



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## Worship Services:

Sundays 9:00 am

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## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Ever Loving, Caring Always"



## Holy Trinity Sunday—First Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Len Hoffmann presiding

June 15, 2025

**Large Print Bulletins** are available from the ushers.

Please join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service in Luther Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

## Serving Us Today

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Len Hoffmann **Acolytes:** Kooper Kampmeier **Organist:** Karen Bremmer **Lector:** Chad Bremmer **Assisting Minister:** DJ Scott **Greeter:** April Eberle **Ushers:** Joel & Lori Kempel **Counters:** Mike Palmer & Joan Klatt **Sacristan:** Kathy Williams, Kris Liebenstein, and Nancy Trampel

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**L** Lector

**A** Assisting Minister

## Introduction to the Day

*“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC & WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C** Amen

**P** Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

**P** Merciful God,

**C** you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

**P** You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C** Amen

## 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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** And also with you

**P** Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

(Please be seated)

## FIRST READING

### Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

**L** A reading from Proverbs, the eighth chapter

**L** Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when 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, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

## Psalm 8

- L** Let us say the Psalm responsively
- L** O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- C** you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- L** When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C** what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- L** Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
- C** You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- L** all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- C** the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- L** O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING

## Romans 5:1-5

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

- L** A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter
- L** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **GOSPEL**

**John 16:12-15**

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

**P** [Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

### **REFLECTION SONG**

**"Borning Cry"**

**(service continues in the insert)**

### **OFFERING**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C** **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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.**

## PREFACE

**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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**SPOKEN**

**ELW PAGE 153**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

## LORD’S PRAYER

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*Communion instruction – as we gather for Holy Communion, you will come down the center aisle, receive the bread and cup, and return by the side aisle. Wine is the dark liquid and grape juice is the light liquid in the center ring. If you wish to receive gluten free, it is available. Please ask. If you wish to only receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed. This is a time where all God’s people find unity.*

## RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

**P** The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C** **Amen.**


## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C** **Amen**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

**P** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit  bless you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

**“Faith of Our Fathers”**

**ELW 812**

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

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## ***Women's Gathering News ...***

\*Women's Gathering has dish cloths for sale. They are \$1.50 each. Contact the church office or Lynda Palmer if you are interested.

\*Prayer Shawl Outreach on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Luther Hall. Start a shawl/quilt or work on one already started. Someone will be available to help.

\*The summer bible study/breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Karen Bremmer's house (313 W. Walgren in Pearl City). Karen will lead the bible study that day. There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby for those attending.

\*The next Women's Gathering Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in Luther Hall.

\*The next Sit N Sew will be Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM!

\*Thank you to Kathy Hillmer and Kris & Marion Eden for the beautiful Pentecost decorations and to DJ for taking down the the butterflies and the cross.

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## This Week at St. John's

### Sunday, June 15, 2025

**9a** Worship

**10:30a** Grace Meal

### Tuesday, June 17, 2025

**8:30a** Women's Gathering Board meeting

**10a** Sit N Sew

### Wednesday, June 18, 2025

**7p** Church Council meeting

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

**Pastor Len will be hosting a bible study on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 AM and the topic will be Living Faith in Daily Life. He will also be hosting another bible study on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and the topic will be Revelation. Come either day or both and bring your bibles. Each bible study will last about an hour!**

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Lector
June 22	Aaron Woker	Theresa Snetcher family	DJ Scott
Acolytes		Tech Support	
Welden Snetcher		Hudson Voss	



***Happy Birthday!***

DeAnne Voss Hayden Heimerdinger Jim Westaby Randy Potter  
George Snetcher Heath LaVanway Rhonda Brudi Nyah Block