

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5th, 2026



PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE
LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF.
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July 4, 1976



CELEBRATE

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

THE DAY

July 4, 1976

Today we the people reflect upon and praise God for two hundred years of our nation's history and heritage. Under his judgment we confess our sins and shortcomings. As we stand at the threshold of a third century, we commit ourselves anew to the unfinished task of becoming more fully "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Minister: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

A brief silence for individual prayer.

Assistant: Almighty God, we confess that amid all its achievements, our nation has been marred by selfishness and greed, personal and corporate immorality, and toleration of injustice, both at home and abroad.

All: **Lord, help us to turn from our evil ways and live.**

Assistant: We confess a nationalism which sometimes equates America with the kingdom of God.

All: **Lord, teach us to seek first your kingdom.**

Assistant: We confess that we have recklessly exploited our land with little concern for future generations.

All: **Lord, restore us to sanity and responsibility.**

Assistant: We confess that our nation has frequently abused the earlier stewards of this land, the American Indians.

All: **Lord, teach us compassion and reconciliation.**

Minister: The God who gave us life gives us liberty. In Christ we are forgiven and set free from sin. Open your lives to his presence. Live by his law of love! **Amen.**

Or the minister may conclude:

We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

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: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, William Croft, Arr. James Biery
Gathering Hymn: *O God of Earth and Altar (see insert)*
Hymn of the Day: *Lift Every Voice and Sing (HYMN# 841)*
Musical Offering: *Down to the River to Pray*, (played by Suzanne Hirth)
Communion Hymn I: *They'll Know We Are Christians (see insert)*
Communion Hymn II: *We Are Marching in the Light (HYMN# 866)*
Sending Hymn: *Let There Be Peace on Earth (see insert)*
Postlude: *America, the Beautiful*, Samuel A. Ward, Arr. John Carter



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
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WORSHIP LEADERS	
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie
GREETER	Carleen Reinhardt
USHERS	Cayce Morice, John Sandberg
ASSISTING MINISTER	Maryn Olson
LECTOR	Debbie Schaller
CANTOR	Angie Fulton
INSTRUMENTALIST	Suzanne Hirth (Mountain Dulcimer)
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Pastor Cheryl
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Cliffe Family
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Schaller
CAMERA	Jaryd Wolfsberger
WINE SPONSOR	Barb Johnson

*****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!
- **Countdown to VBS – 1 day!** VBS begins tomorrow! We'll be Making Waves with God's Gift of Water. **VBS Training is TODAY after worship.**

- Gethsemane will be hosting a free “**Come-as-you-are Community Meal**” on **Tues, July 14, 6-8 pm**. The goal is to provide free food and fellowship to our neighbors. We’ll serve spaghetti and meatballs with Garrett’s famous sauce, bread, salad and lemonade. All are welcome to help cook, serve and/or eat! Look for a sign up in the enews!
- **The July Big Ask** is toilet paper and dish soap. Place donation items in the cabinet located in the hallway leading to the Narthex.
- **The Messenger has a digital format!** If you have any items to include for the August newsletter, please send them to Gretchen at connect@gethsemanestl.org by July 23.

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: in rehab

Fred Lenhart: comfort and peace

Margaret Lenhart: comfort and peace

Carleen Reinhardt: healing after knee surgery

Dell Roth: comfort and joy

Sharon Salerno: healing and strength

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Bev, good friend, (fighting cancer)	<i>Breed/Penny family</i>
Lisa McL (healing); Beth, RJ and Sara (comfort); Karen Z. (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Lisa and Vickie (comfort, peace and love)	<i>Natalie Traylor Fontana</i>
Dad (comfort); Melissa (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>
Dear friend, Mary Westermeyer (healing)	<i>Mary Scanlan</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>
Gabe and Barbara (healing and discernment)	<i>Gretchen Jenson</i>

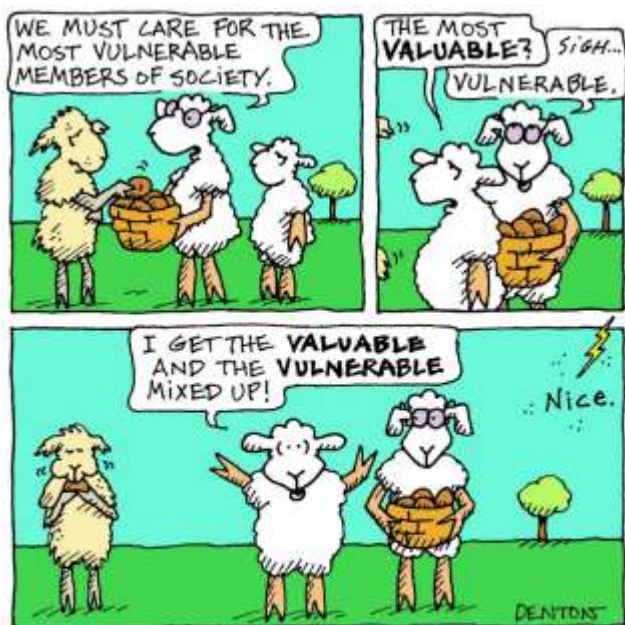
Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar July 5 - 12, 2026

7/5 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am 11 - 11:30 am 11am – 1 pm	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade Music Fundamentals Class with Amy (Chapel) VBS Training
7/6-7/10	9 am – 5 pm	Vacation Bible School and VBS + (aftercare)
7/6 Monday	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7/7 Tuesday		No Bible Study this week (VBS)
7/8 Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered)
7/12 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am 11 - 11:30 am 11 - noon	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade, Bridge Bread available for purchase Music Fundamentals Class with Amy (Chapel) Community Dinner Set up in Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Tues, July 14	6-8 pm	Free Community Dinner (Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread) at Gethsemane. Volunteer opportunities!
Tues, July 28	6:30 pm	Church Council meeting to discuss listening campaign

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“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”



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