

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

CWM RHONDDA
setting, Jacob B. Weber

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

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

ELW #557, vss. 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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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.

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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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**

L: 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: L: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 33:12-22

L: ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**C: ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

L: ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

**C: ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

L: ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**C: ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

L: ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**C: ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

L: ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

**C: ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

L: ²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our

ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Congregational Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"

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

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Confession of Faith

Apostles' 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.

The Offering Hymn

Abide With Me

ELW #629, vss. 1-4

The Offering Prayer: L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C:** Amen.

Prayers of the Church: L: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

L: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia! **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**

Closing Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW #618

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

Jacob B. Weber

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, Aug 10	8:30am & 10am
	8:30am
	7pm
Tues, Aug 12	9:15am
	7pm
Wed, Aug 13	9am-noon
Thurs, Aug 14	8:30am-4:30pm
Sun, Aug 17	8:30am & 10am
	7pm

Aug 10, 2025 to Aug 17, 2025

Worship Services
Award college scholarships
Mens Choir
Sarah Circle
Dorcas Circle – virtual
Tying quilts
WIC
Worship Services w/comm
Mens Choir

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – Aug 5, 2025**

Actual Income	\$124,699
Actual Expenses	107,098

Jan 1 –August 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	133,329
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Attendance

Last Sunday	90
2025 Average	96
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt
	10am	Ed & Karen Stamper
Ushers	8:30am	Bill Roe family
	10am	
Readers	8:30am	Mary Jo Meyer
	10am	Ed Stamper
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is given in honor of the 63rd wedding anniversary of Ron & Nancy Brandt on August 12 and in memory of Ron's 95th birthday on August 7; given by Nancy Brandt & family. 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.**

Sarah Circle will meet August 12 at 9:15am at Sarah Sweeney's house: 17 3rd Ave NW, Waukon. Ann Rademaker is hostess. The Bible Study is in the Gather magazine issue for June/July/Augus and will be session two: "Relationships that Sustain Us". This will cover the relationship of Naomi & Ruth.

Dorcas Circle will meet on August 12 at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Linda Groe.

Scholarships: Handed out today at 8:30am service only. We will be awarding scholarships to the children of parishioners who enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The amount of the award is \$500. If the child is enrolled in a Lutheran College, he/she will be eligible for a matching EPIC of \$500.

Keeran Barr UNI	Olivia Dougherty Winona St	Sarah Stock IA St
Ava Bossom UNI	Lynsey Houg UNI	Brandon Teslow Hawkeye Com
Olivia Bossom UNI	McKinley Rostvold Hawkeye Com	Hannah Teslow Allen College

Newsletters are available for pickup for those who requested printed correspondence from the Church.

Troop 64 Boy Scout Omelet Breakfast: Sunday, Sept 7, 2025, Allamakee Co Fairground Pavillon, Waukon. Serving 8am-noon. Dine in or carry out. Made to order omelets, hashbrowns, fresh cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice or milk. \$10 Advance Tickets / \$12 at the door

Volunteers for Aug 17 services:

Ushers for August: 8:30am Bill & Becky Roe family / 10am:

Greeters: 8:30am Marilyn Henkels / 10am

Readers: 8:30am Dan Treangen / 10am Lori Hesse

Comm Prep: 8:30am Linda Groe / 10am Sherry Knudtson, Kasey Iverson

Comm Asst: 8:30am Ann & Greg Hagensick, Dan Treangen / 10am Lori Hesse