

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

October 19, 2025 8:30 A.M.

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Announcements

Prelude

Largo

Antonia Vivaldi

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Pastor: 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. **Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most Merciful God,

Congregation: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Let Justic Flow Like Streams

ELW # 717

Greeting and Kyrie

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Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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. **Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord. **Congregation:** Amen.

The Hymn of Praise (This is the feast)

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

Congregation: 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:

Pastor: O Lord God you are always ready to hear us as we come to you in prayer. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your Word and wisdom in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm: (read responsively) Psalm 121

Pastor: ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

Congregation: ² My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: ³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Congregation: ⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

Pastor: ⁵ the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

Congregation: ⁶ the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Pastor: ⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

Congregation: ⁸ The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Special Music/Anthem

You Are My Shelter

Kevin Boesiger

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?”

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

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Message

Pastor Susan Friedrich

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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW # 769 Verses 1-3

Offering Prayer: Pastor: Lord of the harvest, we praise you for the abundance you have given to us. Write your vision on our hearts and turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayers of the Church: Pastor: God of grace

Congregation: 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# 772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways;*
ELW #773, Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Prayer Following Communion: Pastor: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to serve others and to share the news of your redeeming love with all the world. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Congregation: Amen.

Benediction: Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Jesus Still Lead On* *ELW # 624*

Dismissal: Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Allegro* *Antonio Vivaldi*

Activities this Week at St. John's**Oct 19, 2025, to Oct 26, 2025**

Sun, Oct 19	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services w/Comm
		Pennies for Presents
	9:30am	Sr Choir, Sun School
	7pm	Ecumenical Choir
	8pm	Men's Choir
Mon, Oct 20	5pm	Call Committee Mtg.
	6pm	Board of Trustee Mtg.
Wed, Oct 22	6pm	Youth Bells
	7pm	Confirmation & Sr Bells
Sun, Oct 26	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Sr Choir, Sunday School
	10:30am	Confirmation Service
	7pm	Ecumenical Choir
	8pm	Men's Choir

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – Oct 15, 2025****Actual Income \$167,426****Actual Expenses \$137,982****Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2025****Budget Expenses \$171,844****Attendance****Last Sunday 81****2025 Average 97****2024 Average 99**

Greeters	8:30am	Joan Moody
	10:30am	
Readers	8:30am	Vickie Larson
	10:30am	Karen Stamper
Ushers	8:30am	Matt/Dawn Teslow, Bob Joachim
	10:30am	Lyle/Brenda Kurth
Comm Prep	8:30am	Dave/Cindy Wuebker
	10:30am	Altar Guild
Comm Assistant	8:30am	Dan Treangen, Brenda Dougherty,
		Ron Dahlstrom
	10:30am	Karen Stamper
Secretary		Rhonda Barr/Lana Dahlstrom
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Susan Friedrich

Today we welcome Pastor Susan Friedrich, to St. John's. She is a retired Pastor joining us today from West Union, IA. Please greet and welcome her.

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.*

All of our women are invited to donate to the Pennies for Presents container in the narthex today. We will have this container available every third Sunday of each month through November. The money we gather will once again go toward Christmas gifts for three boys and three girls next December. You may also drop off your donation in the Church Office during the week. *Thank you for caring for others.*

Glenwood Lutheran Lutefisk Supper Sunday, October 26 noon – 3pm at the Glenwood Lutheran Church 1197 Old Stage Rd, Decorah. Advance Ticket sales only \$25, ages 6-12 \$10, Under 5 is free. Tickets may be purchased at Waukon State Bank, Glenwood Church office 563-202-2554 or Alyce Schaller 563-379-2151. Menu: lutefisk, meatball, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, cranberries, lefse rommegrot – Norwegian desserts.

Daylight Saving Time - End Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025

- **Time Change:** the clocks **go back one hour.**

Allamakee County 4-H Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction Sunday, November 2 at the Allamakee County Fairgrounds Pavilion from 8am to 12:30pm. Free Will Donation at the door. Menu: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, juice, milk, and coffee. All proceeds benefit the Allamakee County 4-H program and development fees.

Burr Oak Lutheran Church Meatball Supper (drive up only) Wednesday, November 5 4pm to 7pm. Tickets \$15 advance ticket sales appreciated. (see flyer on bulletin board for locations) Menu: meatballs, “real” mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, green beans, pumpkin pie.

Volunteers for Oct 26 service:

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

10:30am: Lyle & Brenda Kurth

Greeters: 8:30am Dan & Lori Treangen/10:30am

Readers: 8:30am Karen Grimstad / 10:30am Linda Groe

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

Comm Asst: 8:30am Randy Hesse, Cindy Barness, Sarah Bieber/10:30am Lori & Randy Hesse, Jill Kistler

We will be hosting Pastor Charis Combs-Lay from Cresco, IA.