

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the water.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every

bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

³²Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ³³And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³⁴So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

³⁵ These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

²⁶"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁷therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁸For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁹You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

³⁰"Brethren, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³¹Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³²he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³³This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³⁴Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁵For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

³⁶"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁷Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



O LORD, OUR LORD,
HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME
IN ALL THE EARTH!

PSALM 8:1



About the Cover: The name of our triune God is majestic throughout the earth. It is above and beyond all things. For it is from our God that all things came into being and continue to hold together. Amazingly, He places His name upon us in Holy Baptism. The God of all the universe promises to be with us at all times. It is fitting that everything should be in His name, from the Invocation of the Benediction, from Baptism to the day of resurrection, and forevermore!

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May 31, 2026 The Holy Trinity

Divine Service Three (Lutheran Service Book, p. 184)

Hymn of Invocation 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation and Versicles (p. 184)

Introit *Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us. **I have set the Lord always before me;**

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

Gloria Patri and Kyrie (p. 186)

Gloria In Excelsis (p. 187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

P Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *(sung)*

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Gradual *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b* Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Alleluia (p. 190)

The Athanasian Creed (p. 319)

Hymn of the Day 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator

Blest Sermon

Offertory (p. 192)

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.

Service of the Sacrament (p. 194)

(Please read the statement below before receiving Holy Communion.)

Distribution Hymns

948 All Glory Be to God Alone

835 On Galilee's High Mountain

565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Nunc Dimittis (p. 199)

Hymn to Depart 506 Glory Be to God the Father

Silent Prayer

Receiving Holy Communion at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church The

Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and confidence that, as he says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our fight against sin and grow in His likeness, to assure us of our own bodily resurrection on the Last Day, and to increase our unity of love with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love even as He forgives and loves us, so that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and judgment, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to first speak with the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.

For further study: Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:17-34; 27-30; Acts 2:42; 20:27.

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WE PRAY: King of kings, Lord of lords, whose rule encompasses heaven and earth, lead us to obedience to the discipling mandate, that every person under the dominion of Satan may hear the Gospel and that many by the power of the Spirit change their allegiance to You; 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 Supper 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead Pastor Tuesday—Friday please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>
and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school— Adult Bible class—11 Worship—39

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$1,840.00 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 Divine
Worship/Holy Communion Thursday 6:00 pm Elders' meeting
Sunday 8:45 am SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study 10:00 am Divine
Worship/Holy Communion

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1

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!

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.

Building Healthy Families: How many hours each day do you spend in front of a screen? (ouch...for the average adult it's 7 hours and 3 minutes per day!) Playing golf? Shopping? Working? Although these activities themselves are not bad, hobbies, habits and jobs can take a great amount of time, replacing more important things if we let them. Psalm 90:12 instructs, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." This week, choose wisdom over habit or impulse: prioritize the time you spend with your Creator and Savior, and those He has given to share this life with you. www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service



CHECK OUT THE OFFICE WINDOW FOR UPCOMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON!!

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray for all those still living in darkness, that the Gospel will be their light and life.*

ST JOHN'S—Mrs. Kate Rocheford—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 Kate, Evan, and Vivian 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)
Lyll 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)
Gerry Viero (aunt of David Neumann's wife)
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

“If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word ‘abortion’ and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – 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.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458** and use code: **HABC001**

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