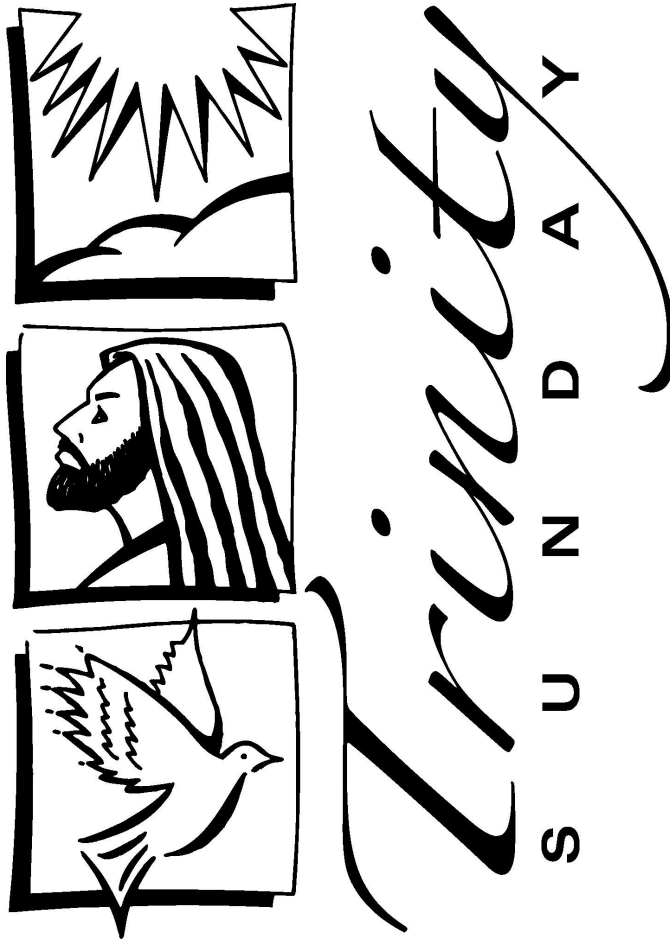


**THE HOLY TRINITY
SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 10:15 AM
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TEN**



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The Rev. Richard Whitesel
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**God's purpose for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church: Live by His Word and spread His Word.**

PRELUDE:

INTRODUCTION

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

C **Amen.**

P God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 819 "Come, All You People"

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A The first reading is from the book of Proverbs, Chapter 8.
In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
- ² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴ “To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

A Please pray together Psalm 8 responsively.

¹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the
mouths of in- | fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence
the foe¹ and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work¹ of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set¹ in their courses,
⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mind-¹ful of them,
human beings that you should¹ care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less¹ than divine;
with glory and hon-¹or you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works¹ of your hands;
you have put all things un-¹der their feet:**

⁷ all¹ flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts¹ of the field,
⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish¹ of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths¹ of the sea.**

⁹ O¹ LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in¹ all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

A The second reading is from the book of Romans chapter 5.
*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future
is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

¹ Therefore, 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
sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and
endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and
hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Spoken on Wednesday, sung on Sunday.)

C *Alleluia.* Holy, holy, holy is the ¹ Lord of hosts;* God's glory fills ¹ the whole earth. *Alleluia.* (Isa. 6:3)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 398 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

ATHANASIAN CREED (read responsively)

A We confess our faith together with the words of the Athanasian Creed.

Whoever wants to be saved
 should above all cling to the catholic faith.

**Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable
 will doubtless perish eternally.**

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity
 and the Trinity in unity,
**neither confusing the persons
 nor dividing the divine being.**

For the Father is one person,
 the Son is another,
 and the Spirit is still another.

**But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 is one, equal in glory,
 coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is,
 the Son is,
 and so is the Holy Spirit.

**Uncreated is the Father;
 uncreated is the Son;
 uncreated is the Spirit.**

The Father is infinite;
 the Son is infinite;
 the Holy Spirit is infinite.

**Eternal is the Father;
 eternal is the Son;
 eternal is the Spirit:**

And yet there are not three eternal beings,
 but one who is eternal;
 as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,
 but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father;
 almighty is the Son;
 almighty is the Spirit:

**And yet there are not three almighty beings,
 but one who is almighty.**

Thus the Father is God;
 the Son is God;
 the Holy Spirit is God:

**And yet there are not three gods,
 but one God.**

Thus the Father is Lord;
 the Son is Lord;
 the Holy Spirit is Lord:

**And yet there are not three lords,
 but one Lord.**

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge
 each distinct person as God and Lord,
 **so catholic religion forbids us
 to say that there are three gods or lords.**

The Father was neither made
 nor created nor begotten;
 the Son was neither made nor created,
 but was alone begotten of the Father;
 the Spirit was neither made nor created,
 but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.
 Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;
 one Son, not three sons;
 one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.
And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,
 greater or less than the other;
 but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and
 coequal;
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity
and the one God in three persons.
 Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the
 Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also
faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.
 For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:
 That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
 is both God and man.
 He is God, begotten before all worlds
 from the being of the Father,
and he is man, born in the world
 from the being of his mother—
 existing fully as God,
 and fully as man
 with a rational soul and a human body;
equal to the Father in divinity,
 subordinate to the Father in humanity.
 Although he is God and man,
 he is not divided,
 but is one Christ.

He is united because God
 has taken humanity into himself;
 he does not transform deity into humanity.

**He is completely one in the unity of his person,
 without confusing his natures.**

For as the rational soul and body are one person,
so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell
 and rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily
 to give an account of their own deeds.

**Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
 those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

This is the catholic faith.

**One cannot be saved
 without believing this firmly and faithfully.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in
 prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P ... Hear us O God,
C your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting
 that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our
 risen Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace.

OFFERING-*Please be seated as the Usher's collect today's offering. Stand when the first verse of the Canticle begins.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE—

This Little Light of Mine



1	This	lit - tle	light	of	mine,	I'm	goin' - a	let	it	shine;
2	Ev - 'ry	- where	I	go,		I'm	goin' - a	let	it	shine;
3	Je - sus	gave	it	to	me,	I'm	goin' - a	let	it	shine;



this	lit - tle	light	of	mine,	I'm	goin' - a	let	it	shine;
ev - 'ry	- where	I	go,		I'm	goin' - a	let	it	shine;
Je - sus	gave	it	to	me,	I'm	goin' - a	let	it	shine;



this	lit - tle	light	of	mine,	I'm	goin' - a	let	it	shine,
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let	it	shine,	let	it	shine,	let	it	shine.
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let	it	shine,	let	it	shine,	let	it	shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C **Amen**

MEAL

DIALOGUE

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 him thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
 ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated

COMMUNION— *Please move forward for *communion forming 2 lines down the center isle. Receive the host, then move left or right accordingly to receive the wine. (A grape juice option is on the table, not in the trays).*

P The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

After all have communed, please stand.

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

C **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself
 known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your
 glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary
 world.

C **Amen.**

ANNOINTING

Please remain seated. If you would like to be anointed with oil and prayer please come forward to Pastor Whitesel. After the last person is anointed, we will stand, continue with the blessing and sing our closing hymn.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with
resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ELW 414 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God, we will!

POSTLUDE:

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WE WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS who have come to worship with us! The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized persons are invited to the Lord's table. As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives us, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, be assured that in a single element you receive the Real Presence of Christ and the gifts of the sacrament.

You may come forward with your hands crossing your chest for a blessing in lieu of the Eucharist. Children receive when parents make that decision.

NURSERY

Everyone is welcome in Worship at St. John's! We do not have a staffed nursery, but we understand you sometimes need a break. The nursery is clean and available as needed. It also has a speaker to hear the service. The Nursery is located right inside the hallway before entering the Narthex (lobby).

JUST FOR KIDS—There are children's activity bags in the narthex on the pew at the glass windows. Inside the bags are a children's bulletin, crayons and other activities. Please feel free to pick one up for your child to use during the worship service!

THE COLUMBIA FOOD BANK

In addition to other non perishables here is a list of items currently needed: **Baked beans, canned fruit, canned pasta and canned stews.** Please place your items in the food bank box located in the back of the church.

Sunday Worship is streamed live on Facebook

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TRUE NORTH-VBS 2025

Something really great is coming!! At True North, kids will discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and test out sciency-fun experiments they'll never forget.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. This will be a fun high energy environment for kids ages 4-12.

Together we will discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world!

Monday, June 23, to Thursday, June 26, from 6pm to 8pm!

A program by **“Critter Connections”** will be the Grand Finale on the last day for the whole family!

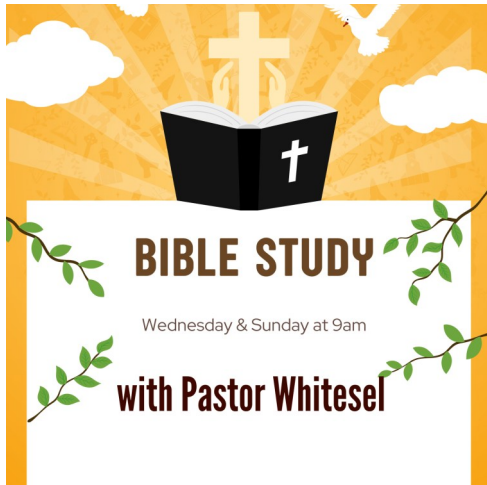
For more information, to register your children **OR** to volunteer check out the VBS Website! Be sure to click on the **“DETAILS”** button lower left of the page!

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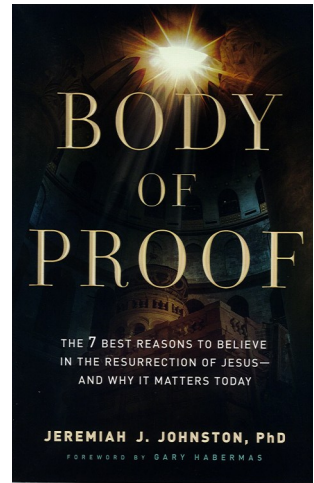
The BIG VBS WORK NIGHT JUNE 16, FROM 6-8 PM.

Thank you for all the Donations!!!!

Thank you! Theresa Divet—717-449-1772



A current book study on Wednesdays is ***Body of Proof***, by Jeremiah J. Johnston, PhD
 "The 7 best reasons to believe in the resurrection of Jesus -and why it matters today"



CHURCH picnic

SAVE THE DATE!
 ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
 PICNIC IS **AUGUST 3, 2025**
 AT
 GLADFELTER MEMORIAL PAVILLION

More details and sign up will be coming soon.



Columbia Lions Club

Music in the Park

FREE Concerts in Locust St. Park at the Gazebo 6:30 to 8:15pm



June 20

Mama Tried Band

A Columbia Music in the Park favorite, Mama Tried Band brings it all to the Park. Funk, dance, rock, they will give Columbia a great night of music under the stars!



CHURCH PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED

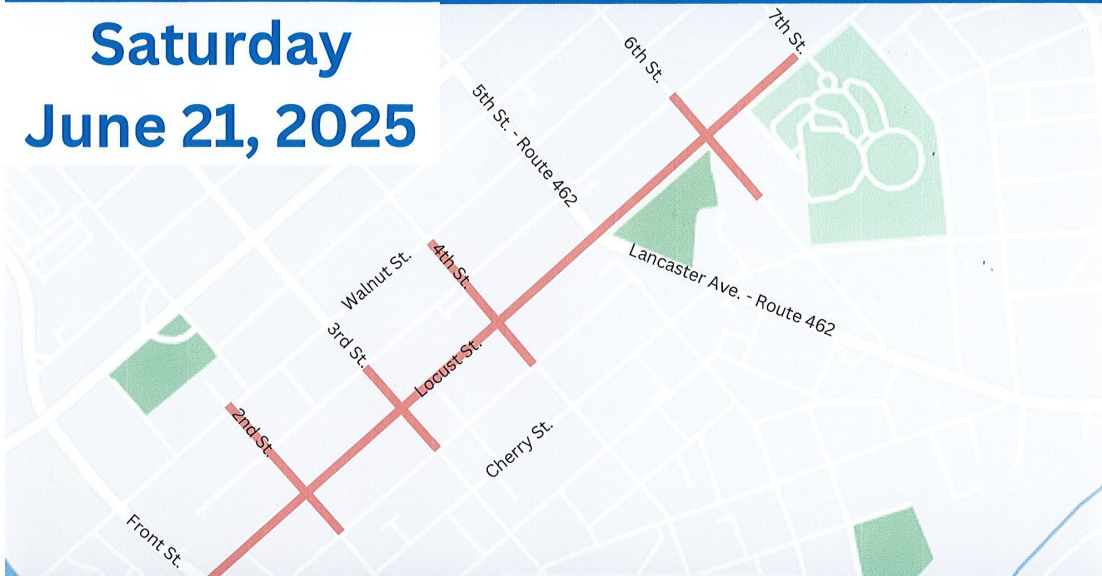
NOTICE: THE PARKING LOT IS BEING REPAIRED!

The church parking lot will not be accessible from **Thursday morning, June 12 to Sunday morning June 15th**. It will be open for Sunday morning worship service on Father's Day. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!!

Thunder on the River Car Show is June 21st and Mt. Bethel Cemetery also is hosting an event. Scout Troop 35 will be selling bottles of water for this event. Below is a notice of the street closures.

Car Show Street Closures

**Saturday
June 21, 2025**



Street closures and parking restrictions will be in effect at 4:00 AM. Streets are expected to reopen and parking to resume by 4:00 PM.

Serving in worship:**June 15****Greeter**

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