

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
October 5, 2025 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

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Announcements

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus
Youth Bell Choir

Arr. Michael R. Keller

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: 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.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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. Amen.

L: 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.**

Gathering Hymn:

God is Here

ELW # 526 VS 1-3

Noisy offering will be gathered during hymn

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

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

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
mercy.

C: Lord, have

L: 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.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

The Hymn of Praise (This is the feast)

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L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day: L: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4. 2:1-4.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watch-post and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Psalms: (read responsively) Psalm 37: 1-9

L: ¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C: ²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

L: ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

C: ⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

L: ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

C: ⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

L: ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C: ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

L: ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Special Music/Anthem

Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

Dale Wood

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation *"Allelulia, 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:

Luke 17: 5-10

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

Confession of Faith

Apostle's 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.

Offering Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

ELW# 796 VS1-3

Offering Prayer:

L: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayers of the Church: L: God of grace... **C: Receive our prayer.**

The Words of Institution

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.

Communion Distribution Hymns: *ELW # 758 You Are the Way*

ELW # 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Prayer Following Communion:

L: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

Benediction:

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Closing Hymn:

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

ELW # 545

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Laudation

Gilbert M. Martin

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, Oct 5	8:30am & 10:30am 9:30am 7pm
Wed, Oct 8	7pm 7pm
Sun, Oct 12	8:30am & 10:30am 9:30am

Oct 5, 2025, to Oct 12, 2025

Worship Services w/Comm
Sr Choir, Sun School
Men's Choir
Sr Bells
Fields of Faith (Meet at WWC)
Worship Services
Sr Choir, Sunday School

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – Oct 1, 2025**

Actual Income	\$164,015
Actual Expenses	137,718

Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	171,844
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Attendance

Last Sunday	113
2025 Average	97
2024 Average	99

Greeters	8:30am 10:30am
Readers	8:30am 10:30am
Ushers	8:30am 10:30am
Comm. Prep	8:30am 10:30am
Comm. Asst	8:30am 10:30am
Secretary	
Custodians	
Organist/Director of Music	
Pastor	

Diana Johnson
Jill Kistler
Matt/Dawn Teslow, Bob Joachim
Lyle Brenda Kurth
Diana Johnson
Rosanne Wicks
Dennis/Linda DeBuhr, Rhonda Barr
Jill Kistler
Rhonda Barr/Lana Dahlstrom
John & Sharon Roe
James H. Bieber
Michael Sherer

Today we welcome Pastor Michael Sherer, to St. John's. He is a retired Pastor joining us today from Waverly, IA. Please greet and welcome him.

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is from generous donations from the congregation. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am. ***Note: you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.***

Fields of Faith on Wed, Oct 8 starting at 7pm at the Waukon High School Football Field. The Key Speaker is Tanner Morgan. No cost to attend and **All Are Welcome!**

Wilmington Lutheran Church Meatball Dinner Sunday, October 12 at Spring Grove Fest Building
Serving from 10:30am to 1:00pm. \$15 per meal. Menu: meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, country coleslaw, lefse, dinner roll, and bar.

Volunteers for Oct 12 service:

Ushers for October: 8:30am Matt & Dawn Teslow and Bob Joachim

10:30am: Lyle & Brenda Kurth

Greeters: 8:30am Ken & Rose Beardmore / 10:30am

Readers: 8:30am Dave Sanderson / 10:30am Ed Stemper

Comm Prep: 8:30am / 10:30am

Comm Asst: 8:30am / 10:30am