

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

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The Sermon: *"The Last Laugh"*

The Text: *Genesis 18:1-14*

The Opening Hymn: *"The God of Abraham Praise"* LSB **798**
(Verses 1-4,9)

The Sermon Hymn: *"Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us"* LSB **851**

The Communion Hymns:
"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB **618**
"I Know My Faith is Founded" LSB **587**

The Closing Hymn: *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* LSB **922**

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a gluten free wafer please let the pastors know.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Monday	Stamping	5:30 PM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	PPC Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Noon Communion Service	NOON
Thursday	NYG Group Returns	5:00 AM
Friday	Office Closed (Summer Hours)	

National Youth Gathering - July 19-23

Next Sunday

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. David Suelzle, Crosspointe Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "God's Promises Are No Laughing Matter!" based on Genesis 18:10-14. *This Is the Life:* "Love Is Not Enough" - A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring what truly is important. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRN Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North(Fargo)." **LISTEN** to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Today's sermon is "God's Plan = Jesus" (John 16:33). God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE and sympathy is extended to Sue Krause and family as they mourn the passing of her father, Gerald Brownell. A memorial service was held yesterday in Maple Grove. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will grant them peace and rest from their sorrow.

WE ARE STILL MISSING seven baby bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center. If you have one, please return it. Thanks!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our members who gave of their time to help man our booth at the Hubbard County Fair and to everyone who donated prizes! Thank you also to Laurie Kimball for all the work she put in coordinating the booth!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS left this past Friday, July 18 and will be returning on Wednesday, July 23. Please keep them and all the attendees in your prayers during the gathering.

THE REFRESH ACTION COMMITTEE met June 30 to discuss improvements including painting the interior, replacing flooring, and improving the sanctuary sound system, screens and streaming capabilities. Presently, the RAC is obtaining bids. By late August or early September a special voters meeting will be convened to discuss the improvements and seek voter approval. "THE TIME HAS COME.....TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS."

COMMUNION SERVICE AT HERITAGE: We will be offering a communion service in the chapel at Heritage Living Center every second Monday at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

LAST SUNDAY: Att.: 8:00 - 111. 10:30 - 67. Total - 178. Offering: Unified - \$9,641.00. Electronic - \$1,600.83. Plate - \$257.00. National Youth Gathering - \$200.00. Memorial - \$100.00 (given in memory of Cheryl Hilgemann's sister, Linda Fischer). Sign - \$100.00. Total - \$11,898.83.

NOON COMMUNION SERVICE: Att. - 20.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND RELEASE TIME TEACHERS AND/OR SUBS are needed for this 2025-2026 year. We are considering many options to work with your schedule. Teachers/subs are needed for multiple age levels. The Concordia Publishing House curriculum we use has information to assist teachers in preparation for the lesson as well as lesson plans. Our experienced staff will be happy to help you develop your teaching skills. Please contact the church office at 218-732-9783 if you are interested in serving as a teacher.

Key aspects of the LCMS perspective on Sunday School teachers:

Essential Role in Discipleship:

Sunday School is seen as a foundational ministry for making disciples, helping individuals of all ages learn to think and act like Jesus.

Nurturing Faith:

Teachers are encouraged to help students study God's Word, pray, and learn about God's character and actions.

Age-Appropriate Instruction:

Sunday School provides a structured way for children and youth to receive age-appropriate Christian education.

Example for the Congregation:

Teachers are called to be examples in their faith, speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

Resources and Training:

The LCMS offers resources and training to support teachers in their ministry, including curriculum selection, lesson planning, and classroom management.

Facilitator Role:

Teachers are not just lecturers but also facilitators who guide students in exploring and understanding God's Word.

Parental Involvement:

The LCMS also encourages parents to be actively involved in their children's faith development at home.

NOTES FROM THE PAST: (Archived bulletins begin in 1962.)

July 22, 1962

MARRIAGE: Yesterday Sam Lewis Pike and Janelle Lee Condif were united in holy matrimony here at the church. May the Lord richly bless this union with His presence unto His glory!

July 22, 1979

A.C.T.: This afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Randy Griess home we will welcome the new confirmands and enjoy an afternoon of waterskiing, sailing, swimming, tennis, volleyball and other fun and games. Please bring your tennis racket, swimsuit, appetite, and a smile. If you need a ride, please be at church at 1:45 p.m.

July 26, 1981

BAPTISM: In the 10:30 a.m. service this morning, Jonathan Luther Fondow, infant son of Pastor & Mrs. Donald Fondow, will be baptized. "Baptism saves you through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." - 1 Peter 3:21.

July 24, 1988

TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY for our congregation as we install and welcome our Associate Pastor, David Robatzen, into our midst. May our Lord bless him, and keep him, and may we be edified with him in the love of Christ, that together, we might glorify God as we go and grow with the good news of the Gospel.