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June 1, 2025

Confirmation Sunday

A glowing white dove with spread wings is positioned in the center, emitting a bright yellow light. Behind it, the word "Faith" is written in a large, glowing, orange-red script font. The background is black with faint, swirling orange lines.

*Confirmed in Christ*

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 8 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: "Speak, O Lord"**

633 CW21

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights of your

ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and  
mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
plans for us, truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your

seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 eyes to see your ma-jes-tic love and au-thor-i-ty.  
 prom-is-es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful-fill in us all your pur-poses for your  
 Words of pow'r that can nev-er fail, let their truth pre-vail o-ver  
 Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built, and the earth is filled with your

glo-ry.  
 un-be-lief.  
 glo-ry.

Last time

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# Order of Worship

Adapted from LSB Setting 4 – p. 203ff

## Invocation

*We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore we stand in awe of You.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

**Kyrie** *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** We pray:

Almighty God, grant that we who have been redeemed from the old life of sin through Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed in Your Holy Spirit and live in righteousness and true holiness. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 43:1-3a (EHV)*

But now this is what the LORD says,  
the LORD who created you, O Jacob,  
the LORD who formed you, O Israel.

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.  
When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.

When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,  
and the flame will not set you on fire.

<sup>3</sup> Because I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (ESV)*

**P** The second reading is from 2 Corinthians 4:13-18.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. <sup>15</sup> In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.

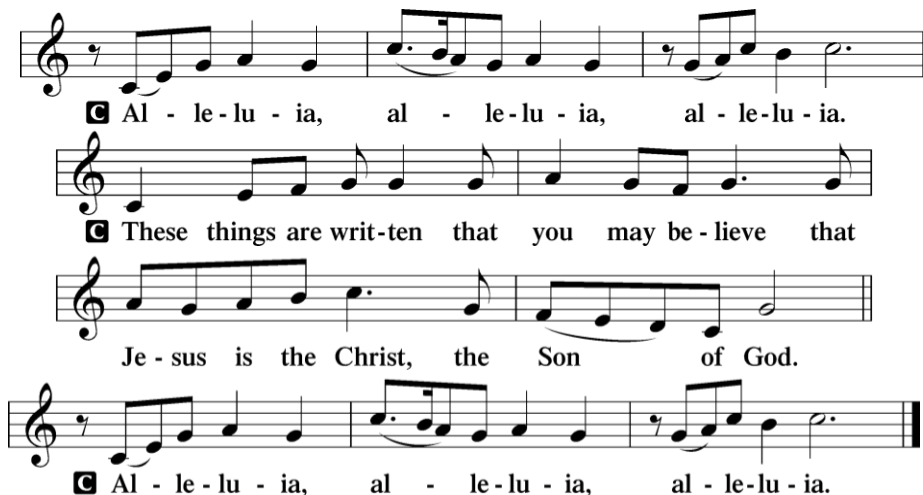
<sup>16</sup> Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. <sup>18</sup> We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Alleluia and Verse

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the Alleluia. The third staff contains the melody for the first line of the Verse. The fourth staff contains the melody for the second line of the Verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## **Confirmation**



***Gabrielle Melainé Kay Nelson***

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said,  
"Here am I! Send me." - Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)

***Morgan Elizabeth Starr***

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. - Revelation 2:10b (NKJV)

***Allie Faith Williams***

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone  
who believes. - Romans 1:16a (NKJV)

**Apostles' Creed** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

*LSB 207*

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Confirmation Class Hymn: "You Will Be My Strength"**

*Words and Music by Gabi Nelson, Morgan Starr, and Allie Williams*

*Arranged by Stephanie Goodrie*

I will trust You all my life. You will be my strength.  
And through every step and strife, You will be my strength.  
Every day and hour supply You are all I need.  
Just when I'm about to cry, You will be my strength.

### *Refrain:*

Jesus died and rose for me.  
Jesus, how You love me!  
Your Word brings me life.  
You will be my strength.

When I'm low and full of fright, You will be my strength.  
Jesus, I will live contrite. You will be my strength.  
When I start to fall away, You will be my strength.  
Jesus, watch me day by day. You will be my strength.

### *Refrain*

I will walk with You in faith; You will be my strength.  
No one else can give me grace. You will be my strength.  
Help me, Lord, to follow You! You will be my strength.  
And to speak Your Word in truth. You will be my strength.

### *Refrain*

## **Sermon Texts:**

### **Revelation 2:10b (NKJV)**

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

### **Romans 1:16a (NKJV)**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

### **Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)**

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

## **Sermon Theme: Confirmed in Christ**

### **1. Your Certainty**



### **2. Your Calling**



## **Offertory**

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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## **Sermon Hymn: “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near”**

*LSB 599 (adapted); tune: “Before the Throne of God Above”*

- 1 O gracious Lord, with love draw near  
To these, Your children gathered here;  
The Spirit’s gift in them renew:  
The gift of faith that clings to You.  
Sustain the work You have begun  
In these united to Your Son,  
For in that pure baptismal flood  
They have been cleansed by Jesus’ blood.  
They have been cleansed by Jesus’ blood.**
- 2 Deliver them from ev’ry wile,  
From all that would their hearts beguile,  
From worldly ways and Satan’s lies,  
That they may not Your Word despise.  
Lord, keep them firm in their intent  
To You, Your Word and Sacrament.  
O make them bold, their faith to share  
And make them strong, each cross to bear.  
And make them strong, each cross to bear.**
- 3 O Father, grant that by Your grace  
They may Your will each day embrace;  
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,  
Till they at death Your name confess.  
Then robed in white before Your throne,  
Your holy saints, by You foreknown—  
Predestined, called, and justified,  
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.  
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.**

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**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.  
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

### Preface

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

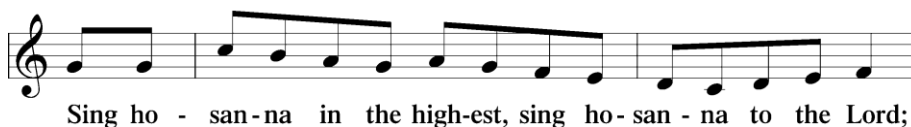
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by His sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by His resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus *Latin: "Holy."*

LSB 208



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- G** 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 those who 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.

## The Words of Institution

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.*

## Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## The Distribution

- ✠ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our ushers.

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

**Communion Hymns: "Draw Near" 662 CW21 (see p. 15-16); 602 LSB; 861 LSB**

# "Draw Near" 662 CW21

Refrain ♩ = 76

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.

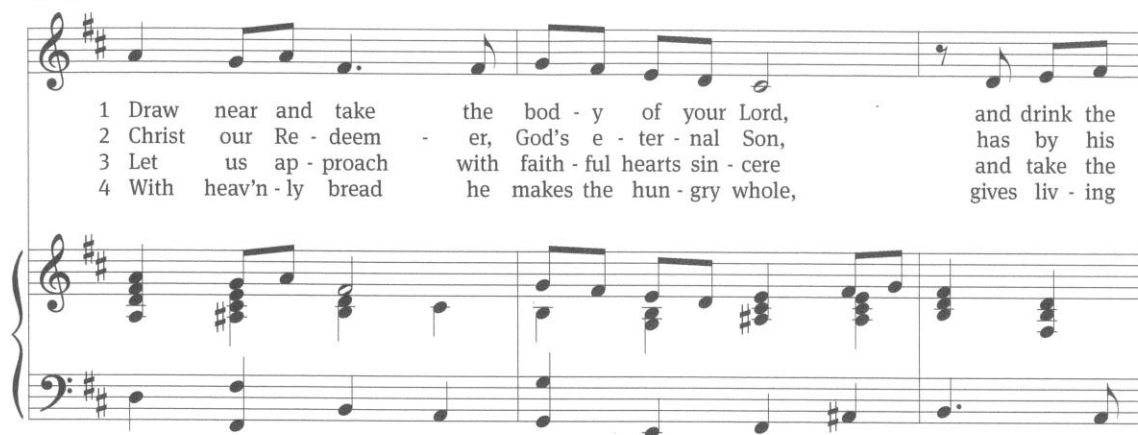
Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out - poured!

1-4 to Verses Last time

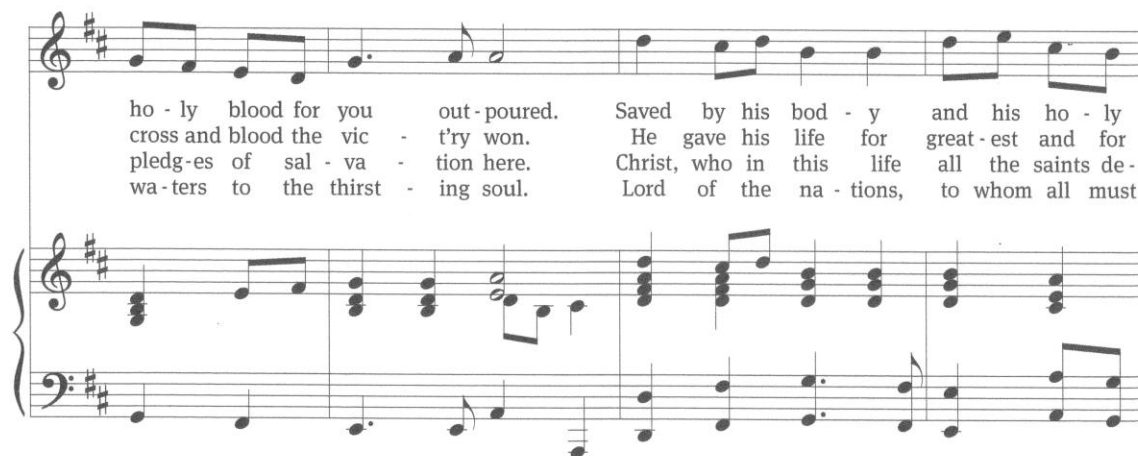
The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 76. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line (treble and bass staves) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The lyrics are: "Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord." and "Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out - poured!". The score concludes with a section labeled "1-4 to Verses Last time".

Hymn continues on next page →

# Verses




1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord, and drink the  
 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son, has by his  
 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere and take the  
 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole, gives liv - ing



ho - ly blood for you out - poured. Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly  
 cross and blood the vic - t'ry won. He gave his life for great - est and for  
 pledg - es of sal - va - tion here. Christ, who in this life all the saints de -  
 wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul. Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must

## Refrain



blood, with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
 least, him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.  
 fends, gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
 bow, in this great feast of love be with us now.

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Benediction** The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## **Closing Hymn** (Choir - v. 1, Congregation - v. 2-3): ***"O God, Beyond All Praising"***

(Choir) *O the depth of the riches of the wisdom of God!  
How unsearchable His judgments, and untraceable His ways.  
O the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things:  
To whom be the glory forever. Amen.*

**C** ***O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift You send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end;  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.***

***Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.***

(Choir) *For of Him and through Him, and to Him, are all things:  
To whom be the glory forever. Amen.*

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## **Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:  
6/1/25

*Confirmation Sunday*

**Choir – 8am**

**Examination** (in the sanctuary) – **9am**

**Confirmation Worship Service w/ Communion – 10am**

**Cake Reception for our Confirmands – 11:15am**

This week: Monday & Tuesday – **Great Lakes Delegate Conference**  
(Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI)  
Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Church Cleaning: Team #10 (5/31-6/6); Team #1 (6/7-6/13)

Next Sunday: *Pentecost Sunday*  
6/1/25 **Worship – 9am**  
**VBS Volunteers Meeting – 10:15am**



**Cake Reception Following Confirmation Service** – There will be a cake reception in celebration of our confirmands in the activity room after the worship service next Sunday. The congregation is invited to attend. Congratulations and God's blessings to our confirmands, Gabi, Morgan, and Allie!

**Ushering Volunteers Needed for June** – We are in need of some ushering help in the month of June (beginning this Sunday). If you are available to help with ushering for one or more Sundays in June, please let Eric Williams know ([ehandwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:ehandwilliams@hotmail.com) or 414-587-5062). Thank you for your willing service!

**VBS – July 7-11 – 9am – 11:30am** –

Registration is now open for our Vacation Bible School from July 7-11 for children age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our theme this year will be "Missionaries of Christ." The sign-up sheets for student registrations is on the bulletin board in the entryway. Hope to see your child there, and remember to invite your friends and neighbors as well!



**VBS Teachers and Volunteers Needed!** – We are in need of teachers and volunteers for our VBS. Volunteers are needed for teaching, music, crafts, recess, and general help. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the church entry if you'd like to help out. Even if you can't help out for the whole week, we'd love to have you join us for even just a day. Thank you for your prayerful consideration! Please speak with Ben Blue or Pastor Luke if you have any questions.

**NOTE:** We will be having a VBS volunteer meeting in the Activity Room **next Sunday (6/8)** after the worship service at **10:15am**.

**Lutheran Spokesman Subscriptions – Due June 30<sup>th</sup> – See Sign-up Sheet on Bulletin Board** –

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## Bible Readings:

6/1	Lev. 19:1-18 Psalm 123 1 Cor. 10:1-13
6/2	Lev. 19:19-37 Psalm 124 1 Cor. 10:14-22
6/3	Lev. 20 Psalm 125 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16
6/4	Lev. 21:1-15 Psalm 126 1 Cor. 11:17-34
6/5	Lev. 21:16-22:16 Psalm 127 1 Cor. 12:1-11
6/6	Lev. 22:17-23:3 Psalm 128 1 Cor. 12:12-31
6/7	Lev. 23:4-25 Psalm 129 1 Cor. 13



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## June Ushers

Alex Plockelman  
**\*\*Volunteers Needed  
for June Ushering\*\***

**June Slideshow**  
Jordan Albrecht

## Cleaning Team 6/7-6/13

Team 1  
K/M Winters  
A/L Hart  
P/E Tiefel  
E. Gurgel  
M/T Mueller

## Fruits of Faith

### Last Week:

### To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:	\$4,396.61	\$257,179.96
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$291,423.86
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$4,174.68)	(\$34,243.90)
Kinship:	\$60.00	\$2,961.96
MDF:	\$60.00	\$1,330.00
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$1,080.00

**Attendance Last Sun. (5/25): 113**

**Ascension (5/29): 67**

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