

**Day of Pentecost**  
**May 24, 2026 8:30 AM/10:00AM**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

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

**Prelude**

*Turn Your Radio On*

*Men's Choir*

**Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Announcements**

**Anthem (8:30 Service Only)** *Rise Up O'Men of God, Arr. By Kenneth Jennings and The Lord Is My Strength and Song, Arr. By Hayden Morgan - The Men's Choir*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**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. Gracious 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.

**Gathering Hymn**

*O Day Full of Grace*

*ELW #627 VS 1, 3, 4*

**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: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

L: <sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively)**

P: <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

P: <sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**C: <sup>27</sup> All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

P: <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**C: <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

P: <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**C: <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

P: <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**C: <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

P: <sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

**C: <sup>35b</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

L: <sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit,<sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord,<sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.<sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.<sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**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: John 20:19-23**

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

P: <sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ**

### **Children’s Message**

**Message**

**Pastor Charis Combs-Lay**

**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.

**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:** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* *ELW#398*

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church:** P: Merciful God,....

**C: receive 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: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** *Jerusalem My Happy Place* *ELW#628*

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** *Toccata in E Minor* *Arr. By Johann Pachelbel*

**Announcement addition**

The St. John's Lutheran Church extends their sympathy to the family of Marian Hesla, who passed away Tuesday, May 19.

Services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Monday, June 15. Visitation will be from 9:00–11:00 a.m., with funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Activities this Week at St. John's****May 24, 2026, to May 31, 2026**

Sun, May 24	8:30am&10:00am	Worship Services Pastor Charis Combs-Lay, *summer schedule begins
	9:30am	Bible Study
Mon May 25		Memorial Day Church Office Closed
Tues, May 26	1:00pm	Nursing Home Visit Northgate
	2:00pm	Good Samaritan Society
	2:45pm	Evergreen Court
Wed, May 27	8:45-noon	Quilting
Thur, May 28		WIC Here
Sat, May 30	9:00am	Spring Clean Up Day
Sun, May 31	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services W/Comm, Pastor Mark Oehlert at the 8:30 Service Camperships will be awarded

	9:30am	Bible Study
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**General Funds (undesignated)**

Jan 1 – May 19, 2026,

Actual Income \$67,293.91

Jan 1 – May 31, 2026,

Budget Expenses \$86,199.15

**Attendance**

2026 Average 104

Previous Week 158

2025 Average 103

Greeters	8:30am	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson
	10:00 am	
Readers	8:30 am	Carrie Niehaus
	10:00am	Jill Kistler
Ushers/Acolytes	8:30am	Ron Dahlstrom, David & Wendy Sanderson
	10:00am	
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/>

Radio Broadcast Ministry Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by church funds graciously given by our listeners and congregation. Thank you for your support. To sponsor a broadcast, contact the church office at 563-568-3623. Sponsors may choose a hymn for the service. Join us on Sundays at 8:30 am on KNEI 103.5 FM.

Join us for Sunday Bible Study! with a study of men & 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](mailto:stjohnswaukon@gmail.com) Your information will be shared with the coordinator and will be kept confidential. To find out more about our special projects here at St John's visit the website and look at the MORE drop-down tab.

St. John's Spring Clean Up Day Sat, May 30, starting at 9:00 am. Join us as we spruce up the church grounds for the season! There are several projects, many hands make light work—your help is greatly appreciated!

Quilting on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 8:45 am to noon. All are welcome! Last day will be May 27.

Vacation Bible School All students' preschool and older are able to participate (preschoolers will need an adult chaperone) Wed June 3 we will be heading to Village Creek Bible Camp. Cost \$20 per child. Meet in church parking lot at 7:45 am will be back around 4:50'ish. More information see the registration forms in the Narthex or on our website. We would like the money and forms by Wed May 27. We are looking for chaperones for the day, Grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents are welcome!

The Church Services Committee invites your input to help guide future worship services and programs. Surveys are available in the narthex or on page 9 of the May newsletter. Please include your name and submit one survey per member. Completed surveys may be returned to the church office or placed in the wooden box by Sunday, May 31.

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 almost 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 will be in the Narthex starting June 15. When July comes around - we could use garden fresh produce.

St. John's is helping with the Baby Bottle Campaign which is a key fundraiser runs from now to Father's Day for the Hope Family Resource Center (HFRC), a program of Hope Pregnancy Ministries. This initiative relies on "pocket change" to provide life-affirming medical care, education, and material support to local families. To donate see the display in the Narthex.

Help Wanted: Feed the Kids Representative for 2027: Responsibilities are securing donations and volunteers for the third week of July. Cindy Wuebker has the experience to ease the transition. Please contact her at 712-661-9149 if interested or have any questions.

Cantors Needed! We are looking for cantors to help lead during services. Cantors will lead from the lectern and help guide the congregation in song. This opportunity is open to anyone who feels called by the Spirit to serve — you do not need to be a member of the choir, training provided! Many of our pastors are not comfortable singing, and this is a wonderful way you can help support worship. If you are interested, please call the church office to sign up for a Sunday that works best for your schedule. We need YOU!

#### **Upcoming Service Reminders Details will be shared closer to services**

May 31 8:30 service, we will be awarding camperships to those who contacted the church office. Camperships are made possible through the St. John's Trust Fund, Bev Haas, and St. John's WELCA.

June 21 8:30 worship will be held on the Church lawn. Please bring a lawn chair and get comfortable as we gather outside to hear God's Word. Start Father's Day out right by attending church with your family! 10am service will be held inside.

August 16 We will be having our worship service at 8:30 followed by a brunch in the fellowship Hall. No 10am service.

#### **Volunteers for May 31, 2026: Second Service time 10 AM**

Ushers/Acolytes: 8:30am Ron Dahlstrom, David & Wendy Sanderson; 10:00am

Greeters: 8:30am Gary 7 Marlene Houg; 10:00am

Readers: 8:30am Sarah Sweeney; 10:00am Linda Groe

Communion Assistant: 8:30am Bonnie Roe; 10:00am Linda Groe

Communion Prep: 8:30am Altar Guild; 10:00am Altar Guild

#### **Community Events – see bulletin board for more information**

A Farewell Celebration for Fr. Donald Hertges, pastor of St. Benedict Parish, will be held the weekend of June 20–21.

Saturday, June 20 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 21 Breakfasts at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

All events will take place in the St. Benedict Parish Hall.