



**Matthew 5:17-26**

### 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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Thursday, July 24, 2025 – 6:30 PM  
Sunday, July 27, 2025 – 9:00 AM

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* LSB 563

Divine Service Setting Four LSB 203

Introit *Psalm 28:1–2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8–9*  
The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.  
Save your people and bless your | heritage! \*  
Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

**To you, O | LORD, I call; \***  
**my rock, be not | deaf to me,**  
**lest, if you be si- | lent to me, \***  
**I become like those who go down | to the pit.**  
**Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help, \***  
**when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.**  
**The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am**  
**helped; \***  
**my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.**

**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 *Exodus 20:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.  
<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.  
<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.  
<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.  
<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.  
<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.  
<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.  
<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.  
<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.  
<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading	Romans 6:3–11
<p><sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.</p> <p><sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.</p>	
<p><b>P</b> This is the Word of the Lord.</p> <p><b>C</b> Thanks be to God.</p>	
Alleluia and Verse	LSB 205
Holy Gospel	Matthew 5:20–26
<p><b>P</b> The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.</p> <p><b>C</b> Glory to You, O Lord.</p>	
<p><sup>20</sup>[Jesus said:] “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p><sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”</p>	
<p><b>P</b> This is the Gospel of the Lord.</p> <p><b>C</b> Praise to You, O Christ.</p>	

Nicene Creed	LSB. 206
Hymn of the Day	All Mankind Fell In Adam’s Fall LSB 562
Sermon	Jesus Paid The Last Penny For You!
Prayer of the Church	LSB 207
Preparation of the Altar	
Preface	LSB 208
Sanctus Holy Holy Holy	LSB 208
Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 209
Lord’s Prayer Pater Noster	LSB 209
Words of Our Lord Verba Domini	LSB 209
Pax Domini Peace of the Lord	LSB 209
Agnus Dei Lamb of God	LSB 210
Distribution Hymns	LSB 582, 616, 581, 642
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 211
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 212
Benedicamus and Benediction	LSB 212
Closing Hymn	God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It LSB 594
✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>
Thursday	7/17/25	6:30 p.m.	30
Sunday	7/20/25	9:00 a.m.	115

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Lisa Breu (daughter of Mike and Nancy Wang), 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 Cahill family in celebration of Cheryl and Robert Jr.'s birthday.

**BULLETINS** are given by Donna Metzfeld in memory of her mother, Lillian Wolffersdorf.

**FAREWELL CELEBRATION** The Farewell Celebration for Pastor Christiansen and family is today, July 27. Please join us in the school gym after the service to thank them for their time at Our Father's and wish them well in their new adventure in Texas.

**SCRIP** Orders are due next Sunday, August 3. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**PASTOR FENKER INSTALLATION** The installation service will be August 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the church. There will be a dinner in the school gym after the service. Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex to attend and bring a dish to pass. We have Thrivent funds for meat, beverages and cake. Any questions, please contact any Fellowship Committee member.

**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, August 3** 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](mailto:sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org). Mark your calendars as we will also sing on 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**.

**PART-TIME ART TEACHER NEEDED** Our Father's is seeking a person to teach Art classes for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:sleger1@wi.rr.com)) and phone 262-902-4177.

**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.

**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

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE</u>			
Sunday	7/27	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b> No Adult Bible Class Pastor Christiansen Farewell Celebration	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>  After Service
Wednesday	7/30	No Morning Bible Study	
Thursday	7/31	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday	8/3	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b> Adult Bible Class	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 10:30 a.m.

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

*“Jesus Paid The Last Penny For You!”*  
July 27 through August 2, 2025

*What is closed communion? For the last couple of months, you have seen announcements in the bulletin which try to explain it and the reason for practicing it. Specifically, closed communion means the Lord’s Table is only open to those who (1) are baptized Christians, (2) confess faith in Christ alone for salvation, (3) confess faith in the real presence, (4) are penitent sinners who are not under church discipline in our congregation or elsewhere, and (5) are one with us in their confession of faith. Ordinarily, this means members of our congregation, sister congregations, or other churches with whom we are in altar and pulpit fellowship. To commune at a church’s altar is to say “AMEN” to the faith that is taught and confessed in that church. Thus Lutherans do not commune at the altars of Roman, Baptist, Methodist, or Presbyterian churches because we believe differently. In Christian love, they will not seek to commune at our altars. Likewise, Missouri Synod members do not commune at ELCA altars because we confess different teachings about Christ. The ELCA denies the inspiration of Scripture, ordains women and homosexuals, has falsely proclaimed that Lutherans agree with the Roman teaching on justification, and has denied the words of Christ by reaching an agreement on the Sacrament with certain Reformed churches. Honesty and Christian love mean we cannot say “AMEN” to such teachings.*

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

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **Romans 6:1-2 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 19

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Cleanse me from secret faults and keep me from all sin. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	1 Peter 3:8-17
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:18-22
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:1-6
Thursday	1 Peter 4:7-19
Friday	1 Peter 5:1-14
Saturday	Mark 8:1-9

**THE BOOK OF CONCORD: The Augsburg Confession (AC XXI-XXII)**

**Article XXI Worship of the Saints**

<sup>1</sup>Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling. For example, the emperor may follow the example of David [2 Samuel] in making war to drive away the Turk from his country. For both are kings. <sup>2</sup>But the Scriptures do not teach that we are to call on the saints or to ask the saints for help. Scripture sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, High Priest, and Intercessor [1 Timothy 2:5-6]. He is to be prayed to. <sup>3</sup>He has promised that He will hear our prayer [John 14:13]. This is the worship that He approves above all other worship, that He be called upon in all afflictions. “If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father” (1 John 2:1).....

**Article XXII Both Kinds in the Sacrament**

<sup>1</sup>The laity are given both kinds in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper because this practice has the Lord’s command, “Drink of it, all of you” (Matthew 26:27). <sup>2</sup>Christ has clearly commanded that all should drink from the cup.

<sup>3</sup>And lest anyone misleadingly say that this refers only to priests, in 1 Corinthians 11:27 Paul cites an example. From this it appears that the whole congregation used both kinds.

<sup>4</sup>This practice has remained in the Church for a long time. It is not known when, or by whom, or by whose authority, it was changed. Cardinal Cusanus mentions the time when it was approved. <sup>5</sup>Cyprian in some places testifies that the blood was given to the people. <sup>6</sup>Jerome testifies to the same thing when he says, “The priests administer the Eucharist and distribute the blood of Christ to the people.” <sup>7</sup>Indeed, Pope Gelasius commands that the Sacrament not be divided (dist. II., *De Consecratione, cap. Comperimus*). <sup>8</sup>Only a recent custom has changed this.

<sup>9</sup>It is clear that any custom introduced against God’s commandments is not to be allowed, as Church law bears witness (dist. III., *cap. Veritate*, and the following chapters).

<sup>10</sup>This custom has been received, not only against the Scripture, but also against old canon law and the example of the Church. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, if anyone preferred to use both kinds in the Sacrament, they should not have been compelled to do otherwise, as an offense against their conscience. <sup>12</sup>Because the division of the Sacrament does not agree with the ordinance of Christ, it is our custom to omit the procession [with the host], which has been used before.

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." *Romans 6:4*

**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 819 “*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*” (stanza 3)

3    We sought the Lord in our distress;  
      O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness  
      And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
Who is by one and all adored:  
      To God all praise and glory!

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

*“Food in a Desolate Place”*  
August 3, 2025

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 790, 819, 627, 639, 624, 811

**READINGS**

Genesis 2:7-17  
Romans 6:19-23  
Mark 8:1-9

The great multitude that had followed Jesus and been with Him for three days reminds us of the Israelites following Moses. Yet Jesus comes with the compassion of the Gospel, for to those who hunger, the Lord who would come forth from the tomb on the third day offers real food. The true food of compassion is the Supper which is the focus of every Divine Service. The seven loaves are a reminder of the perfection of Creation and the Sabbath rest which the Creator gave to His creatures. Jesus gives the bread He has blessed to the disciples to distribute, even as He now gives the Sacrament which He has blessed with His Word of promise to the pastors of the Church to distribute it to His people. The leftovers signify the abundance of the Holy Supper which is never used up, for the Bread of Life is our true food in the wilderness of this world. The 4,000 fed signify the full harvest of the Gentiles to whom the Gospel will be preached.



## St. Johann Sebastian Bach

JULY 28, 2025 · HOLY DAYS, JULY

Perhaps one of the most famous Lutherans of all time, St. Johann Sebastian Bach was not only a man who is said to have changed the course of music history but also a figure who devoted nearly his entire musical profession to serving the Lutheran Church. His most well-known compositions are as wide-ranging as the *Brandenburg Concertos*, his cello suites, organ works such as the Toccata and Fugue in D minor, and large-scale choral pieces such as the *St. Matthew Passion*. Most of the world knows him, but the Lutheran Church especially loves him.



Born on March 31, 1685, J.S. Bach never met Martin Luther; however, the sixteenth-century theologian and reformer had great influence on the seventeenth-century kantor. In his youth, Bach studied at the same Latin school that Luther had attended two centuries before him. Bach learned music at a young age, becoming a violinist, singer, and later an organist. Later in life, Bach obtained a copy of Luther's translation of the Bible, in which he made extensive notes and expressed his thoughts regarding the connection between music and theology.

One of J.S. Bach's most famous quotes is "the aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." This sentiment was expressed through the entirety of Bach's career and was exemplified in his famous signing of his manuscripts with S.D.G. (*Soli Deo Gloria*) —to God alone be the glory.

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