

Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19, 2026

8th Weekend of Pentecost



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
July 19-26

Sunday	9:00am Worship
Monday	9:00-11:30am Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	9:00-11:30am Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	9:00-11:30am Vacation Bible School
Thursday	9:00-11:30am Vacation Bible School
Saturday	11:00am Phyllis Zoellner Visitation @ St. John's 12:00pm Phyllis Zoellner Funeral 5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship 12:00pm Lois Spizzirri Visitation @ St. John's 2:00pm Lois Spizzirri Funeral

Tom Glover, a former member of St. Johns, passed away July 6th.

**He and Marlyn had moved to Arizona. If you'd like to send a card to Marlyn, her address is
8103 E. Southern Ave., Lot 317, Mesa AZ 85209.**

We pray for peace and comfort for Marlyn.



Offering 7/11 and 7/12	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$799.00	\$108,710.78
Capital Fund	\$56.00	\$14,222.61
Altar Guild	\$250.00	\$651.90
Worship	\$250.00	\$250.00
Sharing Pantry-Utilities	\$175.00	\$1,225.00

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Worship and Brunch

Semenauk Community Park

9:00 Worship

10:00 Brunch & Fellowship

Bring a brunch/breakfast item to share.

Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Lance Davenport
Judy Erickson
Lee Gehrke
Sharon Goode

Mike Hamer
Scott Horsch
Mary Ann Hulon
Anna Judge
Rhea Lumsden
Linda Martin
James Moris
Lonnie Murray
Kay Nelson

Jeanette Pfeifer
Roger & Helen
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Family of Lois Spizziri
Rosemary Underwood
Jackie Wendland
Cindy Westbrook
Susan White
Family of
Phyllis Zoellner

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JULY	20-23	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY	28-29	LWR SCHOOL BAG WORDAYS
AUGUST	2	CHURCH PICNIC AT THE PARK

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 270 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

The Kyrie is presented in three staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with English in bold and Latin in italics. The first staff is for the Kyrie eleison, the second for the Christe eleison, and the third for the Kyrie eleison. The lyrics are: **A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. *Lord, have mer - cy:* **A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy. *Christ, have mer - cy:* **A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. *Lord, have mer - cy:*

Prayer of the Day

P: Faithful God,

C: **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from Genesis Chapter 28 vs 10-19a

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is Psalm 139 vs 1-12, 23-24

¹Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

⁷Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸**If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰ **even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.**
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"
¹² **darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.**
²³ Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.
²⁴ **Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

A: The Second Reading comes from Romans Chapter 8 verses 12-25

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Matthew the 13th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn :



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that *"In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'*"

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!
Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 267 Joy to the World

Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary during Sending Hymn.

Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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