with the Septuagint, for when it reads: “He shall not be confounded,” it tries to point out the confusion and disturbance of the conscience which comes from terror and fear, so that there is no orderly thinking or planning left, but only a search for flight, which is, however, never found. It is like the confusion caused by the tumults of war; where fear and terror strike, each man runs here and there and is in a state of confusion. Such is the punishment of all who die, rather who suffer outside of Christ; they are so distraught that they do not know what to do. (*LW* 25: 400–401, Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1972)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 862 “*Oh, Blest the House*”

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

August 31, 2025

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY: 566, 559, 794, 621, 580, 623, 565

READINGS

Genesis 4:1-15
Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 18:9-14

Here Jesus warns us against trusting in our own righteousness. The way of faith confesses that we are the poor sinners who are exactly like the other sinners. We are never to plead our case in comparison to others, but to plead for the gracious forgiveness that has been won for us through the bitter sufferings and death of the Son of God. Repentance makes no excuses for sin. Repentance simply speaks the truth about our condition—we are sinners. In the confession of the sinner, there is always to be the appeal to the mercy of God. Only faith can confess such mercy which is never earned or deserved, but is constantly poured out in abundance. It is God who lifts up the faithful through the forgiveness of sins, that is, His mercy. The parable recalls the story of Cain and Abel. Abel comes as a sinner and offers the bloody sacrifice to seek God’s mercy. Cain wants to defend himself and does not live in faith. The story is not about the purity of one heart over another or their actions, but about the trust in the Messiah, the Seed, whose blood would be poured out for man’s salvation. Paul’s words from Ephesians remind us of the grace and mercy of God that saves us without any merit or worthiness in us.

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