

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Word of Truth

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. " John 14:6 NKJV

Trinity 2

June 29, 2025

Musicians: Carol Ahrens, Jeanie Hoffman, Stephen Krause, Anna Maas, Louise Mayhew Videographers; Dale Bernthal; David Maas Ushers Team B: Dale Bernthal. David Maas. Jerry Knuth. (Understudies: Micah & Jonah Maas)



WELCOME visitors and members! Each week you will find words of life and peace in Jesus Christ and a warm welcome from fellow believers here in God's house. If you would like more information about our church, please contact Pastor Nolting: 507-201-5524. VISITORS: Please sign the guest book in the entryway.

VIDEO FEED: For social distancing, overflow, or other reasons the church service may be viewed in the basement.

Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 18:1-6 NKJV

I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

Pre-Service Prayer: O LORD God, please be with me today as I worship in Your presence. May my mind be open to Your Spirit's instruction and my heart overflow with a love for Your and Your Son—my Savior Jesus. Amen.



Preparation for Worship

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS—OUR DEAR SAVIOR!

Luther's Morning Prayer

ALL: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept all harm and danger away from me last night; and I pray that You would also protect me today from sin and every evil, that my life and all my behavior may please You. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.



Opening Hymn: "Glory Be to God the Father"

The Lutheran Hymnal 244

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **ALL** (spoken): **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Lay-Leader: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.



ALL: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

Lay-Leader: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL (spoken): Amen.

The Service of the Word

Hymn of Praise: "Now Thank We All Our God"

The Lutheran Hymnal 36:1, 3

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven: The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore! For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.



Prayer of the Day: "I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus" (spoken)

The Lutheran Hymnal 655

I pray Thee, dear Lord Jesus, my heart to keep and train That I Thy holy temple from youth to age remain. Turn Thou my thoughts forever from worldly wisdom's lore; If I but learn to know Thee, I shall not want for more. Amen.



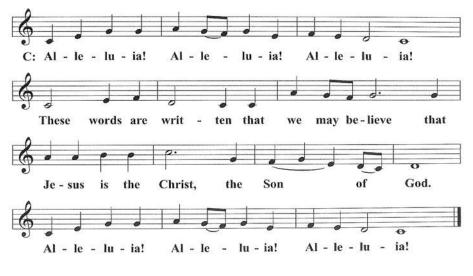
First Lesson: Exodus 3:13-22 ESV

When Moses asked the LORD God who he should tell Israel had sent him to lead them out of Egypt, the LORD God said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."" Our Savior God is not a "has been" or a "will be." He is always present!

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 ESV

Paul warns us that as Christians we will experience persecution, as did he. However, he encourages us to remain faithful in our use of God's Word which is inspired by God and equips us for every good work.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it! (Luke 11:28



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Our Confession of Faith in the Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

Hymn of the Day: "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

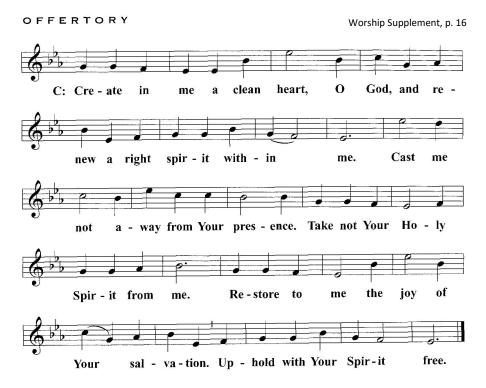
The Lutheran Hymnal 293

Sermon: Text - John 6:27, 47-58 NKJV

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.... Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

IS JESUS OUR "BREAD KING" OR OUR "BREAD OF LIFE"?

I. We often want Jesus to be our "Bread King."



II. Jesus always wants to be our "Bread of Life."

Offerings

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Benediction: (Lay-Leader)

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

ALL (spoken): Amen.

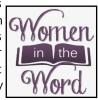
Closing Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" The Lutheran Hymnal 54

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Weekly Calendar: June 29-July 6, 2025

Today	8:05 a.m.	940 AM "Words of Grace" Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m.	Grace WORSHIP in Valentine
	10:30 a.m.	Grace Fellowship Hour in Valentine
	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul's/Peace WORSHIP in White River
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Peace/St. Paul's WORSHIP in Mission
	8:05 a.m.	940 AM "Words of Grace" Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m.	Grace WORSHIP in Valentine
	10:30 a.m.	Grace Fellowship Hour in Valentine

Women's Retreat West Registration Open: Registration is now open for this year's Women's Retreat West, to be held in Sioux Falls from September 19-21. The theme this year is "Pieces of Jesus' Peace". To register, please head over to <u>womensretreat.clclutheran.net</u>, click on WEST, and fill out the form. If you would rather register over email or have any questions, reach out to <u>womensretreatwest@gmail.com</u>. A form can be sent to you from there.





LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 22nd annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 21-24 (Mon-Thurs) at a private summer camp facility near Frankenmuth, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 16. Information and registration can be found at <u>mtzionlutheran.info/</u> <u>lowermichiganyouthcamp</u>.