

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5:15–6:6

- ¹⁵I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt
and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek
me.
- ¹⁶Come, 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.
- ²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³Let 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."
- ⁴What 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.
- ⁵Therefore 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.
- ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not
sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than
burnt offerings.

Epistle: Romans 4:13–25

¹³The 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. ¹⁴For if
it is the adherents of the law who are to
be the heirs, faith is null and the promise
is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where
there is no law there is no transgression.
¹⁶That 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, ¹⁷as it is writ-
ten, "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. ¹⁸In hope he believed
against hope, that he should become the
father of many nations, as he had been
told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He 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. ²⁰No distrust made him
waver concerning the promise of God, but
he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory
to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was
able to do what he had promised. ²²That
is why his faith was "counted to him as
righteousness." ²³But the words "it was
counted to him" were not written for his
sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be
counted to us who believe in him who
raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who
was delivered up for our trespasses and
raised for our justification.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

⁹As 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.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the
house, behold, many tax collectors and
sinners came and were reclining with Jesus
and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees
saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why
does your teacher eat with tax collectors
and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he
said, "Those who are well have no need of
a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go
and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy,
and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call
the righteous, but sinners."



About the Cover: The Lord is extending His hand of mercy through the prophet Hosea. Even in the midst of impending judgment, the Lord promises to lift up His people. Christ Jesus has fulfilled this promise by being raised up on the third day, having already passed through God's judgment against our sin on our behalf. Now, our Lord, in His love, extends His hand to us with the promise that He will raise us up on the Last Day.



*I desire steadfast love
and not sacrifice*

HOSEA 6:6

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June 7, 2026 Second Sunday after Pentecost

** Divine Service Setting Four (Lutheran Service Book, p. 203)*

Hymn of Invocation 905 Come, Thou Almighty

King Invocation and Versicles (p. 203)

Introit *Psalm 50:7-10; antiphon: v. 1* The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

**I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.**

For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

**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.**

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Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis (p. 204)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 205)

P 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.

C Amen.

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 and Verse (p. 205)

Nicene Creed (p. 206)

Hymn of the Day 731 O God, Forsake Me Not

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

Service of the Sacrament (p. 208)

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

Distribution Hymns

628 Your Table I Approach

750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Nunc Dimittis (p. 211)

Hymn to Depart 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

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 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; Acts 2:42; 20:27.

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WE PRAY: God of the patriarchs, Lord of our fathers, whom Abraham served without wavering, strengthen our faith and trust in Jesus Christ to such dimensions that no trial or temptation can dissuade us from our single-minded commitment to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You 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 all ways.

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—3/2 Adult Bible class—8 Worship —47

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$1,555.00 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 Tuesday 1:30 pm LWML

Thursday 6:30 pm Council meeting

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

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: Humility is hard to come by during a difficult conversation—especially when you're sure you're right and your husband (or wife, or child, or parent, or co-worker, or neighbor, or pastor...) is wrong.

Here are three simple but powerful words to remember that will help when conflict comes in any relationship: I am sorry. Learn from God's word: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1 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 in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray for the seminary professors, that they would be well prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.*

ST JOHN'S—Ms. Kristy Rodgers—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 Kristy asking Your blessings on her.

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)

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

“Remember that our Savior was born into a human household ... He is our Friend, our Brother, He will help us in our time of need, especially when we seek Him out in God's Word and fervently in prayer. As you relate to others in your home, ask God's Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in difficult situations, mercy in abundance when forgiveness is needed, and love to cover all your family's interactions.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” – 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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