

Old Testament Reading:
Exodus 19:2–8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.'

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Epistle: Romans 5:6–15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁸Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through

sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:8

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."

PRAY EARNESTLY

*to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers*

Matthew 9:38



About the Cover: The Lord gave His disciples both the prayer and its answer. With the harvest ready and the laborers few, He used them to proclaim His forgiveness to the nations after Pentecost. The harvest continues to be ready today, with people ripe to hear the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. So we also pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to share the Gospel with people ready to hear it.

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June 14, 2026 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Prayer and Preaching (Lutheran Service Book, p. 260)

Hymn of Invocation 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood: When ev - 'rv earth - lv

then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain
 On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; C

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 119 אֶתְעֹבְדֶנּוּ (in place of Old Testament Canticle) ¹Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the Lord!

²**Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,**

³who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

⁴**You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

⁵Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ⁶**Then I shall not be put to shame,**

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens. C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Catechism

Ten Commandments

C **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.

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Augsburg Confession Chief Articles of Faith

Article XX Good Works (¶ 11-18)

This doctrine about faith is presented everywhere by Paul, “By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

If anyone wants to be tricky and say that we have invented a new interpretation of Paul, this entire matter is supported by the testimony of the Fathers. Augustine defends grace and the right eousness of faith in many volumes against the merits of works. Ambrose, in his book The Calling of the Gentiles, and elsewhere, teaches the same thing. In The Calling of the Gentiles he says,

Redemption by Christ’s blood would be worth very little, and God’s mercy would not surpass man’s works, if justifi cation, which is accomplished through grace, were due to prior merits. So justification would not be the free gift from a donor, but the reward due the laborer.

Spiritually inexperienced people despise this teaching. How ever, God-fearing and anxious consciences find by experience that it brings the greatest consolation. Consciences cannot be set at rest through any works, but only by faith, when they take the sure ground that for Christ’s sake they have a gracious God. As Paul teaches, “since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God.” This whole doctrine must be related to the con flict of the terrified conscience. It cannot be understood apart from that conflict. Therefore, inexperienced and irreverent peo ple have poor judgment in this matter because they dream that Christian righteousness is nothing but civil and philosophical righteousness.

Sermon



Office Hymn 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cro - sen race; Came as you s own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 above. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

Presentation of the Offering

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayer concludes:

P ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and
 Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
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Hymn on next page.

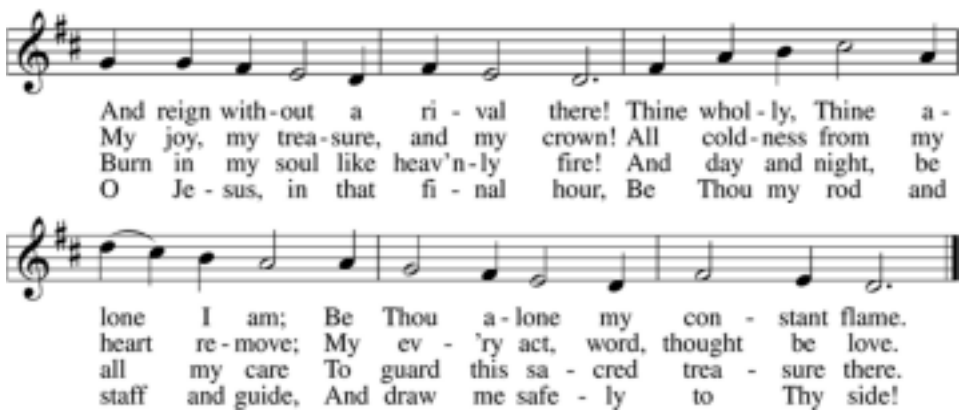
Hymn to Depart 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, Thybound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul Maydwell, but Thy pure
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with-out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and
 lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE PRAY: Lord Jesus Christ, who in love for us endured the righteous wrath of God which was against us for our sins, we hold the reconciliation You thus effected between God and us as our greatest treasure and our highest joy; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Sup

per handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—1/1 Adult Bible class—11 Worship—42

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$4,595.00 Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today 8:45 am SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study 10:00 am Outdoor Divine Worship

Tuesday 6:30 pm SS. Teachers

Thursday 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Worship/Holy Communion 11:30 pm Youth meeting

VBS—Are your children, grandchildren, or young neighbors and friends looking for a fun, faith-filled experience this summer? Check out the several incredible Vacation Bible School options available throughout the area! See the list on the Office window.

ATTENTION MEN St. John's Lutheran Church is inviting all men from the Circuit for "Brats, Bibles, & Beverages": a once-a-month time of fellowship and Bible Study this summer. Each month will be a different topic, so come when you can. The first one will be held on Sunday, June 28th at 5:00pm at the church, 1450 30th Avenue, East Moline. Brats, hot dogs, buns, unsweetened iced tea, and water will be provided (feel free to bring your own beverage). Bring something to share such as chips, salads, casseroles, desserts. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor event, so bring a lawn chair. Please call Rod Hopkins, 920-217-1484 to RSVP by June 21st so we know how much food to purchase. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship with others in the Circuit.

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT at the Ball Park—See all information on the table next to the coat room. Please sign up on the sheet provided as I need to turn in a count Monday June 15th.

WAYMAKERS: Your Change Changes Everything! - Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle campaign is underway. Grab a baby bottle, sign your name on the sheet found next to the bottles, fill the bottle with change or a check (**make check to Pregnancy Resources**) and return the bottle anytime until June 21, leaving filled bottles on the office desk. **ONLY 3**

BOTTLES LEFT TO FILL! Thank you for caring for the unborn and their parents!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray that God would supply faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.*

ST JOHN'S—Mrs. Haillie Scharpman—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Nicholas, Haillie, and Olive Rose asking Your blessings on them.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants: **Linda Aper Paula Chapa Joyce DeFauw John Erdman Betty Firch Marcia Helke Jessica Johnson Rosalie Jorgensen Linda Lundquist Mary Jayne Nash Aaron Raschke Drew Schillinger Dave Schmidt Carolyn Werner Denice Winchell Carolyn Wildermuth Marilyn Woods**

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)
Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)
Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)
Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)
Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)
Joline Parrish (sister of Gayla Kroll)
Ann Behrendt (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)
Lyall Talarico (niece of Mary Jo Gehn)
Cindy Davenport (cousin of Terri Hock)
Chad Gehn (nephew of Brad Gehn)
Jeff Schreck (cousin of Terri Hock)
Ralph Boney (uncle of Larry Hock)
Ken Mirocha (brother-in-law of Terri Hock)

MILITARY—Pray for our military and their families:

Luke Thompson (son of John/Kindra Thompson)
Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)
Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)
Brittany Lenni (daughter of Gabe Loenser)
Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)
Chase Werling (nephew of Joel Werling)

Carter Martwig (nephew of Joel Werling)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“It is important for each of us that we not forget how our country came to be an independent nation. It’s even more important that we individually remember how dependent we are upon God’s provision, protection, and blessing for those liberties we daily enjoy and use. Take the time to turn to the Lord with a thankful heart. Pray also for the willingness to share in the responsibilities and duties that belong to you as a citizen of the United States of America.” *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE LINE EVENT—St. John’s will host this event June 25th 8am 5pm. More details will be coming to our congregation, but this is open to the public. Share this phone number (**800-324-94158**) with neighbors, family and friends to schedule their appointment.



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