



CELEBRATION

Lutheran Church

CELEBRATE * GROW * SERVE

Celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ - **Grow** as faithful disciples - **Serve** in the world!

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

in-person and online worship

Our online service can be found on Facebook, YouTube or on our Website: CelebrationLutheranChurch.com



WELCOME!

- **Visitors:** Please sign the Welcome to Worship book today when it is passed to you. Please include your contact information.

"We, Celebration Lutheran Church, embrace and celebrate the diversity of all people. We are committed to fostering a welcoming and safe space where people of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, educational and economic background, relationship status, or physical and mental ability, can experience love, support, and community. We value racial equity and inclusivity, where everyone is worthy of dignity and respect. We invite you to journey with us, as we grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and extend love to all.

Here at Celebration, you are welcome just as you are."



Thank you for your support!

We Prepare For Worship:

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Black Bible: pg. 884

To prepare for worship on May 24, 2026, read:

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Black Bible: pg. 986

Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

Black Bible: pg. 879

8:30am Sunday Music:

Organ – Dr. Kim Kasling

Prelude Song: Organ SOLO

Opening Song: "God Is Here"

ELW #526

Song of Praise: "I Come with Joy"

ELW #482

Offering Song: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW #659

Communion Song: "One Bread, One Body"

ELW #496

Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW #543

10:30am Sunday Music:

Silas Dingman, Nathan Kleppe, Mark Wolters, Brandon Zylka

Prelude Song: "Open Space"

On Screen

Opening Song: "Lead On Good Shepherd"

On Screen

Song of Praise: "Abide"

On Screen

Offering Song: "Who Am I"

On Screen

Communion Song: "Goodness of God"

On Screen

Closing Song: "Stand In Your Love"

On Screen

Children are welcome to participate in worship. Children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community children can serve as ushers, greeters & readers. We expect that children will be children—giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. We also have a self-serve nursery available for ages birth – 5 years old or kids tables located in the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests

Contact Jenny in the office with requests. Prayers are listed for 4 weeks; contact the office to extend.



In Our Prayers: Stuart Bailey, Laurie Bammann, Paul Berglund, Lucy Bjorkman, Stephanie Cone, Marlene DeBoer, Kathleen Engel, Lynn Fitzthum, Phil Konsor, Laura Mackenthun, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Diane Weber,

Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)
Sally Erickson (Bonnie Hansen's sister)
Marcy Gray (Shari Pretzer's sister in law)
Greta Hokanson (Joe & Jan Perske's daughter)

Sandy Liestman (Todd Thornton's mother-in-law)

Bruce Mueller (Marlene DeBoer's brother)

Judy Neste (Shari Pretzer's friend)

Michael Orman (Gary & Linda Orman's son)

Doug & Janet Peterson (Les Peterson's son/Deb Baloun's brother)

Don Schwegel (Jessica Akkerman's father)

Dan Sowada (Vern Voss' brother-in-law)



Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. The figures below provide a snapshot of our financial activity through the ninth month of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, which makes our missions and ministries possible.

| | Mission & Ministry Funds | Building/Capital |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Giving YTD | \$858,729 | \$240,744 |
| Budget YTD | \$996,250 | \$150,000 |
| Expenditures YTD | \$911,608 | \$113,484 |
| Budget YTD | \$935,878 | \$141,000 |
| Net YTD | -\$52,879 | \$127,260 |
| Net Budget YTD | \$60,372 | \$9,000 |
| Ahead (Behind) | -\$113,250 | \$118,260 |

Join us in the Fireside Room for discussion that will draw on the themes presented by scripture and the recently adopted ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith. All are welcome to come and listen, reflect and participate in the conversation as the Spirit may move you. Discussions led by Pastor Russ, Pastor Jeff and retired pastor Steve Peterson.

The Christian and Civic Life: Table Talks

MAY 3rd, 10th, 17th

AT 9:30 AM

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PINTS & PRAISE

June 7th 4:00pm

25 College Ave N St. Joseph, MN

Military:

Colin Stein (Aaron & Connie Stein's son)

Ben Brix (Darren & Jenny Brix' son)

Cody Raymond (son of Lynette Pflueger and brother of Ashley Raymond)



yoga MONDAYS @ 8:30AM

WITH MARILYN PEITSO

Final class before Summer Break on 5/18

- Wear stretchy clothing for this hatha style class.
- Bring your yoga mat, blocks and straps if you have them.
- All levels and ages welcome.
- \$5 per session payable at class.

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Summer Worship

SUNDAYS @ 9:00AM

MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

*Monday services start on June 8th

CLC FREE
Community Store

Pick-Up Food Bag Event

Tuesday, May 19th
10am - 12pm*

1 Free Food Bag PER FAMILY

- Must Be Present At Pickup
- While Supplies Last
- All In Need Are Welcome
- No Appointment Necessary

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Lutheran Church
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YouthConnection
Sunday School (Age 3-Kind)
GodZone (Gr. 1-5)
Nicole Oftedahl: 255-0488 x 105
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Middle School (6-8)
Katrina Bahen: 255-0488 x 107
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High School (Gr. 9-12)
Nathan Kleppe: 255-0488 x 108
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YOUTH SUMMER FUN EVENTS

Watch for a Summer Calendar to be mailed to you soon!

THANK YOU for your generous support of money, donations, and volunteering for the CLC FREE store!! Contact Jenny to get involved!



Warner Park Adventure Day

FREE! JUNE 30th 11am - 3pm

6th Graders and Up Can Attend Alone
Bring Your Friends!
Younger Youth Welcome With An Adult

** Celebration has rented Canoes, Paddleboards, & Kayaks for the day!
** Lunch will be provided - Just bring a side dish to share!!
** Sign-up Online or at church! - Release forms will need to be signed!
** Carpooling will be available!
Contact Nathan, Nicole or Katrina with questions:
noftedahl@celebrationlutheranchurch.com

HAPPY LAST DAY SCHOOL

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!
Drive through our parking lot on May 28th, 12-2pm on your way home from school for a cool treat to kick off summer!
All youth invited!

CLC FREE STORE ITEMS NEEDED
(Approx. 160 of each per month!)

- Canned Fruit
- Shampoo / Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- Peanut Butter ·Cereal
- Fruit Snacks / Granola Bars
- Hamburger Helper / Macaroni & Cheese
- Reusable Cloth Shopping Bags
- Spaghetti Noodles / Spaghetti Sauce
- Taco Seasoning & shells (soft)
- Monetary Donations ·Hand Soap / Dish Soap

May 20 8:15am

The Breakfast Club

Grades 9-12

EVERYONE IS GAGA OVER GAGA BALL!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME JOIN IN THE FUN EACH TUESDAY, 10-11AM *JUNE 9-JULY 21 AT THE CELEBRATION GAGA COURT!

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Join us for our new **Chair Yoga class—a gentle, accessible way to stretch, move, and relax.** Led by instructor **Marilyn Peitso**, the class meets in the Commons and is \$3 per session.

FREE TO ATTEND
With Diane Lee - Mother Gardener
Ages 6-12

WATCH US GROW!
CELEBRATION CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Space is limited to 10 children

Every other Thursday morning from 10am-11am
June 11, 25, July 9, 23, August 13, 27

Contact Nicole for all the details - noftedahl@celebrationlutheranchurch.com

RUMMAGE SALE

6/10, 7am-7pm
6/11, 7am-7pm
6/12, 7am-12pm

Come and shop our Celebration Rummage Sale! All sales help support the youth as they go on their Mission Trips this summer to FAIRBANKS, ALASKA!

We would also love your donations! Please bring in donations by May 31st!

HEY MAMA... we saved a seat for you!

May 14

- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
- Celebration meetup at 7PM
◦ Topic: Mom Olympics

May 28

- Mary Center meetup at 9AM
◦ Topic: Mom Olympics
- Celebration mom's night at 7PM

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MOUNTAIN MOVERS DAY CAMP
Day Camp: Mountain Movers
August 3-6, 2026
WATAB CREEK PARK

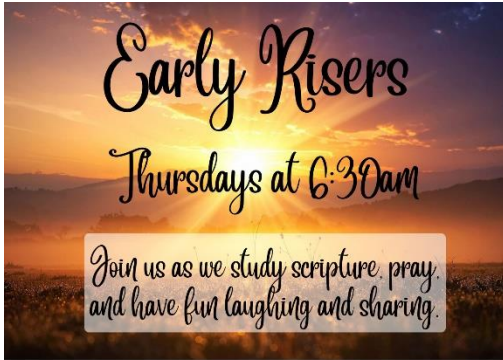
Preschool (3yrs by 9/1/25) 9:00am - Noon
K - 4th Grade (25-26 year) 9:00am - 3:00pm

Summerland FAMILY FUN PARK
St. Clouds Most Unique Theme Park

Summerland Day
Monday, August 17, 2026
1:00pm-5:00pm

Go-Carts, Bumper Boats, Waterslide, Mini Golf

If you are interested in joining a small group or have an idea for a group you would like started, please contact **Pastor Russ 320-255-0488 x102**




Early Risers
Thursdays at 6:30am

Join us as we study scripture, pray, and have fun laughing and sharing.



Venmo QR code.

Please specify what payment is for!



We invite you to become an important part of our church family by volunteering your time and talents! There's a place for you here!



volunteers needed

To Volunteer contact **Jenny Keen**
Ph: 320-255-0488 ext. 170
Email: jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com

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Friday 8am - 1pm


Lead Pastor: Jeff Sackett x 101
Congregational Life Pastor: Russ Britton x 102

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Elka Sowada

This week we're shining the spotlight on Elka for the joy, leadership, and dedication she brings to our children's ministries. A high school senior, Elka serves in many ways — teaching Sunday School, helping with VBS and Day Camp, supporting other children's ministries, and serving as Vice President of the Youth Council. She is a positive role model who makes everyone feel welcomed, encouraged, and valued. Thank you, Elka, for sharing your faith and servant heart with our church family!



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| <p>17 Place of Hope Meal</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:30am Civic Life Table Talks</p> <p>10:30am Worship/Senior Recognition</p> <p>11:45am Senior Rec. Luncheon</p> | <p>18</p> <p>8:30am Yoga</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> | <p>19</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Pick Up</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p> | <p>20</p> <p>8:15am Breakfast Club</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30pm VBS Prep</p> | <p>21</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Pastors' Sabbath Day</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>9:00am Worship/Baptism</p> | <p>25 Office Closed</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>7am Second Harvest Delivery</p> <p>8:30am Second Harvest Pick Up</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Packing</p> <p>5:30pm VBS Set up</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30pm VBS Set up</p> <p>6pm VBS Team Meeting</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>12pm - 2pm Last Day of School Treats</p> <p>1pm VBS Set up</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Pastors' Sabbath Day</p> | <p>30</p> |