



**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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**Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

## **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**

## Children of the Heavenly Father

*Truggare kan ingen vara*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,

Through your Son you promise to dwell with those who love you and keep your word. On this Father's Day, we thank you for fathers and father figures who have shared wisdom, offered encouragement, and reflected your steadfast love. Comfort those who grieve, heal relationships that are broken, and remind us that we are all welcomed into your household of grace. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 103:13-18**

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;  
**for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.**

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

**to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

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## Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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## Thanks be to God



## **GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

<sup>28</sup> “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## **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.**

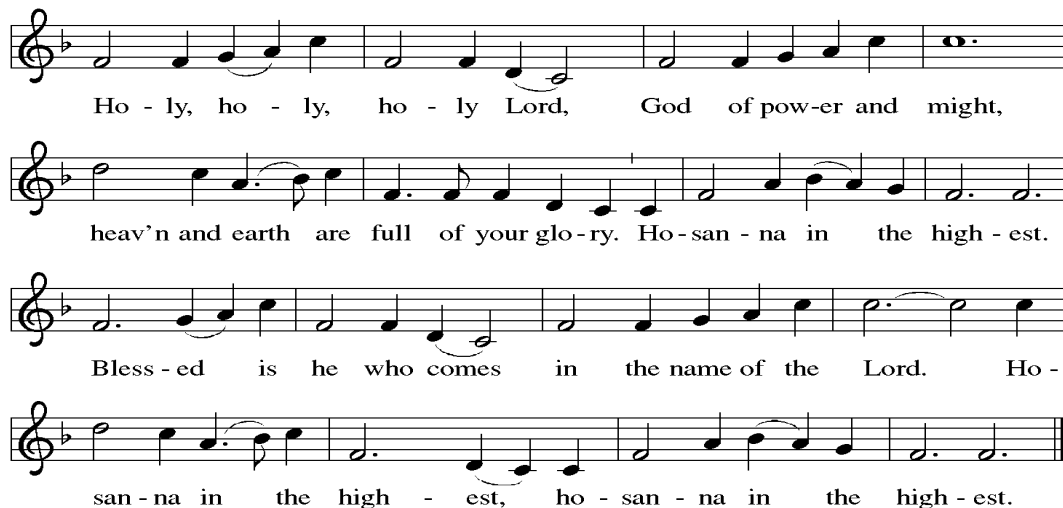
Lift up your hearts.

**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

# Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.  
Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.  
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## Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

## 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**

As you go from this place, may you be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ. May you give thanks for those who have nurtured, guided, and encouraged you in faith, and may you be a blessing to those who walk beside you.

When life is steady, may you rejoice in God's goodness.

When life is uncertain, may you trust that God's love is deeper than your fears.

When your strength feels limited, may you remember that God's steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting.

And wherever this week may lead you, may you know that God does not simply visit you, but dwells with you, making a home with you in every moment and every place.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave,  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed, Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve,  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race,

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all,  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share,

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call,  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, all.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## 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 starts today!** You can still register: <https://stjohnwausau.org/education/vbs/>

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Church Closed in observance of 4th of July**

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Money will be donated **quarterly**.

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 120<sup>th</sup> Ave., Stettin) on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. **Please Note:** *This is a very large project for the church and as a Council we're doing our due diligence to ensure we serve the congregation, steward our funds, and protect the church as a whole. If you have specific questions or concerns I'm happy to bring them to the Council for you or you are more than welcome to join a Council meeting.*

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

**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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Today – Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – Happy Father’s Day!!!!
- 10:15 a.m. \*\*Coffee Hour/Decorating Sanctuary for VBS

- 5:30 p.m. Day 1 VBS Starts

**Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 5:30 p.m. Day 2 VBS

**Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 5:30 p.m. Day 3 VBS

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 p.m. Day 4 VBS

**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 p.m. Day 5 VBS

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 10:15 a.m. \*\*Coffee Hour

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