

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

Sussex Carol
Senior Bell Choir and Piano

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

pp. 116-117

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:

How Firm a Foundation

ELW #796 VS 1-3

Greeting and Kyrie *"In peace, let us pray..."*

pp. 147-148

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: 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:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord **C: Amen.**

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm: Psalm 98 (Read Responsively).

P: ¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C: ² **The Lord has made his salvation known, and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

P: ³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C: ⁴ **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

P: ⁵ Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

C: ⁶ **With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-- shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

P: ⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: ⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the mountains ring out with joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.**

P: ⁹ The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living

irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Special Music/Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Arr. Maureen Howell

Senior Choir and Piano

Children's Message

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:

Luke 21: 5-19

C: Glory to You, O Lord/Praise to You, O Christ

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Message

Pastor Mark Jolivet

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

When Peace Like a River

ELW # 785 VS. 1-3

The Offering Prayer: P: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Prayers of the Church: L: Hear Us O God. **C: Your mercy is great!**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution Hymns: *ELW #789 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW # 790 Day by Day

Post Communion Prayer: L: God of grace and mercy, you have blessed us with your redeeming love and nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to witness to all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **C: Amen**

Benediction

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine upon you grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace. **C: Amen**

Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW # 632 VS 1-3

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

Postlude

Ein Feste Burg

Wayne L. Wold

Call Committee Update: The Call Committee has a questionnaire to assist with the call process. This questionnaire will help us develop the ministry profile. Copies of the questionnaire are available during Nov 16 church services. We ask that you fill one out and return it to the wooden drop box at the back of the church as you leave. Your input will be very helpful as the Call Committee continues working with the synod in this important process. Thank you for your participation and support!

Activities this Week at St. John's**Nov 16, 2025, to Nov 23, 2025**

Sun, Nov 16	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services w/Comm. Pennies for Presents
	9:30am	Sr Choir, Sun School
	7pm	Ecumenical Choir
	8pm	Men's Choir
Wed, Nov 19	6pm	Youth Bells
	7pm	Sr Bells. Confirmation at WWC
Sun, Nov 23	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services w/ <u>Thankoffering</u>
	9:30am	Sr Choir, Sunday School
	7pm	Ecumenical Choir
	8pm	Men's Choir

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – Nov 11, 2025**

Actual Income	\$174,274
Actual Expenses	\$149,493

Jan 1 – Nov 30, 2025

Budget Expenses	\$187,466
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Attendance

Last Sunday	99
2025 Average	98
2024 Average	99

Greeters	8:30am	Dave & Wendy Sanderson
	10:30am	
Readers	8:30am	Dan Treangen Linda Groe
	10:30am	
Ushers	8:30am	Linda & Dennis DeBuhr, Fred Oelberg
	10:30am	
Comm Prep	8:30 am	Ron Dahlstrom/Linda Groe Evonne Kistler/Jill Kistler
	10:30 am	
Comm Assistant	8:30 am	Dan & Lori <u>Treangen</u> /Bonnie Roe Linda Groe
	10:30 am	
Secretary		Lana Dahlstrom
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Mark Jolivette

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Radio Broadcast Ministry; We extend our sincere thanks to **Darrell and Jolayne Winkie** of **Decorah** for making today's radio broadcast possible. Your continued support helps sustain this important outreach ministry! Join us each **Sunday morning at 8:30 am** on **KNEI 103.5 FM** to listen to the service.

Note: When sponsoring a broadcast, you have the opportunity to select a **hymn of your choice** for that service.

Honoring Our Veterans Today we recognize and give thanks for the **veterans and families of St. John's Lutheran Church**. We are grateful for your service, your sacrifice, and your dedication in defending our freedoms. May God bless you for all you have given in service to our nation.

We are still accepting pledges toward the Solar Project. Pledges may be made by filling out the forms

on the table by the Narthex.

Grateful hearts are getting **food baskets** ready for Christmas. The grocery cart is located in the coat room with a list of items. Please donate generously to this cause and if you would rather donate money, please make a check out to the St. John's and write Food Baskets in the memo. Thank You!

Attention Members: Please contact the Church Office at **563-568-3623** or email stjohnswaukon@gmail.com with your current email, address, phone so we can update our records for all 2026 Church correspondence. If you prefer to pick up printed correspondence instead of receiving emails, please let us know. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Share Your Time and Talents! St. John's Lutheran Church is blessed with a vibrant community of people, each with unique gifts. We invite you to consider how you might share your time and talents to serve God and our congregation. Please take a few minutes to indicate the areas where you're interested in helping, time and talent sheet was emailed, or a hard copy is in the pews. Your input helps us grow together in faith and service. Your contribution makes a difference!

Little Switzerland FFA Pancake Breakfast Sun, Nov 16 9 am-12 pm at the Waukon Middle School. Freewill donation. Serving pancakes, sausages, hashbrown patties, beverages. Funds used to help offset conference registrations and various FFA activities.

The 2025 "Christmas Vacation" **Christmas Fantasy** is on display at the Allamakee Fairgrounds Pavilion Nov 14-17. See Narthex bulletin board for more details.

Waukon Lions food order drive. Order forms are available on the bulletin board. Pickup Nov 18, 3-6pm.

St. Pat's Vendor/Craft Show Sat, Nov 22 at the St Patrick School Gym from 9 am-1 pm. The St. Pat's RoboCats will be having a food concession.

The **Women of the ELCA** ThankOffering. We will have our traditional ThankOffering service on Sun, Nov 23. The concept of ThankOffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years. ThankOfferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us a tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition used in celebration of community and of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. We are placing the offering box in the back of the church today and before the first service on Nov 23. If you would like to donate to the ThankOffering, please place your donation in the box. We will have a short service during the first church service on Nov 23. These donations then will be sent to the Women of the ELCA in Chicago. Thank you.

Northern Lights Women's Chorus fall concert at 3 p.m. Sun, Nov 23 at Decorah Lutheran Church. During intermission, a freewill offering will be taken, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Decorah Community Food Pantry. Northern Lights will perform at Decorah's Holiday Lights Walk-through Night on Nov 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Pulpit Rock Campground, and at Vesterheim Christmas on Dec 6 at noon. For more information, visit the choir's Facebook page. Or email northernlightsdecorah@gmail.com. Flyer on bulletin board

Reminder: There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service.

Volunteers for Nov 23 service:

Ushers for November: 8:30 am Linda & Dennis DeBuhr, Fred Oelberg 10:30 am:

Greeters: 8:30 am Geralyn Smith 10:30 am

Readers: 8:30 am Mary Jo Meyer/10:30 am Linda Groe

We are pleased to host Pastor Mark Jolivet, LaCrosse, WI.