



Sunday, June 28th 2026
5th 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

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus;
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO GEMS, Marty Haugen

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,

In the waters of baptism you have claimed us as your beloved children, freed us from the power of sin and death, and joined us to the life of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send us forth to welcome Christ wherever he comes to us—in the stranger, the prophet, the righteous, and the little ones of this world. Give us courage to bear faithful witness to your truth and compassion to offer even a cup of cold water in your name. In Christ we pray.

Amen.

READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.


Thanks be to God



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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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



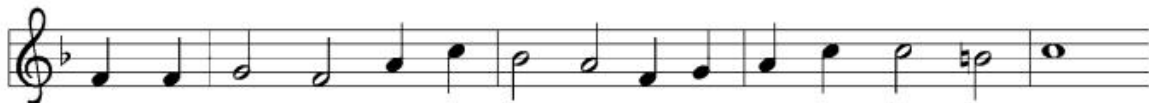
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



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

COMMUNION HYMNS

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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 children of God, you have been claimed in the waters of baptism, freed from the power of sin and death and joined to the life of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to welcome Christ in friend and stranger, to serve the little ones with compassion, and to share God's mercy with all you meet. May our Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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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

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.

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.*

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 28th – July 5th

Today – Sunday, June 28th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour

Saturday, July 4th

Happy Independence Day!!

Sunday, July 5th

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.***