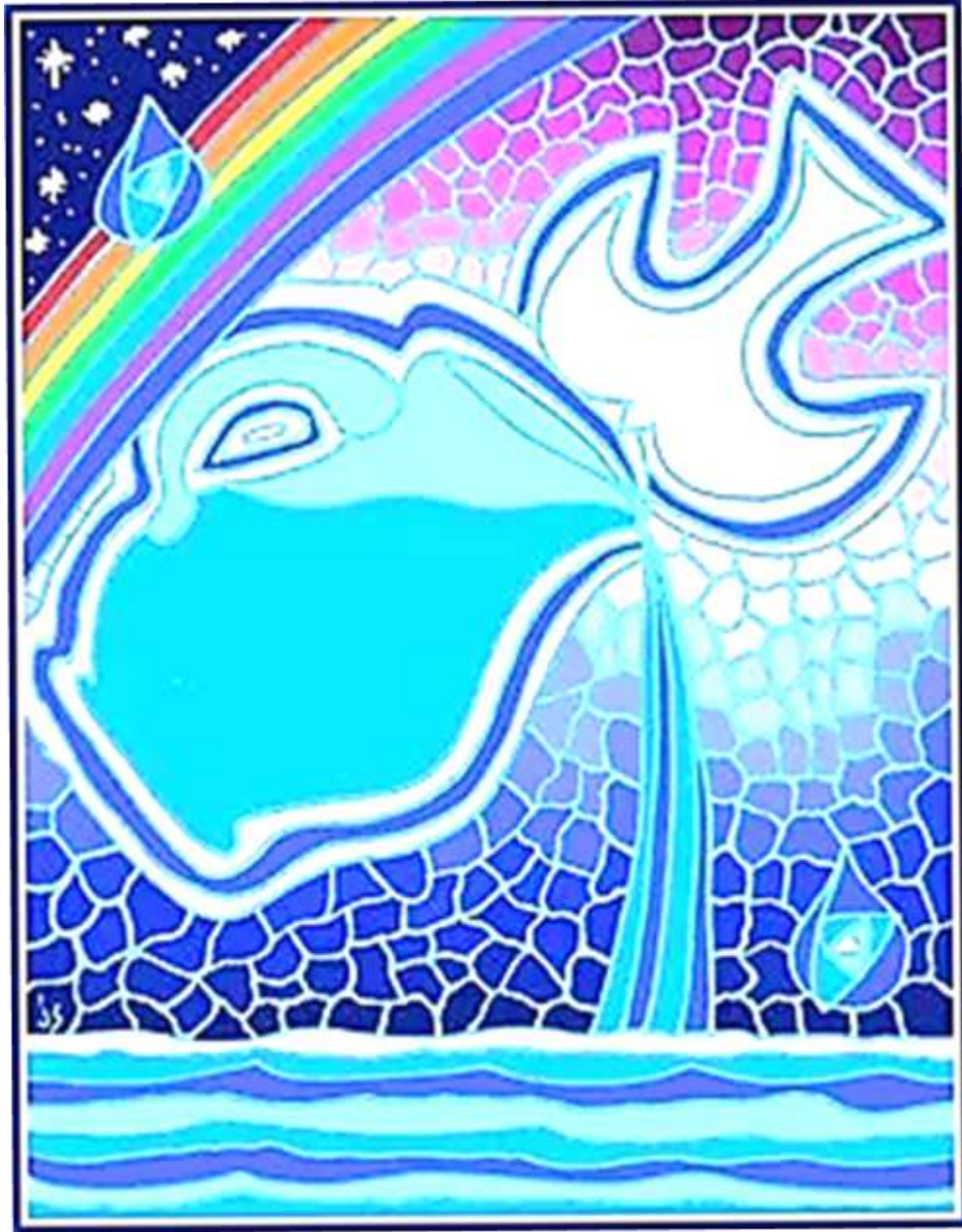


3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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Holy Communion, ELW Setting 3

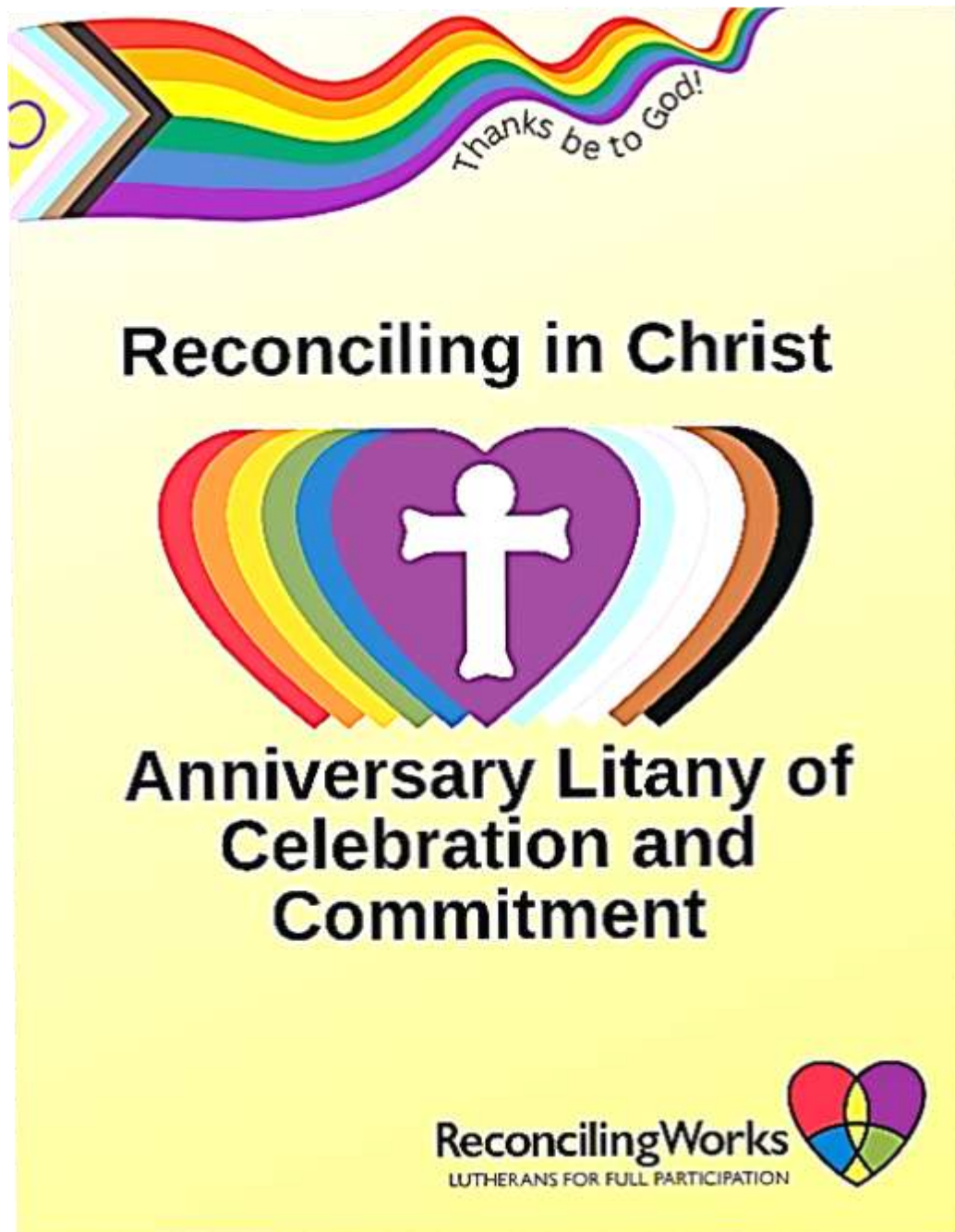
Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Robert E. Kreutz, Arr. by John Carter

The congregation may stand as comfortable.



LITANY OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT

P: Christ be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: This congregation became a Reconciling in Christ community on June 12, 2011. Let us celebrate that journey and how it still infuses our ministry of hospitality, welcome, affirmation, and justice. Our Affirmation of Welcome reads as follows:

“Christ’s welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are transgender, female, intersex, male, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God’s creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.”

P: In years past we have strived to live into the hospitality and promises in our welcome statement, but we know there is always more to learn and more to do to support people who have been marginalized in our community. We promise to listen to the stories and honor the experiences of our neighbors who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community so that we can better understand the difficulties of living as themselves in our church and society.

C: **We have open hearts and open minds and strive to learn more about our many different neighbors.**

P: In the years ahead, we commit to continue to work towards full inclusion in our congregation and in our community. We promise to work together with others to make this

space one that provides a welcome in both words and deeds, one that is safe from humiliation and violence and offers sanctuary to those cast out by families and shunned by friends.

C: We commit to the spirit of hospitality and authentic welcome.

P: We renew our commitment to welcome all who have been treated as less than or who were told they do not belong, especially transgender, non-binary, and intersex people. We also commit to welcome and support women, children, and foreigners who have been ignored or treated like property.

C: We commit to the work of justice and inclusion.

P: We renew our commitment to advocate for all LGBTQIA+ people as well as renewing our commitment to racial and gender equity. We commit to advocacy and support for immigrants regardless of status. We commit to advocacy and support for neurodiverse and disabled people, who are often targets for shaming language that diminishes their humanity.

C: We commit to using our voices to speak up for those who have been rendered voiceless in our church and society. We promise to continue to advocate for inclusion, affirmation, and justice in our church and in our community and in the wider world even when we encounter resistance or ignorance, or when our steps falter as we grow tired. We promise all these things as we take another step in our journey towards understanding God's asymmetrical love.

P: Let us pray: O God of compassion and liberation, guide our feet as we strive to walk the good road with Jesus, a road towards justice. We ask You to strengthen our hands as we use them to build Your Blessed Community with space at the table for all of God's beloveds. We ask You to support our voices as we speak words of welcome and compassion. We ask Your Spirit to inspire and sustain us when our hearts grow weary, when our steps falter, when our boats feel so small on an endless ocean of pain and suffering. Be with us in and out of every day and night. And as God's children we say:

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN: *All the Colors of the Rainbow*

see next page

All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain - bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

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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

AM: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: EXODUS 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, “You shall be my treasured possession,” and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God’s will.

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 100

A cantor will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹ Hear 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all you lands!

² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

³ **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter:

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:35 – 10:23

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *God Gave This World a Gift*

God Gave This World a Gift

Carmen Llanos

EDVIADO
Pedro Infante

God gave this world a gift the day that you were born, and
no mat-ter what you do, no mat-ter who you are, God's
though life can be hard be - cause of who you love,
al - ways by your side. You're God's be - lov - ed child.
When you are com-ing in, when you are go-ing out, God walks a - long with
you to jour-ney on your path. God's pres-ence is with us, our
fam-i - ly of choice. Let's all re-joice as one u - ni-ted in our love!

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BAPTISM OF ELIZABETH LYNN CLIFFE

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Family: We present Elizabeth Lynn for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

F: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

F: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Josie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BAPTISM

P: Elizabeth Lynn Cliffe, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Sustain Elizabeth with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

WELCOME

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Welcome, Child of God



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.



Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.



When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,



we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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The congregation may stand as comfortable.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

(A brief silence.)

AM: . . . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also, with you.**

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, using the words of the risen Lord: Peace be with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach, Arr. by Herbert Colvin

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

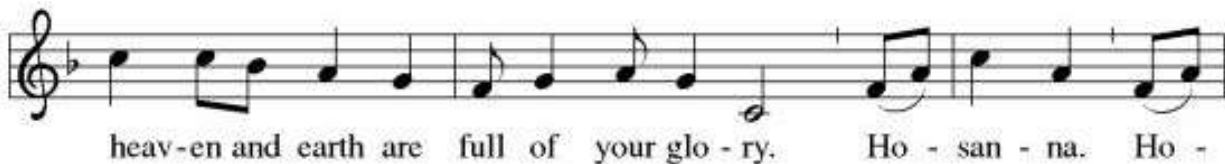
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

HYMN# 484

I Am the Bread of Life

HYMN# 485

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story*

HYMN# 661

DISMISSAL

AM: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *March in C*

R. G. Thompson

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Barb Johnson
in memory of her Grandparents, Arthur and Ruth Swenson,
on their wedding anniversary



| WORSHIP LEADERS | |
|--------------------|--|
| PRESIDER | Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie |
| GREETER | Moe Family |
| USHERS | Steve Hetager, Gary Borkowski |
| ASSISTING MINISTER | T. Edwards Breed |
| LECTOR | Elizabeth Penny |
| CANTOR | T. Edwards Breed |
| INSTRUMENTALIST | Ella Rothgangel |
| CHILDREN'S SERMON | Chris Schmidt |
| FELLOWSHIP HOST | Lindsay Schuessler (in honor of Brock's Baptism Anniversary) |
| ALTAR GUILD | Denise Buehrer |
| CAMERA | Jaryd Wolfsberger |
| WINE SPONSOR | <i>available</i> |

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

| Request for: | <i>On Behalf of:</i> |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Bev, good friend, (fighting cancer) | <i>Breed/Penny family</i> |
| Lisa McL (healing); Pam M. (healing); Karen Z. (healing) | <i>Jean Chouquette</i> |
| Speedy recovery and pain relief for Hannah's broken arm | <i>Gaines/Tulloch family</i> |
| Gratitude for 10 years of marriage on June 4, grace for many more. | <i>Kohlberg 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, Charlie, Russell, Tanya, Zino, Brooks, Vonya, Nicole and Steve, Barbara, Michael's friend, 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> |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer bulletins** (Worship Guides, Readings, etc.) will be used again next week. This week we are using standard bulletins as we celebrate our RIC Anniversary with special hymns and celebrate Elizabeth's baptism.
- **TODAY!** The **Music Fundamentals** class begins 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! See Amy with any questions about participation.
- **TODAY!** Is our first summer **Bridge Bread Sunday!** On the second Sunday of each month, Bridge Bread products will be available for purchase during fellowship time. (**June 14**, July 12, August 9) [Bridge Bread](#) provides meaningful employment opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness in St. Louis, and your support helps make a real difference in our community.
- **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** needs are canned fruit, fresh fruit, mashed potatoes, rice packets, jelly in plastic containers, nutri-grain/fruit/granola bars, shaving cream, sunscreen and small tissue packets. Place donations in the shopping cart in the hallway.
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped assemble **blessing bags** last week, contribute to the potluck, set-up and clean-up. It was such a joy to see so many people come together for this meaningful and worthwhile project, and the potluck food was delicious (as usual!) Blessing bags are available in the Narthex by the outer church doors—please take one or more to share with someone in need.
- **Synoptic Frequencies**, featuring Marisa Anderson, is this **Friday, June 19, 7-9 pm**. Come to enjoy the music and welcome attendees to Gethsemane.
- **Save the Date, Walk with Kate!** Kate Hartz invites you to join her for the Walk to Defeat ALS on **Saturday, June 27**, in Forest Park. Kate will be participating in this meaningful event to help raise awareness and support for people and families affected by ALS—and she'd love to have fellow Gethsemane folks walk alongside her. A sign up link is in the eNews.
- On **Sunday, June 28, 4-7 pm**, Gethsemane will hold a **"Get to Know Gethsemane"** session for anyone wanting to learn more about Gethsemane or become a member. Dinner will be provided by our Fellowship Committee. Childcare provided by request. RSVP to Pastor Cheryl.
- **Countdown to VBS – 22 days!** VBS, "God's Gift of Water" will be held at Gethsemane on July 6-10.
- The **June Women's Luncheon** is Mon, June 22, at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 7439 S. Lindbergh Blvd. Contact Joan Williams to RSVP.
- **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.

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
June 14 - 21, 2026**

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| Today 6/14 Sunday | 9:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am | Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship – Cookies and Lemonade and Bridge Bread items available for purchase Music Fundamentals Class with Amy (Chapel) |
| 6/15 Monday | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal |
| 6/16 Tuesday | 10 am 6 pm | Bible Study Church Council Meeting |
| 6/17 Wednesday | 1:00 – 3:00 pm | Staff Meeting (phones unanswered) |
| 6/19 Friday | All day 7-10 pm | Juneteenth Holiday Synoptic Frequencies concert at Gethsemane |
| Father's Day 6/21 Sunday | 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 10:45 am | Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship – Cookies and Lemonade Music Fundamentals Class with Amy (Chapel) Third Sunday Committee Meetings (check with your committee lead to see if you are meeting) |

Upcoming Dates to Consider

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Mon, June 22 | 11:30 am | Women's Luncheon at La Fiesta on S. Lindbergh. RSVP to Joan Williams |
| Sat, June 27 | 10 am | Walk with Kate (Hartz) to Defeat ALS (Forest Park) |
| Sun, June 28 | 4 - 7 pm | Get To Know Gethsemane (information session for prospective members) |
| Sun, July 5 | 11 am – 1 pm | VBS Training |
| July 6-10 | 9 am – 5 pm | Vacation Bible School and VBS+! |

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are transgender, female, intersex, male, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

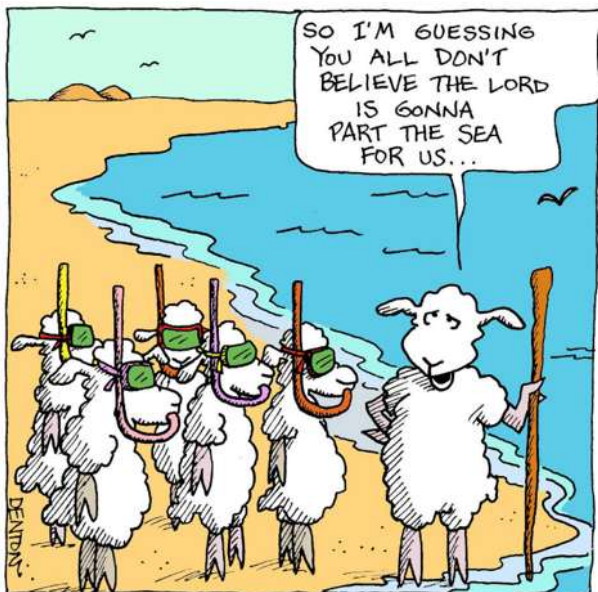
People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.


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