

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026 8:30 AM/10:00AM

St. John's Lutheran Church

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

Prelude

Closer Walk

Arr. Michael Hassell

Ring 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

Awake My Soul, And With The Sun

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Greeting and Kyrie

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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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

L: *God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13 (read responsively)

P: ¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

C: ² To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

P: ³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

C: ⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

P: ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

C: ⁶ You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

P: ⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

C: ⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

P: ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

C: ¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

P: ¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

C: ¹² May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

P: ¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Special Music (8:30 Service) *Allegro Moderato from Concerto No 5 in D Major*
Friedrich Seitz 6-12-1848 - Elsa Thorstenson, Violin

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

L: There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?”

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

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

P: ¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ

**Children's Message
Message**

Pastor Ryan Bose

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: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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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)

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW#765

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Psalm XVIII

Benedetto Marcello

Activities this Week at St. John's**July 12, 2026, to July 19, 2026**

Monday – Friday, July 1 – 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feed the Kids at Zion United Church of Christ; We welcome all school-age children

Sun, July 12	8:30am	Worship Services, Pastor Ryan Bose
	9:30am	Bible Study in Lounge; Second Service
	Committee Mtg W/ Board of Education in the Blue Room downstairs	
	10:00am	Worship Services
		LYO Fishing in the Park Sign Up DEADLINE
Tues, July 14	7:00pm	Dorcas Circle Virtual Meeting (UPDATED)
Tues, July 14-16	Lana will be on Faircation. Office coverage will be available during her absence.	
Wed, July 15	August Newsletter Articles are due stjohnswaukon@gmail.com	
Thurs, July 16	WIC here	
Sun, July 19	8:30am	Worship Services, W/Comm, *Pennies for Presents, Pastor Mark Oehlert
	9:30am	Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Services, W/Comm, * Pennies for Presents
Mon, July 20	5:30pm	Board of Trustee Meeting
<u>General Funds</u> (undesignated)		<u>Attendance</u>
Jan 1 – July 8, 2026,		2026 Average 99
Actual Income \$88,453.56		Previous Week 79
Jan 1 – July 31, 2026,		2025 Average 103
Budget Expenses \$120,678.81		

Greeters	8:30 am	Greg & Ann Hagensick
	10:00 am	
Readers	8:30 am	Ann & Heath Hagensick
	10:00 am	Jill Kistler
Ushers/Acolytes	8:30 am	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
	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.

Radio Broadcast Ministry Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by church funds. We are grateful for the support of our radio ministry and for everyone who helps share God's Word with our community each week. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in honor 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 welcome to choose 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. Visit the resource page on our website.

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.

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.

FEED THE KIDS: Summer is here and we need your help! Monetary donations may be made by cash or check payable to Feed the Kids/Zion Church these can be placed in the collection OR sent to the office. A sign-up sheet for kid-friendly desserts and workers is in the Narthex. This month - we could use fresh produce.

If you still have a baby bottle from the Baby Bottle Campaign at home, please return it to the church office as soon as possible. The bottles will be collected, and we look forward to sending St. John's generous donation.

LYO Fishing in the Park Saturday, July 25 • 4:00–8:00 p.m. Waukon City Park All ages are welcome! Bring a friend and your fishing gear if you have it. A light meal will be provided. Please sign up in the narthex or RSVP to Becky or Chris, deadline is TODAY. In case of bad weather, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall.

UPDATE Dorcas Circle will now meet virtually for July. Tues, July 14 @ 7:00 pm. Will not meet in August.

Bible Display – Please bring your Bible to the church office by July 22 to be on display on July 26. Bibles will be labeled with the owner's name if needed. If your Bible has a special story, memory, or family connection, please include a brief written description to be displayed alongside it. More information in your July newsletter.

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, giving residents a variety of options to choose from. Thank you for helping support this thoughtful ministry.

St. John's 2026 Graduates Upcoming college students for fall of 2026 are encouraged to contact the church office by August 1 with their name, college, and major. Scholarships are available by the Trust Fund Committee. Please contact the church office for additional information.

Upcoming Service Reminders Details will be shared closer to services

Outdoor Worship – Sunday, August 16 Join us for outdoor worship 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!

Volunteers for July 19, 2026:

Ushers/Acolytes: 8:30am Steve & Sheryl Evanson; 10:00am

Greeters: 8:30am Steve & Sheryl Evanson; 10:00am

Readers: 8:30am Bailey Benson; 10:00am Karen Stamper

Communion Assistant: 8:30am Bonnie Roe, Nona Sawyer, Cindy Barness; 10:00am Karen Stamper

Communion Prep: 8:30am Mary Jackson, Linda Groe; 10:00am Linda Groe

Community Events – see bulletin board for more information

Music in the Country Sunday, July 12 • 2:00 pm. Featuring special musical guests Alan and Roxy Fauque, a talented saxophone and piano duo.

Stavanger Lutheran Church/Winneshiek County Cattlemen are having a dinner on Sunday, July 26 at Carey Park in Ossian. Serving from 11-1pm. Menu includes - Steak Sandwich or Hamburger, Seasoned Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans, Bars, Water. Cost is \$15 for the Steak Dinner meal and \$10 for the Hamburger meal. Proceeds going toward new front door of the Church.