



July 5, 2026 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

Fresh on our mind this weekend is our country's celebration not only of independence, but also that we have been a nation for 250 years. Our readings and catechism lesson for this morning, however, direct our attention to the One who has authority over all countries. Zechariah points us to the King who rode in on a donkey; He is "righteous and [has] salvation" (Zech. 9:9). The Psalmist prays, "I will extol you, my God and King... Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations" (Ps. 145:1, 13). The Fourth Commandment reminds us that our God and King has given us all earthly authority for our benefit, including government officials. This morning, our service focuses on King Jesus, who reigns over all things for our sake.

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 331, "The Advent of Our King"*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 204).*

- All:** 1. To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing – our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
2. To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry, where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.
3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High, in God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You have sent your Son as the King who brought us salvation. Remind us that Jesus reigns as King over all things and above all authorities for our sake. Help us to pray for, serve, and obey the earthly authorities whom you have placed over us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CATECHISM *The Fourth Commandment (Exodus 20:12; LSB 321)*

Pastor: What is the fourth commandment?

People: Honor your father and your mother.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zechariah 9:9–12*

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 145:1–14*

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Pastor: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

Pastor: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
People: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.
People: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 7:14–25a*

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 11:25–30*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eleventh chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 832, “Jesus Shall Reign”*

SERMON *"King Jesus Reigns"*

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN *LSB 785, "We Praise You, O God"*

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

People: **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 208)*

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You ... His body and blood.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

All: **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 and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 210)*

All: 1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 629, "What Is This Bread?"

LSB 348, "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 684, "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

SONG OF SIMEON *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 211)*

All: 1. **O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill, the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

2. All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One; for as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"God of our Fathers" and "God Bless our Native Land" Medley*

CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

Next Week's Readings: July 12, 2026 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Service adapted from Divine Service Setting 4, LSB 203-212.



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of July 5, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Dane Arbuckle Families
Immanuel, Lockwood - Pastor Boye

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Eldrid Holle (Kathy Holle's uncle) – hospice

Becky (Cheryl Lile's friend) - fighting an infection

Emma S. - recovery after hospital stay

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Ardella – (health and healing)

Tammy Ardrey – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys' son – health and healing)

Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – (health and healing)

Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson – health and healing)

Teri Ediger – (health and healing from surgery)

Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son of Teri)

McGee family – (health and healing)

Glenda – (Teri Ediger's step-mother – health and healing)

Bonny Gray – (sister of Cynthia Swoyer-Wolf)

Sharon Crandall (health & healing)

Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)

Blazi & Jamie – (friends of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing cancer)

Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son-in-law's mother)

Aaron (grandson of Bill & Joanne)

Beverly Lofton – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)

Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)

Rebecca – (Kathy Holle's relative – health and healing from cancer)

Tim Tucek – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)

Baby Vada – (Cathy Munden's great grandchild – health and healing)

Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

Long Term

Gladys Bauer – (health and healing)
Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
Rev. Johannes Brann – (health and healing/peace and comfort)
Rev. Brian and Jessica Chisamore – (health and healing for Jessica)
Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)
Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister-in-law – health & healing)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

WEEK

Sunday	July 5th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	July 6th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm LWML - 1:30 pm
Thursday	July 9th	Confirmation - 5:30 pm
Friday	July 10th	Pastor's Day Off
Sunday	July 12th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	July 13th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Birthdays: 7/05-Peter Granderson; 7/09-Callida Sharp; 7/09-Vonnie Suelter
Anniversaries: 7/12-Robert & Cindy Miller-Morgan

July

Greeters

05: Emily Ernest & Edee Chambers
12: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer
19: Charlie & Edith Chambers
26: Bill and Joanne Michel

Ushers

05: Bill Michel
12: David Lampe
19: Charlie Chambers
26: Matthew Springer



Joint Service with Trinity - Mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 16, we will worship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistatt, MO. More information to come.

Free Will Offering - Today, we will be taking up a free will offering for our special needs fund. This fund is used to assist people in the congregation and community who need help paying their bills. Please see Pastor Heitshusen if you have any questions.

LWML will meet on July 6 in Trinity SANCTUARY at 1:30. Please note the location change. Delegate Diana Connelly will tell about our recent LWML convention. There will be a short business meeting. Please join us.