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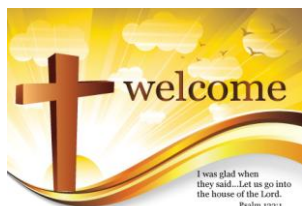
Sunday, June 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Monday, June 16, 2025

6:30 p.m.

From the **LSB Service of the Sacrament** – **“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored.”** Three times the angels cry out: “Holy, holy, holy!” It is an indication of the three-ness in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name into which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God’s family and are now called to live lives that are in harmony with this new family. We are to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so also are we called to be.



WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex.

If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

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RECEIVING THE HOLY COMMUNION. Because we deeply long to celebrate the Love of God and the true unity of teachings of God’s Holy Scriptures we ask those who are not members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) to please make an appointment to meet with Pastor Love before communing with us. We respectfully do this not at all because we think that we are the only saved Christians, but because it is our Sacred Belief that those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion gives a witness of unity in the major teachings and faith confessed by the congregation and Synod (1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17). This Biblical and historical practice is called close(d) communion. Thank you for respecting our sacred beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around God’s High and Holy Scriptures. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Love NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service I

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INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PSALM 8

- P** ¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- C** ²**Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your
foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

- P** ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,



the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

- C** ⁴**what is man that you
are mindful of him,
and the son of man that
you care for him?**

- P** ⁵Yet you have made him a
little lower than the heavenly
beings

and crowned him with glory
and honor.

- C** ⁶**You have given him
dominion over the works of
your hands;
you have put all things
under his feet,**

- P** ⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- C** ⁸**the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**
- P** ⁹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

CATECHISM REVIEW

P *The Third Commandment*

C Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

P *What does this mean?*

C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

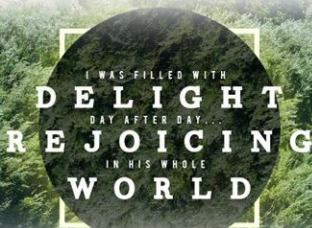
³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴“To you, O men,
I call,

and my cry is
to the children of
man. . . .

²²“The LORD
possessed me at
the beginning of
his work,



the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with
water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his
command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master
workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, 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,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be
shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your
presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, 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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your
footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.



*“Then you will know
the truth,
and the truth
will set you free.”*

John 8:32

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB #506

Sermon

Athanasian Creed

P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P And the catholic faith is this,

C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

- C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

Prayers of the Church

Offering

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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Service of the Sacrament

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Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 161

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive thosewho trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”</i>	LSB #803
<i>“God Loved the World So That He Gave”</i>	LSB #571
<i>“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”</i>	LSB #621

Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

<i>“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”</i>	LSB #924
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Numbers 35:9-30; Acts 11 – 7:60; Luke 24:28-53

Monday: Song of Solomon 1:7 – 2:7; John 5:1-18

Tuesday: Song of Solomon 2:8 – 3:11; John 5:19-29

Wednesday: Song of Solomon 4:1 – 5:1; John 5:30-47

Thursday: Song of Solomon 5:2 – 6:3; John 6:1-21

Friday: Song of Solomon 6:4 – 7:5; John 6:22-40

Saturday: Song of Solomon 7:6 – 8:14; John 6:41-59

CHURCH CALENDAR ST. **JOHN'S and FAITH**

Sunday, June 15

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 Bible Class at Faith

Monday June 16

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

7:30 p.m. Church Council at Faith

Tuesday, June 17

6:00 p.m. Church Council at St. John's

7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting at St. John's

Sunday, June 22

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 Bible Class at Faith

Monday, June 23

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, June 25

10 a.m. Ablelight

Sunday, June 29

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Monday, June 30

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith



**Check Your
Calendar**



FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Please remember the following
in your prayers:*

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*Special prayers for Cecelia Klade who had her 5th Brain
Surgery*



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2025 Church Softball League

Today, Sunday, June 15

Game at 12:00 noon at Faith

Sunday, June 22

Game at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's





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*To all who helped make
our 2025 VBS a great
success!*

*It was such a joy to
experience so many
great ideas, labor, team
work, patience and
encouragement ... and
to see it all*

*come together. Thank you for the great memories, and may God
bless us all in faith until life everlasting.*

Pastor Love



**Pastor Love will be on vacation from
Tuesday, July 17 to Tuesday, July 1.**

Our Guest Speaker will be
Seminarian Caleb Gustafson.

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