



**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**6<sup>th</sup> 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**

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Yet we do not always trust God's care, and we carry burdens that leave us weary in body, mind, and spirit. Let us turn to God, whose mercy is new every morning.

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not always trust your care. We grow weary with worry, burden ourselves with resentment, and struggle to do the good you call us to do. Forgive us when we turn inward instead of toward you and our neighbors. Refresh us by your mercy, renew us by your Spirit, and lead us in the way of your peace. Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Through Jesus Christ † your sins are forgiven. Freed by God's grace and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929  
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious and compassionate God,

You come among us not with chariots and war horses, but in humility, bringing peace to the nations and hope to all who long for freedom. When we are burdened by our failures, divided by our fears, and weary from the struggles within and around us, draw us to Christ, who welcomes the excluded, forgives the sinner, and gives rest to all who come to him. As we give thanks for the blessings of this nation and mark two hundred and fifty years of its history, guide us to seek not our own greatness but your kingdom, where justice and peace flourish, and all are held in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, we pray.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 145:8-14**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,** that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

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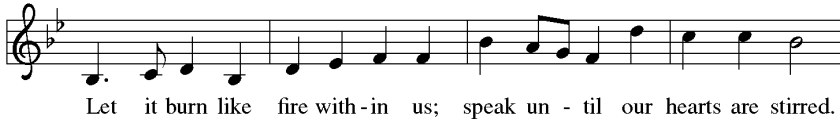
## **Romans 7:15-25a**

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of The Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

## Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005  
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882  
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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**

Everything we have is a gift from God. In this season of growth and abundance, we return a portion of those gifts with thanksgiving, knowing that together they become ministry, care, and welcome for others. Let us bring our offerings before God.

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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 and hands. As the earth flourishes in the warmth of summer, help us grow in faith, generosity, and service, sharing your love so that all may know your abundant care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

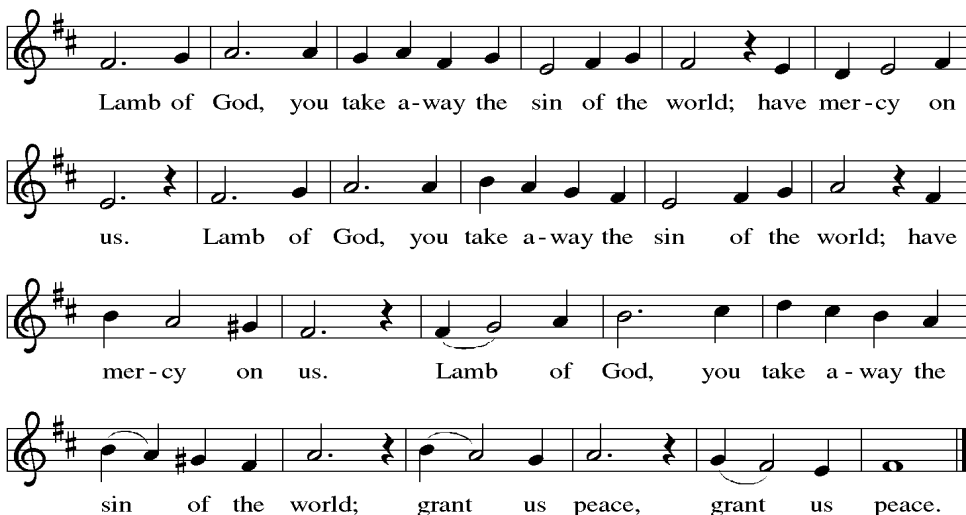
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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

Summer is a season of gathering—around family tables, neighborhood cookouts, and celebrations with friends. Today, Christ gathers us around this table, where all are welcomed, all are fed, and all are embraced by God's grace. Come as you are, bringing your joys, your burdens, your hopes, and your questions. Here Christ nourishes us with love and sends us forth to share that love with 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

## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend - you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878. alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God,

You have fed us with the bread of life and refreshed us with the cup of salvation. Strengthened by this meal, send us into the days ahead with grateful hearts and willing hands, ready to share your love, serve our neighbors, and reflect your goodness in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the God who is gracious and full of compassion uphold you when you stumble and lift you when you are weighed down.

May Christ, gentle and humble in heart, give rest to your weary soul and guide your steps in the ways of peace.

And as you celebrate the freedoms we enjoy, may the Holy Spirit lead you into the greater freedom of God's kingdom—free to love, free to serve, and free to share God's mercy with all.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

## Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat,  
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on.  
while God is march - ing on.

### *Refrain*



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910  
Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> Church Closed in observance of 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Mailbox Update:** All mailboxes are now located in the Narthex. Any discrepancies or questions, feel free to reach out Ann O.

**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 July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Today – Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. \*\*Coffee Hour

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Church Closed – Observation of Independence Day

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Youth Mission Trip to Duluth

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