

First Sunday after Pentecost
May 31, 2026, 8:30 AM/10:00 AM
St. John's Lutheran Church

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Prelude

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

Jacob B. Weber

Ringing of the Church Bell

Announcements

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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: 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. C: Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

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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 (This is the feast)

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P: 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: P: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm: Psalm 8 (read responsively)

P: ¹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: ² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

P: ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

C: ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

P: ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

C: ⁶ You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

P: ⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

C: ⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

P: ⁹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Special Music (8:30 Service) Vocal Duet by: Don Fruechte and Randy Johnson - Thanks Be To God Arranged by O'Reilly/Dickson

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of 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 28:16-20

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

P: ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Children’s Message

Camperships For those attending summer camps, we will be handing out checks today. All campers who notified the church office of their camp registrations will receive campership support provided by the St. John’s Trust Fund, Bev Haas, and St. John’s WELCA. We hope everyone has a wonderful camp experience! Those receiving support are Henley Benson, Soren Benson, Henry Clarke, Irene Clarke, Cameron Emerson, Heath Hagensick, Oliver Hagensick, Ruth Hagensick, Stella Hagensick, Kloe Leiran, Joseph Oder, Bristol Wilkes

Message

Pastor Mark Oehlert

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: Radio Ministry Hymn of Choice, In Memory of Dale Rademaker -

Come Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW #412

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.....**

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".

The Great Thanksgiving (sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

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All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of Pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) (sung)

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All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution Hymns: *ELW #820 O Savior, Precious Savior*

ELW #816 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Prayer Following Communion:

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction:

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW #665

Dismissal: P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Trumpet Tune in C

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Activities this Week at St. John's

May 31, 2026, to June 7, 2026

Sun, May 31 8:30am & 10:00am Worship Services W/Comm, Pastor Mark Oehlert at the 8:30 Service Camperships will be awarded

9:30am

Bible Study

Tues, June 2

all day

Primary Election Site- Fellowship Hall

Wed, June 3

Vacation Bible School to Village Creek

Sun, June 7

8:30am & 10:00am Worship Services W/Comm, Noisy offering, Pastor Mark Oehlert

9:30am

Bible Study

General Funds (undesigned)

Attendance

Jan 1 – May 27, 2026,

2026 Average 103

Actual Income \$70,369.41

Previous Week 77

Jan 1 – May 31, 2026,

2025 Average 103

Budget Expenses \$86,199.15

Greeters	8:30am	Gary & Marlene Houg
	10:00 am	
Readers	8:30 am	Linda DeBuhr
	10:00am	Linda Groe
Ushers/Acolytes	8:30am	Ron Dahlstrom, David & Wendy Sanderson
	10:00am	
Communion Assistant	8:30am	Bonnie Roe
	10:00am	Linda Groe
Communion Prep	8:30am	Altar Guild
	10:00am	Altar Guild
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 lovingly sponsored by the Ann Rademaker Family in memory of Dale Rademaker. Today's chosen hymn is "Come Join the Dance of Trinity". We are grateful for the continued support of our radio ministry and for those who help share God's Word with our community each week. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office at 563-568-3623. Sponsors are welcome to choose a hymn for the service. Join us Sunday mornings 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 Your information will be shared with the coordinator and will be kept confidential.

The **Church Services Committee** invites your input to help guide future worship services and programs. Surveys are available in the narthex. Please include your name and submit one survey per member. Completed surveys may be returned to the wooden box TODAY Sunday, May 31.

Starting Mon, June 1, St. John's Church will be transitioning our phone and internet services to AC Skyways. Please be patient with us at the beginning of the week as we complete this transition and work through any temporary service interruptions. If you are unable to reach us by phone, please stop into the office between 8:00 am and 2:15 pm. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Vacation Bible School Wed, June 3 we will be heading to Village Creek Bible Camp. Meet in church parking lot at 7:45 am will be back around 4:50'ish. Registrations were due by Wed, May 27. Contact Brandi Neuzil.

St. John's Spring Clean Up Day has been **rescheduled to Sat, June 13**, starting at 9:00 am. Join us as we spruce up the church grounds! There are several projects, many hands make light work—your help is greatly appreciated!

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. This is a 2-year term, so it is time to find someone new to serve in this position.

Cantors Needed! We are looking for volunteers to help lead congregational singing during worship services. You do not need to be a choir member, and training will be provided! If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact the church office to sign up for a Sunday that fits your schedule. We need YOU!

Upcoming Service Reminders Details will be shared closer to services

June 21 8:30am 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 8:30am followed by a brunch in the fellowship Hall. No 10am service.

Volunteers for June 7, 2026:

Ushers/Acolytes: 8:30am Bill & Becky Roe Family; 10:00am Eric Kirkeby

Greeters: 8:30am Marilyn Henkels; 10:00am

Readers: 8:30am Ann Hagensick; 10:00am Lori Hesse

Communion Assistant: 8:30am Greg & Ann Hagensick, Chris Stuckman; 10:00am Jill Kistler

Communion Prep: 8:30am Mary Jo Meyer, Bailey Benson; 10:00am Lori Hesse

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.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum, Burr Oak, IA Presents **50th Anniversary of Laura Days** on **Saturday, June 27**. Special guest appearance by Alison Arnglim (Nellie Olson) in the Little House on the Prairie TV series. See the bulletin for more information on the schedule of activities or their website at www.lauraingallswilder.us