

Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5, 2026
Semiquincentennial Weekend



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Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm

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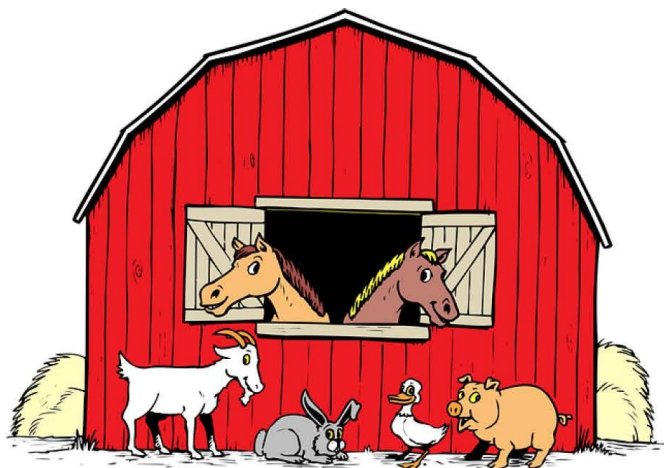
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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
July 5-July 12

Sunday	9:00am Worship
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship

God's Barnyard Community Vacation Bible School St. John's Lutheran Church



Come join us for Vacation Bible School!
July 20th-23rd, from 9AM to 1130AM.

**Bible Stories, Crafts, Fun,
Games and Snack Time**

**Bible school is available for children
3 years old (must be potty trained)
and up to those completing 5th
grade.**

Bible school is free to all who attend.

**Registration forms are available in
the Welcome Center**

Tell your friends and family!
Sign up in the Welcome Center to help with VBS!

Offering 6/20 and 6/21	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$3,221.14	\$103,609.78
Capital Fund	\$170.00	\$13,959.11
MSHV	\$50.00	\$517.08
LWR Baby Kits	\$50.00	\$764.15



Welcome to Church

A place to grow, serve & belong.

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
Lois Spizziri
Rosemary Underwood
Jackie Wendland
Cindy Westbrook
Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JULY	20-23	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST	2	CHURCH PICNIC AT THE PARK

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✙** one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth .

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of all mercy,

C: **we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of **✙** Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good .

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 824 This is My Father's World

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 section consists of 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 lyrics in a larger font and Latin lyrics in a smaller font below them. The first staff has the lyrics: **A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. The second staff has the lyrics: **A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy. The third staff has the lyrics: **A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

P: You are great, O God,

C: **and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call up on you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: Lord of all the worlds,

C: **guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from Zechariah Chapter 9 vs 9-12

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

- A:** Our Psalm today is Psalm 145 vs 8-14
⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹**Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**
¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**
¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

A: The Second Reading comes from Romans Chapter 7 verses 15-25a

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 11th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day W&P 96 Make Me a Servant

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: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and wine-presses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.

Holy Communion is served.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, ✝ one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 890 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all!

C: Thanks be to God.



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