



June 7, 2026 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

“The Law is properly a divine doctrine. It teaches what is right and pleasing to God, and it rebukes everything that is sin and contrary to God’s will. For this reason, then, everything that rebukes sin is, and belongs to, the preaching of the Law. But the Gospel is properly the kind of teaching that shows what a person who has not kept the Law (and therefore is condemned by it) is to believe. It teaches that Christ has paid for and made satisfaction for all sins. Christ has gained and acquired for an individual – without any of his own merit – forgiveness of sins, righteousness that avails before God, and eternal life.”

-Formula of Concord, Epitome, Article V, paragraphs 3-5.

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 915, “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”*

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. Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CATECHISM *The Ten Commandments* (Exodus 20:2-17; LSB 264)

All: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Hosea 5:15–6:6*

¹⁵ I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. ¹ "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 119:65–72*

Pastor: You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.
People: Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

Pastor: Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.
People: You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Pastor: The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;
People: their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.

Pastor: It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.
People: The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 4:13–25*

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

VERSE

All: Alleluia. Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 9:9–13*

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

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 609, “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”*

SERMON *“Jesus Came for Sinners”*

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.

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.

OFFERING

HYMN *LSB 423, "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

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 611, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 719, "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

LSB 570, "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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.

HYMN LSB 744, "Amazing Grace"

CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.
People: Thanks be to God!

Next Week's Readings: June 14, 2026 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8 Psalm 100 Romans 5:6-15 Matthew 9:35-10:20

Service adapted from Divine Service Setting 4, LSB 203-212. As We Gather quote from https://bookofconcord.cph.org/en/formula-of-concord-epitome/v_the_law_and_the_gospel/.



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of June 7, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO
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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Dane Arbuckle Families
Grace, Aurora - served by Rev. Daniel Heitshusen

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Chasity (Bernie and Rick's daughter – health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Blazi & Jamie - (friends of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing from cancer)
Ardella - (health and healing)
Rebecca - (Kathy Holle's relative – health and healing from cancer)
Glenda - (Teri Ediger's step mother – health and healing)
Tammy Ardrey - (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)
Gladys Bauer – health and healing from procedure)
Becky – (daughter of Diane and Bill Thompson)
Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)
Rev. Johannes Brann – (health and healing/peace and comfort)
Rev. Brian and Jessica Chisamore – (health and healing for Jessica)
Treaa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – (health and healing)
Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)

Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son to Teri)
McGee family – (health and healing)
Bonny Gray – (sister of Cynthia Swoyer–Wolf)
Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)
Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son-in-law's mother)
Donnie Munden – (brother-in-law of Cathy Munden)
Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Joe Pennington – (brother-in-law of Bill Michel – health and healing)
Rob Springer – (Health and healing from surgery)
Madison Swoyer - (Cindy Swoyer's granddaughter)
Tim Tucek– (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
Baby Vada - (Cathy Munden's great grandchild – health and healing)

Teri Ediger – (health and healing from surgery)

Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

Long Term

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
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)

Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)
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)
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	June 7th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	June 8th	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:00 pm
Thursday	June 11th	Confirmation - 5:30 pm
Friday	June 12th	Pastor's Day Off
Sunday	June 14th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	June 15th	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Birthdays: 6/08-Hallee Wright; 6/11-Dorothea Dennis; 6/12-Rick Thomas; 6/13-Amanda Weber;
6/14-Tara Martin

Anniversaries: 6/12-Byron & Tara Martin; 6/14-Rick & Bernie Thomas

June

Greeters

07: Stan & Sharon Crandall
14: Charlie & Edee Chambers
21: Bill & Joanne Michel
28: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss

Ushers

07: Bill Michel
14: David Lampe
21: Charlie Chambers
28: Matthew Springer

Transportation Help Needed: One of our shut-ins is in need of transportation help to and from her doctors' appointments. We would like to have a list of people who are willing to help. You would **not** be signing up to be a driver for every appointment. You would only be signing up to be on the list of individuals willing to be contacted, if needed. Please contact Pastor Heitshusen if you are willing to put your name in the list and/or if you have any questions.



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.