



Sunday, June 14th 2026
3rd Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 a.m.

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In this season after Pentecost, we give thanks for God's Spirit at work among us. Signs of God's abundance surround us—fields growing green, gardens flourishing, trees offering shade, and the long days of summer filled with life. Yet even amid such beauty and blessing, we can lose sight of God's presence and forget to trust in God's care. Let us turn to God for forgiveness, grace, and renewal.

Gracious God, you are the giver of every good gift and your Spirit is always at work among us. Yet we confess that we do not always recognize your blessings. Forgive us when we take your gifts for granted. Forgive us when worry overshadows gratitude, when busyness distracts us from your presence, and when we fail to share your love with our neighbors. Renew us by your Spirit. Open our hearts to your grace, our eyes to your goodness, and our lives to your service. In gratitude we pray. Amen.

Siblings in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ † all your sins are forgiven. The Holy Spirit continues to renew and strengthen you, bearing fruit in your lives for the sake of the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer,
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,

You know our hearts and see the needs of your world. Thank you for calling each of us by name and inviting us to join in your work of healing, hope, and compassion. Fill us with the grace we receive in Christ, that we may welcome the lonely, feed the hungry, encourage the weary, and share your love wherever you send us; in Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. ⁷These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.’” ⁷So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:7

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” ^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John;

³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’

The Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & NOISY OFFERING

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Responding to "God of grace," with "hear our prayer."

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Every gift we offer, whether large or small, becomes part of God's work among us. Together, our generosity creates space for worship, service, care, and community. In gratitude for all God has given us, let us bring our offerings.



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GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Friends in Christ, the table is ready. In these long days of summer, we are surrounded by signs of God's goodness—the warmth of the sun, the beauty of growing things, and the light that lingers into the evening. So too, Christ's light shines upon us, welcoming us with grace and nourishing us with love as abundant as a summer day. All are welcome here to this table of grace. Come as you are—from places of joy and places of weariness. From seasons of growth and seasons of uncertainty. Here, Christ gathers us as one, feeds us with mercy, and sends us forth to reflect God's light in the world. Come for the feast is ready.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain




You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

You meet us in the beauty of creation, at this table of grace, and every single place. We thank you for this bread of life and cup of blessing, signs of your presence among us. Send us forth renewed and strengthened, carrying your peace into troubled places, your compassion into hurting hearts, and your joy into the everyday rhythms of life. Keep us mindful of your presence in every season and every step of our journey. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Beloved of God, go into the world knowing that Christ has seen you, called you, and entrusted you with his work.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with compassion for those who are weary, courage to share good news, and generosity to meet your neighbors' needs.

As you have been fed at Christ's table, go now to be a blessing—bringing hope where there is discouragement, comfort where there is pain, and love wherever God sends you.

And may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do,
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word,
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to all! Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John Immanuel and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

Reminder! If you are in need of Pastoral care, or if you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Maggie, please contact St. John Immanuel (715) 675-6950 Food Basket. Each week you are invited to bring **non-perishable grocery** items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS Week June 21st – 25th Please register on our website for the upcoming VBS week and prepare for an adventure through the Rainforest!

<https://stjohnwausau.org/education/vbs/>

Monday, July 6th Church Closed in observance of 4th of July

Sunday, July 12th – Friday July 17th Mission Trip to Duluth, MN Youth Mission

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored our youth to Duluth! Until we leave, all proceeds from coffee hour will continue to go towards the Mission Trip to Duluth.

Sunday, July 12th Noisy offering! Bring your coins (bills also accepted 😊).

This noisy offering will go to: “**Fuel For the Future** – has a mission to raise money to help with weekend food insecurities for over 4,400 kids in Marathon County along with paying off school lunch debt which is projected to reach \$30,000 for the Wausau School District. This fundraiser works closely with Blessings In A Backpack” -

Noisy offering will be the 2nd Sunday of the month. Money will be donated **quarterly**.

Sunday, July 26th at 10:00 am. St. Peter Lutheran Church (Hamburg) and Trinity Lutheran Church (Stettin) are holding an Outdoor Sunday Service at Trinity Church (232280 N. 120th Ave., Stettin) on Sunday, July 26th at 10:00 am. Chairs will be set-up, but you are welcomed to bring your own lawn chair. There will be an outdoor cookout following the service. You are invited to come join in the service and the fellowship following. Thank You. -St. Peter & Trinity Church.

Thank you to everyone who purchased landscaping materials from HSU! With your support St. John Immanuel raised \$1010.02 towards our parking lot!

Parking Lot Update: Thank you to everyone who participated in our parking lot discussions. The congregation overwhelmingly approved Option 4: rebuilding all existing parking lots and adding the westward expansion. More details can be found in the Summer Newsletter, available in the Narthex, online, and via email. As we move forward, we invite households to consider pledging **\$1 per day** toward this project. We recognize that some can give more and others less, and we trust God to provide through the generosity of this congregation. Thank you for helping create a safe and welcoming space for all. Donations may be made using Parking Lot envelopes (request them by completing the gold form in your mailbox) or through Vanco on our website by selecting the **Parking Lot** fund.

Feed My Starving Children: Wausau MobilePack **THANK YOU** for supporting Wausau's Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event! St. John Immanuel has pledged to sponsor 32 volunteers for 2026! (In 2025 we sent 21 volunteers). If you haven't already submitted your payment, please submit your donor payment to the St. John Immanuel Church's (SJIC) office at your earliest convenience. Make checks payable to St. John Immanuel Church, memo: FMSC MobilePack. **A signup sheet will be available this fall to volunteer from 9:00-11:00 on Saturday, November 14th**
Questions? Email Kim Landwehr kamootz@gmail.com

Education Committee We are looking for volunteers to join our Education Committee. If you are interested in helping lead the many facets of education here at St. John Immanuel and want to share your ideas this could be a good opportunity for you! We will be looking to have quarterly meetings to start with and activities throughout the year to help with. If interested, please email, call or talk with **Greg Grudznske** in person at: gregorynlinda@gmail.com or 715-212-6529

Do you like Texas Roadhouse? **Enjoy a meal on a Sunday and earn money back to St. John Immanuel!** Bring our church bulletin, turn it into your server, and St. John Immanuel will receive 10% back from your food sales!

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or on our website! Help support St. John Immanuel with Kwik Trip gift cards!

Live Streaming and Photography Notice. When you enter St. John Immanuel Lutheran Church, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children's sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

Coming This Week @ St. John Immanuel June 14th – June 21st

Today – Sunday, June 14th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 21st

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour/Decorating Sanctuary for VBS All help is welcome.

***** Note All proceeds from coffee hour will go towards the youth Mission trip to Duluth.***