



Luke 6:36-42

Closed Communion

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 LC-MS 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.

Visitors

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 church.

The Trinity Season

In the One-Year Lectionary, between Holy Trinity Sunday and the First Sunday in Advent come the Sundays after Trinity, which make up the Trinity Season. The Trinity Season varies in length according to the date of Easter. The Trinity Season is sometimes referred to as the “Time of the Church.” While the readings in the festival half of the Church Year focus on the events of Jesus’ earthly ministry, the readings in the Trinity Season focus on Jesus’ teaching. The idea is that, yes, Jesus was born, suffered, died, rose, ascended, *but now what?* In the Trinity Season we Christians learn how we ought to think, speak, and live until our Lord returns. The color for the Sundays after Trinity is green. Green is the color of life and growth. Grafted into the Tree of Life, we Christians, nourished by Jesus’ Word and Sacraments, grow into mature, fruitful branches. On Trinity Sunday in particular, we confess the historic Athanasian Creed which attests both to the triune nature of God (three persons, one God) and the person and work of Jesus Christ (true God, true man) as substitutionary payment for our sin that gives us redemption back to the right relationship with God. Thanks be to God!

THE FOUURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Thursday, July 10, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Sunday, July 13, 2025 – 9:00 AM

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn *If Your Beloved Son, O God* LSB 568

Divine Service Setting Four LSB 203

Introit *Psalm 27:3–4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1–2*
The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked | of the Lord,*

that will I seek | after:

that I may dwell in the house | of the Lord *

all the days | of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on

a rock.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 205

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 50:15–21*

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *Romans 8:18–23*

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel	<i>Luke 6:36-42</i>
[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.	
[C] Glory to You, O Lord.	
<div><div><div><div><div></div><div>³⁶[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.</div></div></div><div><div><div>³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be</div><div>³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good</div></div></div><div><div><div>measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with</div><div>the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”</div></div></div><div><div><div>³⁹He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both</div><div>⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained</div></div></div><div><div><div>⁴¹Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not</div><div>⁴²How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me</div></div></div><div><div><div>take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your</div><div>own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see</div></div></div><div><div><div>clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”</div></div></div></div></div>	
[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.	
[C] Praise to You, O Christ.	
Nicene Creed	LSB. 206
Hymn of the Day	<i>Oh God, My Faithful God</i> LSB 696
Sermon	<i>Your Father is Merciful</i>
Prayer of the Church	LSB 207
Preparation of the Altar	
Preface	LSB 208
Sanctus <i>Holy Holy Holy</i>	LSB 208
Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 209
Lord’s Prayer <i>Pater Noster</i>	LSB 209
Words of Our Lord <i>Verba Domini</i>	LSB 209

Pax Domini <i>Peace of the Lord</i>	LSB 209
Agnus Dei <i>Lamb of God</i>	LSB 210
Distribution Hymns	LSB 566, 634, 633, 504
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 211
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 212
Benedicamus and Benediction	LSB 212
Closing Hymn	<i>Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us</i> LSB 851

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	7/3/25	6:30 p.m.	32
Sunday	7/6/25	9:00 a.m.	120

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 Baumbach family in memory of their father, Ernst Baumbach.

CALL ACCEPTED Pastor Fenker has accepted the call to be our Pastor. Thanks be to God! We anticipate he and his family will arrive by early August. The installation service will be August 10.

SERVICE SCHEDULE The Sunday Divine Service is now 9:00 a.m. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue. Sunday Adult Bible Class will move to 10:30 a.m. and will be in the **school**. There is no Sunday School during the summer, but will resume after Labor Day.

SUMMER CHOIR continues next on **Sunday, July 20** with a rehearsal at 7:45 a.m. in the balcony in preparation for the 9:00 a.m. service. No previous choir experience is required - all ages are welcome to join. Any questions, ask Mr. Johnson at sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org. Mark your calendars as we will also sing on August 3 and August 10.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for the church and school will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting **June 9**.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY If you are a member of Our Father's in good standing and are studying at a college or university for full-time church work, you may apply for funds from the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. All applications are due **August 15**. **You need to apply for these funds every school year that you are requesting funds.** Applications can be obtained from the church office or from Linda Hojnacki directly. Applications need to be given to Linda Hojnacki or put in her church mailbox with the appropriate paperwork requested. Any questions, please feel free to contact Linda at (414) 427-5949 or talk to her directly.

HELP WANTED: School Secretary Trainee Our Father's Lutheran School is seeking a person to succeed Mrs. Wang when she retires after the '25-'26 academic year. This person would begin paid training during the summer of '25. Applicant must be proficient in, or willing to learn, Microsoft Word and Excel, and able to multi-task in a busy office environment. For more information or to apply, please contact Principal Cahill at 210-473-7109 or bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org.

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.

CHRISTIENSEN MOVE Would you be willing to help Pastor Christiansen load up his moving truck? Feel free to come and help on Sunday, July 20 at 3:00 p.m. in Menomonee Falls. Text Pastor at 262-236-6104 for more details. Pastor has accepted a call to Messiah Lutheran Church and Classical Academy in Keller, Texas, close to the University of Dallas where he will be studying. Pastor Christiansen's last Sunday will be July 27, and he will be installed as Pastor in Texas on the afternoon of August 10. Please pray for him and his family as they prepare to move.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION Please join us on Sunday, July 27 in the school gym for a Farewell Celebration for Pastor Christiansen and family to thank them for their time at Our Father's. There is an attendance sign-up sheet in the Narthex (for planning purposes) and an appetizer sign-up sheet for specific snack items. We will be providing cake, cookies and beverages. Any questions, feel free to contact any one on the Fellowship Committee: Linda Hojnacki, LeAnn Lagerman, Jan Wicks, Phil Wingfield.

DO YOU LISTEN TO PODCASTS? Listen to *On The Line* with Rev. Sean Daenzer: The History of Music & Liturgy in The Church. See link here or scan the QR code: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmBaTkxmlrM&list=PLvQXebzmkn1W46n0oOdextBFvtL39rgfi&index=46>



WELCOME GIFT Here are some suggestions if you were thinking about a gift for Pastor and Mrs. Fenker and family to welcome them to Our Father’s. You could purchase a Scrip card for them from Pick N Save, Festival Foods, Sendik’s or Walmart (as suggestions). The next Scrip order is due Sunday, August 3. Any questions please contact me directly at 414-427-5949. Thank you for your consideration. Linda Hojnacki

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

“Your Father is Merciful”
July 13 through July 19, 2025

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	7/13	DIVINE SERVICE Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	7/16	No Morning Bible Study	
Thursday	7/17	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	7/20	DIVINE SERVICE Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Last week we heard of the Father’s mercy toward sinners. This week Christ calls us to the life of mercy, that is, the forgiveness of sins. The Father bestows mercy purely out of grace. The way of faith is to trust in this bounteous mercy and pray for it continually. It is then that this mercy spills over from us to those around us. That is what Jesus speaks about as running over and poured into your lap. As a student of Christ, His Word will not only teach us but actually bring forth mercy in us. All of this is part of the proper understanding of justification, the declaration that our sins are forgiven for the sake of Christ by the merciful Father. Faith rests firmly upon this declaration and nothing else. Faith does not regard this mercy as something in the past which frees us to go forward and move on to something better, but as that which is the basis of all that we need for life. Daily we take the plank out of our own eyes, that is, confess that we are poor miserable sinners. Daily we return to the declaration of the Father in our baptism that we are His forgiven children. Through this we are able to speak of the need for repentance and forgiveness of sins to those around us.

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

THE CREED

VERSE: ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. **Luke 6:36**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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: 138

PSALMODY PRAYER: We praise You, O Lord, for the precious gift of faith to trust in You above all the gods of this earth. Revive us in the midst of all our troubles. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Hebrews 12:12-24
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:25-29
Wednesday	Hebrews 13:1-17; Ruth 1-4
Thursday	Hebrews 13:18-25
Friday	1 Peter 1:1-12
Saturday	Luke 5:1-11

THE BOOK OF CONCORD: The Augsburg Confession (AC XIV-XVI)

Article XIV Order in the Church

Our churches teach that no one should publicly teach in the Church, or administer the Sacraments, without a rightly ordered call.

Article XV Church Ceremonies

¹Our churches teach that ceremonies ought to be observed that may be observed without sin. Also, ceremonies and other practices that are profitable for tranquility and good order in the Church (in particular, holy days, festivals, and the like) ought to be observed. ²Yet, the people are taught that consciences are not to be burdened as though observing such things was necessary for salvation [Colossians 2:16-17]. ³They are also taught that human traditions instituted to make atonement with God, to merit grace, and to make satisfaction for sins are opposed to the Gospel and the doctrine of faith. ⁴So vows and traditions concerning meats and days, and so forth, instituted to merit grace and to make satisfaction for sins, are useless and contrary to the Gospel.

Article XVI Civil Government

¹Our churches teach that lawful civil regulations are good works of God. ²They teach that it is right for Christians to hold political office, to serve as judges, to judge matters by imperial laws and other existing laws, to impose just punishments, to engage in just wars, to serve as soldiers, to make legal contracts, to hold property, to take oaths when required by the magistrates, for a man to marry a wife, or a woman to be given in marriage [Romans 13; 1 Corinthians 7:2].

³Our churches condemn the Anabaptists who forbid these political offices to Christians. ⁴They also condemn those who do not locate evangelical perfection in the fear of God and in faith, but place it in forsaking political offices. ⁵For the Gospel teaches an eternal righteousness of the heart (Romans 10:10). At the same time, it does not require the destruction of the civil state or the family. The Gospel very much requires that they be preserved as God’s ordinances and that love be practiced in such ordinances. ⁶Therefore, it is necessary for Christians to be obedient to their rulers and laws. ⁷The only exception is when they are commanded to sin. Then they ought to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29).

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:16

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 688 “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” (stanza 5)

5	Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,	In suff’ring be undaunted.
	And take the cross appointed	For those who bear the battle’s strain
	And, firmly clinging to His Word,	The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“At Christ’s Word, The Nets Overfloweth!”
July 20, 2025

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 589, 682, 636, 688, 631, 681

READINGS

1 Kings 19:11-21
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Luke 5:1-11

During the last century, this text has taken a beating. It has been completely removed from its context and used to speak of everyone in the church as a missionary. Such thinking clearly runs contrary to the fact that there are two basic vocations in the Church: preaching and hearing. This text is a direct reference to the task of those who preach in the Church. The proclaimers of the Gospel are called out from the congregation, even as Simon and his fellow fishermen were drawn out. The two boats are a reminder of the Church, both the Old and New Testament. As the Gospel is preached, the nets are cast out into the world and fish are drawn into the boat. On their own the disciples would catch nothing, but at the word of Christ the nets were filled to the breaking point. Those who preach the Gospel must learn this lesson. No preacher is able to catch fish. Only the pure Gospel and Sacraments, the Word of Christ, yield a full net. The Church follows the Word and will of Christ by setting aside men to preach the Gospel. These men then do the will of Christ by offering the pure Gospel alone. The hearers are the fish whom Christ brings to life in the waters of baptism and drags into the boat of the Church. The preacher confesses with Peter that he is only a sinful man like all his hearers. Yet Christ sets him apart and tells him not to fear for he will fish for men through the proclamation of the Word of life.

Saint Ruth

July 16th marks the day when the Lutheran Church commemorates Ruth, who lived just a few generations before King David and bore Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of David. She is perhaps best known for her unwavering steadfastness to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and consequently to Naomi’s God, the Lord.



Recall her famous words from Ruth chapter 1: “For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” (Ruth 1:16-17)

A salutary custom for this day has been to read the book of Ruth in its entirety. A short read of only four chapters, a household can easily read the book around the dinner table, taking turns by paragraph or by chapter.

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