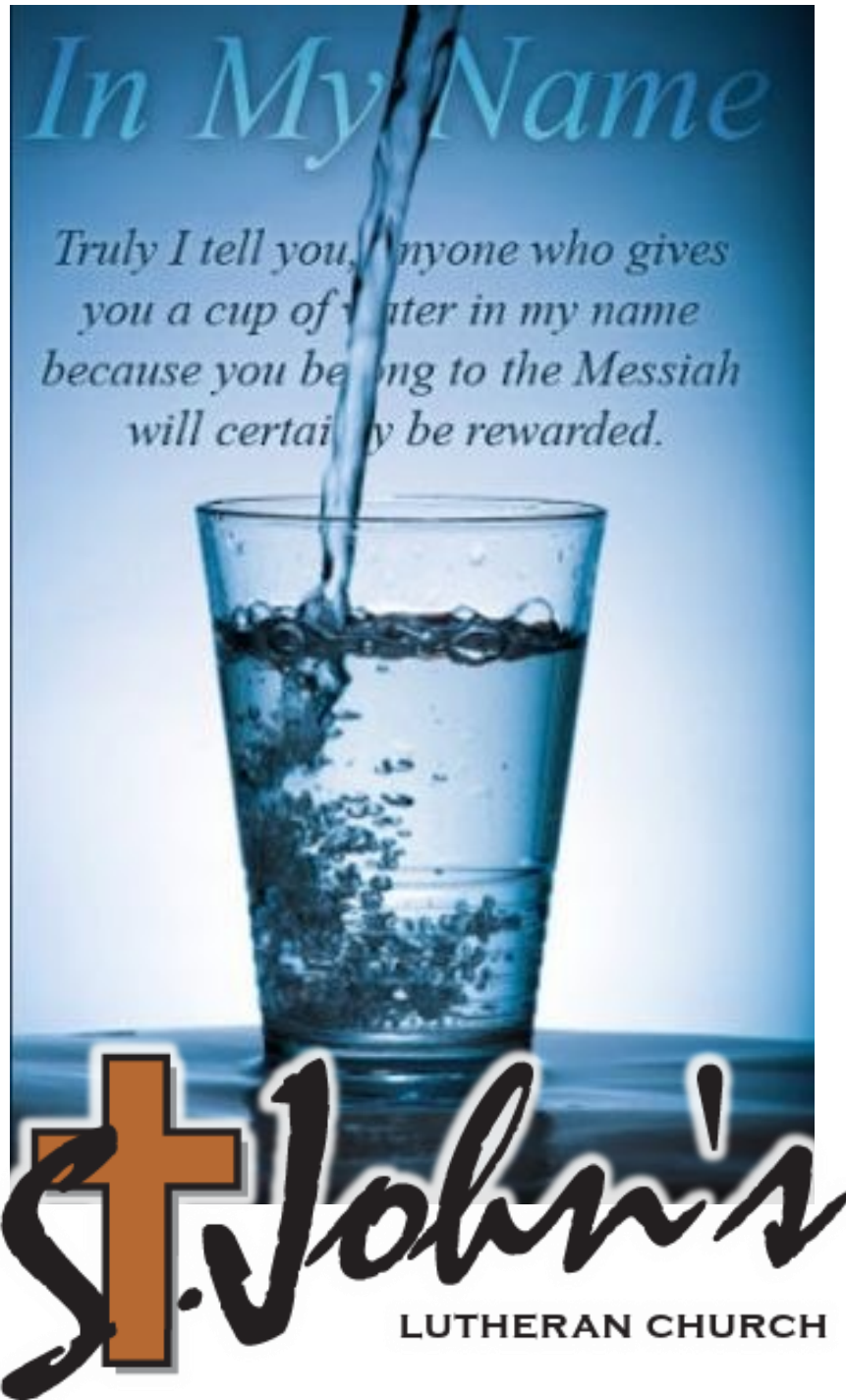


*Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, 2026*

**5th Weekend of Pentecost**



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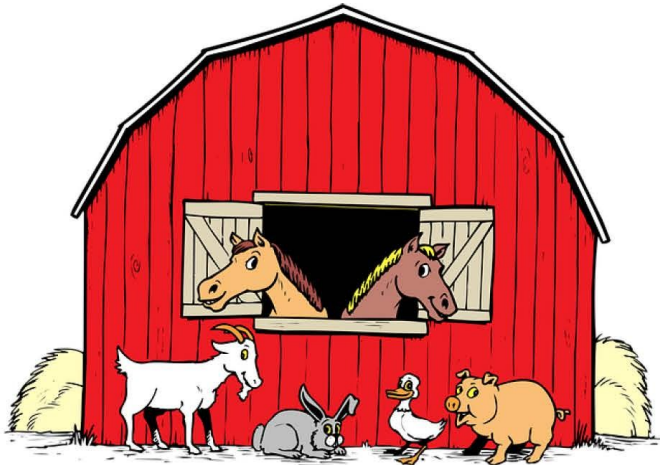
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of  
June 28–July 5

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	\$1,603.00	\$100,388.64
Capital Fund	\$2,742.00	\$13,789.11
MSHV	\$100.00	\$467.08
Utilities—Sharing Pantry	\$175.00	\$1,050.00



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, 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 780 Shepherd Me O God

### 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



**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:** O God,

**C:** **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**A:** The **First Reading** comes from Genesis Chapter 22 vs 1-14

**A:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**A:** Our Psalm today is Psalm 13

<sup>1</sup>How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup>**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

<sup>3</sup>Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

<sup>4</sup>**lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"**

**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

<sup>6</sup> **I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt with me richly.**

**A:** The Second Reading comes from Romans Chapter 6 verses 12-23

**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 10th Chapter

**C:** **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 728 Blest Are They

## 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:** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** ... God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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:** 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 :

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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!

**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 Je-

sus, 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** W&P I Will Call Upon the Lord

*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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