

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026 8:30 AM/10:00AM

St. John's Lutheran Church

*Bulletins are subject to change based on the Pastors' discretion

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763

Greeting and Kyrie

pp. 147-148

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.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

The Hymn of Praise (*Glory to God in the Highest...*)

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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

L: ⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalms 85:8-13 (read responsively)

P: ⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C: ⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

P: ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

P: ¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: ¹³ Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Special Music (8:30 Service) – Wonderful Peace – W.G. Cooper Randy Johnsen, Baritone Solo

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

L: ⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to

believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Gospel Acclamation **"Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?"** **page 151**

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: *Matthew 14:22-33*

All: Glory to You, O Lord/ Praise to You, O Christ!

P: ²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Waldemar Gies

Confession of Faith

Apostle Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 to the dead. 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. 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. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace: P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us greet each other and share the peace of Christ with each other, either with a wave, a fist bump, handshake, ...however you prefer using the words "Peace be with you".

Offering Hymn: (Radio Ministry Hymn)

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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Offering Prayer:

P: 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.

Prayers of the Church: P: God of grace,....

C: hear our prayer..

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Benediction:

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: (Hymn of the Day)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Activities this Week at St. John's

August 9, 2026, to August 17, 2026

Sun, Aug 9	8:30am	Worship Services, Pastor Waldemar Gies
	9:30am	Bible Study in Lounge
	10:00am	Worship Service
Tues, Aug 11	9:15am	Sarah Circle @ Sarah Sweeney home, Pg 40, Lesson #2 of Summer Gather magazine
Wed, Aug 12	8:45am	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Aug 13	all day	WIC here
Sun, Aug 16	8:30am	Outdoor Worship Services, W/Comm, *Pennies for Presents, Scholarships handed out Pastor Mark Oehlert
	9:30am	Brunch in Fellowship Hall
Mon, Aug 17	5:00pm	Board of Trustee Meeting
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting

General Funds (undesignated)

Attendance

Jan 1 – August 5, 2026,

2026 Average 98

Actual Income \$99,359.74

Previous Week 108

Jan 1 – August 31, 2026,

2025 Average 103

Budget Expenses \$137,918.64

Greeters	8:30 am	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom
	10:00 am	
Readers	8:30 am	Dave Sanderson Karen Stamper
	10:00 am	
Ushers/Acolytes	8:30 am	Dan & Lori Treangen, Donna Wood
	10:00 am	
Secretary		Lana Dahlstrom
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Mark Oehlert

St. John's Lutheran Church Events

If you are unable to join us in person, you may listen on the radio or watch online through the St. John's Waukon Facebook page. Bulletins may be found on our website <https://stjohnswaukon.net/> To find out more about our special projects here at St John's visit the website and look at the MORE drop-down tab.

Today we are pleased to welcome Pastor Waldemar Gies of Rochester, Minnesota, to St. John's Lutheran Church. We are grateful for his willingness to lead us in worship today and pray that God richly blesses his ministry among us.

Update to Today's Bulletin Please note the following changes to today's worship service:

- The Kyrie will be omitted. *The Nicene Creed (found on page 104 in the ELW hymnal) will be read in place of the Apostles' Creed. Thank you for your understanding.

Radio Broadcast Ministry Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by an anonymous donor from Decorah. We are grateful for your support of this ministry, which shares God's Word through our weekly radio broadcast. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in honor or memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, please contact the church office at 563-568-3623. Sponsors are also invited to select a hymn for the service. We invite you to join us each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on KNEI 103.5 FM. Thank you for listening, and God's blessings to you.

Join us for Sunday Bible Study! with a study of men and women of the Bible. Come gather with us in the lounge at 9:30 am, between services. There will be no Bible Study on August 16.

St John's has a Prayer Chain If you would like to be added or have someone to add to our prayer chain contact the Church Office at 563.568.3623 or email stjohnswaukon@gmail.com Your information will be shared with the coordinator and will be kept confidential.

Bible Display –Check out our Bible display, featuring Bibles generously brought in by members of our congregation. If you brought a Bible for the display, you are welcome to take it home following services.

Sarah Circle meeting Tuesday, August 11, at 9:15 am at Sarah Sweeney's home. Section #2, pg. 40 of the Summer Gather magazine.

Quilting resumes on Wednesdays, in the parish hall from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to join us, if you can tie your shoe, you can tie a quilt. We hope to see you there!

Outdoor Worship – Sunday, August 16 at 8:30 a.m. on our church green space. Please bring a lawn chair if you prefer not to sit on the lawn or the chairs provided. A potluck brunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide egg bakes, coffee, juice, and milk. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. In case of rain, the service will be held in the church. Please note: There will be no 10:00 a.m. worship service or Bible Study that day. Invite your friends and neighbors—we look forward to worshipping with you!

College Scholarship Presentation August 16 The Trust Fund Committee will present college scholarships to students who contacted the church office for a scholarship. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients!

Join us for St. John's Rieck's Chicken Dinner – Friday, September 11, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Dine-in and carry-out meals are available for \$15.00. The dinner includes: 3-piece chicken dinner, seasoned potato wedges, baked beans, roll, bar. Coffee, milk, and bottled water will be available for those dining in. Please see the 2026 Supper Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet in the narthex for a list of volunteer opportunities, duties, bars. Thank you for helping make this event a success!

Sunday School Is Almost Here! Sunday School is open to children ages 3 years through 8th grade. Invite a friend to join us! Sunday, September 13 – 9:30 a.m. Registration & Family Service Project. Sunday, September 20 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Backpacks during worship services, 9:30 a.m. – First Day of Sunday School We look forward to a wonderful year of growing in faith, learning God's Word, and building friendships. We look forward to seeing you this September!

Northgate Care Center maintains a card stand for its residents. If you have any extra cards at home—birthday, thinking of you, get well, thank you, or even blank cards. Your donated cards will be added to the stand. Video security system has been upgraded. If you would like to contribute to this improvement, Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Security System" noted in the memo line.

Volunteers for August 16, 2026: Pastor Mark Oehlert

Ushers/Acolytes: 8:30am Dan & Lori Treangen, Donna Wood; 10:00am No services

Greeters: 8:30am Bill & Linda Halverson; 10:00am No services

Readers: 8:30am Sue Blagsvedt; 10:00am No services

Communion Assistant: 8:30am Bill & Sue Blagsvedt, Rhonda Barr; 10:00am No services

Communion Prep: 8:30am Linda Groe, Kasey Iverson; 10:00am No services

Community Events – see bulletin board for more information

EWALU has many upcoming events posted on the bulletin board from Aug-Nov.

UTV Ride & Sweet Corn Boil: Join us on Sunday, August 23 (rain date: August 30) at Highland Lutheran Church for our new Side-by-Side UTV Ride & Sweet Corn Boil. Everyone is welcome at the sweet corn boil! For \$10, enjoy brats, hot dogs, sweet corn, dessert, and beverages. Ride registration is \$10 per person. Don't have a side-by-side? Register at bchlutheran.org and indicate you'd like to ride along—we'll do our best to match you with a driver. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Neighbors in Faith Fest: Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship, food, and faith on Saturday, September 19 at Calmar Lutheran Church (200 N. East St., Calmar). Gates open at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy live music, food vendors, community booths, and worship on the church lawn. Bring a lawn chair and invite your family, friends, and neighbors! This family-friendly event is open to everyone, with free-will donation admission at the gate.