

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21st, 2026



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.** Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. Please follow along with the Worship Guide in your pew rack (or ask an usher), and the readings in the insert.

♪♪♪ **TODAY'S MUSIC** *♪♪♪*

- Prelude:** *To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King*, Mainz Gesangbuch, Arr. by Jeffrey Blersch
Gathering Hymn: *Let the Whole Creation Cry (ELW 876)*
Hymn of the Day: *Blest Be the Holy Other (see insert)*
Musical Offering: *Jesus Loves Me Based on Debussy's Clair de Lune*, Claude Debussy, Arr. by Jan Sanborn
Communion Hymn I: *How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)*
Communion Hymn II: *Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)*
Sending Hymn: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)*
Postlude: *Postlude*, Antoine Edouard Batiste



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ed and Cindy Breed in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.



WORSHIP LEADERS	
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie
GREETER	Lois Wind
USHERS	Steve & Ben Walentik
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Traylor Fontana
LECTOR	Anja Walentik
CANTOR	Ruthie Grollman
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Lindsay Schuessler
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Lindsay Schuessler
RECYCLING RANGER	Ben Walentik
ALTAR GUILD	Denise Buehrer
CAMERA	Gretchen Jenson
WINE SPONSOR	Kate Hartz

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

- **Summer bulletins** are here! Please use the Worship Guide (leave in your pew rack) and follow along with the readings in the insert and the hymns in the bulletin or on the Hymn board. These bulletins save time and paper, allowing work on other church projects and staff vacations. The new bulletins address feedback from last Summer's bulletins.
- **TODAY!** The **Music Fundamentals** class continues in the chapel after fellowship. Learn how to read music in 10 easy lessons, plus online lessons you can do on your own schedule. All are welcome to join in on one or all of the weeks!

- The **June Women’s Luncheon** is **TOMORROW!** Mon, June 22, at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 7439 S. Lindbergh Blvd. Contact Joan Williams to RSVP.
- **NEXT WEEK, June 28**, Brenda Booth from **Isaiah 58** will be visiting Gethsemane for a Mission Moment and Q&A after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. She will share about Isaiah 58’s new building project, the services offered and how Gethsemane can assist.
- **“Get to Know Gethsemane”** is also **next Sunday, June 28, 4-7 pm**. If you would like to join Gethsemane as a member, or would just like to know more about this church, then this is for you. Information, introductions, tours and dinner are included.
- **The June Big Ask** is diapers (size 4T, 5T, 5 or 6), baby wipes and all-purpose cleaner. Place donation items in the cabinet located in the hallway leading to the Narthex.
- The **Little Free Pantry and Comfort Cabinet** are always accepting donations. Place donations in the shopping cart in the hallway.
- **Countdown to VBS – 15 days!** VBS will be held at Gethsemane on July 6-10. We’ll be Making Waves with God’s Gift of Water. **VBS Training is Sunday, July 5.**
- **The Messenger has a digital format!** If you have any items to include for the July newsletter, please send them to Gretchen at connect@gethsemanestl.org by June 24.

More announcements in the weekly enews! Check the box on your attendance sheet to subscribe

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Cindy Breed: strength, patience and confidence

Kate Hartz: courage and trust

Barb Johnson: recovering from surgery

Fred Lenhart: comfort and peace

Margaret Lenhart: comfort and peace

Elizabeth Penny: resilience and comfort

Dell Roth: healing, strength and joy

Sharon Salerno: healing and strength

Dawn Schuessler: healing

Request for:	On Behalf of:
Bev, good friend, (fighting cancer)	<i>Breed/Penny family</i>
Speedy recovery and pain relief for Hannah's broken arm	<i>Gaines/Tulloch family</i>
Mom and dad (health and comfort); Joni (successful surgery); Melissa (health, healing and employment); Farmers of the world	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Venezuela; Pat Fulton (healing, strength); thanksgiving to God for AJ Olson's ordination!; Ginny Olson (healing, strength); Sister Marie Orf; Jojo (encouragement); those who do not feel safe in their communities; all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
Thanksgiving for the children and parents who join in the Children's Message every week	<i>Chris Schmidt</i>
Toby, Dale, Rob, Nicole and Steve, Ryan (housing, employment, food, health and hope)	<i>Social Action</i>
For the family and friends of Mark Datillo, mourning his death	<i>Mary Wolfsberger</i>

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar June 21 - 28, 2026

Today 6/21 Sunday Father's Day	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 11 – 11:30 am	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship – Cookies and Lemonade Meeting about Community Meal – (Fellowship Hall) Music Fundamentals Class with Amy (Chapel)
6/22 Monday	11:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Women's Luncheon at La Fiesta, RSVP to Joan W. Handbell Choir Rehearsal NorthHampton Neighbors Meeting
6/23 Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study
6/24 Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered)
6/27 Saturday	10 am - ?	Walk with Kate (Hartz) to Defeat ALS (Forest Park)
6/28 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am 11 - 11:30 am 4:00 – 7:00 pm	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship: Cookies and Q&A with Brenda Booth from Isaiah 58 (fellowship hall) Music Fundamentals Class with Amy (Chapel) Get to Know Gethsemane + Dinner

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Sun, July 5	11 am – 1 pm	VBS training
July 6-10	9 am – 5 pm	Vacation Bible School!
Tues, July 14	6-8 pm	Free Community Dinner (Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread) at Gethsemane. Volunteer opportunities!

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