

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026, 8:30 AM/10:00 AM
St. John's Lutheran Church

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

Prelude

Pastorale

J.K. Kuchar

Ringling of the Church Bell

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Oh Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW #658

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)

pp. 149-150

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: Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

L: ¹Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (read responsively)

P: ⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: ⁹ Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

P: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C: ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

P: ¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: ¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

P: ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

C: ¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

P: ²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

C: ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Special Music (8:30 Service)

You are Mine – David Haas, Sarah Hagen, Soprano

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

P: ¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Children's Message Message

Pastor Mark Oehlert

Welcoming of New Congregation Members

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:

Break Now The Bread Of Life

ELW #515

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: Merciful God.... **C: receive 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

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 Hymn:

You Satisfy The Hungry Heart

ELW#484

Come Let Us Eat

ELW#491

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: (*radio ministry hymn*)

How Great Thou Art

ELW #856

Dismissal: P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in A Major

William Selby

Today we welcomed the following new members into the St. John's Lutheran Church congregation:

Smokey (Albert) Asfal Born in Southern Minnesota and moved with family shortly after birth to Riceville IA. At ten years of age moved to Rochester, MN where he lived, raised a family and worked for IBM for 30 years. Has spent the last 30 years living in either Texas or Arizona in the winter months. Now living in Waukon and is engaged to Ann Rademaker.

Duane and Janice Baumler have lived near Sattre for 25 years at the old Coon Club cabin. They have three grown children, ages 40, 37, and 28, as well as two grandchildren, ages 10 and 7, all of whom live within driving distance.

Duane works as a National Accounts Manager for Stanley Black & Decker, and Janice works in the Human Resources Department at WinnMed. They enjoy traveling and spending time outdoors and are looking forward to becoming an active part of the St. John's community.

Dan Low Dan grew up in St. Ansgar, Iowa. His parents are Dave and Judy; his mother passed away in 1997, and his father now lives in Osceola, Wisconsin, near Dan's sister Laurel and her husband. His other sister, Kari, lives with her husband in Cedar Rapids.

Dan was married to his husband, Ron, for 33 years. Ron passed away in January of this year. Dan is self-employed as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, providing telehealth services to patients in Colorado.

Dan is grateful for the warm welcome he has received at St. John's and is proud to be a new member of this community.

Please join us in welcoming Smokey, Duane, Janice, and Dan to the St. John's Lutheran Church family!

Activities this Week at St. John's**August 2, 2026, to August 9, 2026**

Sun, Aug 2	8:30am	Worship Services, W/Comm, *Noisy Offering, New Member Welcome Ceremony and Reception (coffee/donuts) Pastor Mark Oehlert
	9:30am	Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Services, W/Comm, *Noisy Offering
Tues, Aug 4	1:30pm	WELCA meeting in the Lounge
Wed, Aug 5	8:45am	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
Sun, Aug 9	8:30am	Worship Services, Pastor Waldemar Gies
	9:30am	Bible Study in Lounge
	10:00am	Worship Service

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – July 29, 2026,**

Actual Income \$96,573.06

Jan 1 – August 31, 2026,

Budget Expenses \$137,918.64

Attendance

2026 Average 97

Previous Week 74

2025 Average 103

Greeters	8:30 am	Bailey Benson
	10:00 am	
Readers	8:30 am	Nona Sawyer
	10:00 am	Sadie Bucheit
Ushers/Acolytes	8:30 am	Dan & Lori Treangen, Donna Wood
	10:00 am	
Communion Assistant	8:30 am	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer, Bailey Benson
	10:00 am	Sadie Bucheit
Communion Prep	8:30 am	Linda Groe
	10:00 am	Linda Groe
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.

Today we are pleased to welcome **Pastor Mark Oehlert** to St. John's Lutheran Church. We are grateful for his willingness to lead us in worship and serve our congregation as our Interim Pastor.

We are truly blessed to have Pastor Oehlert with us and pray that God will richly bless his ministry among us. We look forward to the opportunities to worship, grow, and serve together.

Radio Broadcast Ministry Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by the family of **Gayle Larkin** in loving memory of Gayle Larkin. We are grateful for this thoughtful gift honoring Gayle's memory and supporting the ministry of sharing God's Word through our radio broadcast. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor or memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, please contact the church office at **563-568-3623**. Sponsors are also welcome to choose a hymn for the service. We invite you to join us each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on **KNEI 103.5 FM**. Thank you for listening, and God's blessings to you.

Join us for **Sunday Bible Study!** with a study of men and 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.

FEED THE KIDS: wrapped up the end of July, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the community churches that generously provided donations and volunteers throughout the month. Because of your dedication, hard work, and generosity, we were able to serve an average of 140–160 children each day. Without the continued support of our community, this service would not be possible. Thank you to everyone who gave their time, talents, and resources to help feed our children. Your kindness is making a meaningful difference in the lives of so many families. We are truly grateful for your continued support of this vital ministry!

Bible Display –Check out our Bible display, featuring Bibles generously brought in by members of our congregation. Each one has its own story and serves as a reminder of the inspiration, history, and faith they represent. We even have a Bible of German descent. Be sure to take a look and enjoy this special display!

WELCA will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, August 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge.

Quilting resumes on **Wednesday, August 5**, in the parish hall from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether you're an experienced quilter or just interested in helping. We hope to see you there!

Outdoor Worship – Sunday, August 16 Join us for outdoor worship at **8:30 a.m.** on our church green space. Please bring a lawn chair if you prefer not to sit on the lawn or the chairs provided. A potluck brunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide egg bakes, coffee, juice, and milk. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. In case of rain, the service will be held in the church. **Please note:** There will be **no 10:00 a.m. worship service or Bible Study** that day. Invite your friends and neighbors—we look forward to worshipping with you!

College Scholarship Presentation August 16 The Trust Fund Committee will present college scholarships to students who contacted the church office for a scholarship. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients!

Northgate Care Center maintains a card stand for its residents. If you have any extra cards at home—birthday, thinking of you, get well, thank you, or even blank cards. Your donated cards will be added to the stand, giving residents a variety of options to choose from. Thank you for helping support this thoughtful ministry.

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.

Volunteers for August 9, 2026: Pastor Waldemar Gies

Ushers/Acolytes: 8:30am Dan & Lori Treangen, Donna Wood; 10:00am

Greeters: 8:30am Ron & Linda Dahlstrom; 10:00am

Readers: 8:30am Dave Sanderson; 10:00am Karen Stamper

Community Events – see bulletin board for more information

EWALU has many upcoming events posted on the bulletin board from Aug-Nov.

UTV Ride & Sweet Corn Boil: Join us on Sunday, August 23 (rain date: August 30) at Highland Lutheran Church for our new Side-by-Side UTV Ride & Sweet Corn Boil. Everyone is welcome at the sweet corn boil! For \$10, enjoy brats, hot dogs, sweet corn, dessert, and beverages. Ride registration is \$10 per person. Don't have a side-by-side? Register at bchlutheran.org and indicate you'd like to ride along—we'll do our best to match you with a driver. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Neighbors in Faith Fest: Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship, food, and faith on Saturday, September 19 at Calmar Lutheran Church (200 N. East St., Calmar). Gates open at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy live music, food vendors, community booths, and worship on the church lawn. Bring a lawn chair and invite your family, friends, and neighbors! This family-friendly event is open to everyone, with free-will donation admission at the gate.