

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10, 2026 8:30 AM/10:30AM**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

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

**Prelude**      *Senior Bell Choir*      *Ascend!*      *By Sandra Eithun*

**Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**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. Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

*ELW #408*

**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 (*Glory to God in the Highest...*)**

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P: 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:**

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Choir Recognition Litany (8:30 Service Only)**

**Choir and Congregation: Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

P: For the Lord is great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Choir and Congregation: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

P: The seas are His, for He made it for His hands formed the dry land.

**Choir and Congregation: O come. Let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

P: On this day of choir recognition, we are grateful for the Christian service and ministry shared by all the people involved in our music program. For our music director James H. Bieber, for all our choirs, our bell choirs, our soloists and our instruments; indeed, thanks be to God!

**Awards Youth Bell Choir Graduate and Anniversary Awards**

**Graduate Award, Johnathon Marti; 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award, Sarah Sweeney**

**Anthem (8:30 Service Only)** *Senior Choir & Piano Walk While You Have the Light by Hank Beebee*

**First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

L: <sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**Psalms 66:8-20 (read responsively)**

P: <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

**C: <sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

P: <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**C: <sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

P: <sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**C: <sup>13</sup> I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

P: <sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**C: <sup>15</sup> I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

P: <sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**C: <sup>17</sup> I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

P: <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

**C: <sup>19</sup> but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

P: <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

L: <sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**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: John 14:15-21**

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sunday School Teacher Recognition** – Teachers please come forward

**Children’s Message**

**Message**

**Pastor Waldemar Gies**

**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.

**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”.

**Offering Hymn:** (Radio Ministry Hymn of Choice) *On Eagles Wings*

*ELW#787*

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church:** P: Merciful God,....

**C: receive 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, forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction:**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**

We Know that Christ is Raised

*ELW#449*

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:**

FanFare

by Charles Ore

**Activities this Week at St. John's****May 10, 2026, to May 17, 2026**

Sun, May 10	8:30am&10:30am	Worship Services Pastor Waldemar Gies, Sunday School Teacher/ Choir Recognition
	9:30am	Bible Study, Sr Choir
	7:00pm	Men's Choir
Tues, May 12	9:15am	Sarah Circle - Lounge
	7:00pm	Dorcas Circle – Virtual
Wed, May 13	8:45-noon	Quilting
	7:00pm	Sr Bells (tentative last one)
Sun, May 17	8:30am & 10:30am	*Pennies for Presents, Worship Services W/Comm, Pastor Mark Oehlert at the 8:30 Service Graduating Senior Recognition/Baccalaureate Service. Senior Reception following 8:30 Service in the Fellowship Hall.
	9:30am	Bible Study

**General Funds (undesignated)**

Jan 1 – May 5, 2026,	
Actual Income	\$63,371.91
Jan 1 – May 31, 2026,	
Budget Expenses	\$86,199.15

**Attendance**

2026 Average	100
Previous Week	146
2025 Average	103

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Greeters	8:30am	Chris Engstrom
	10:30 am	Ed & Karen Stamper
Readers	8:30 am	Becky Roe
	10:30am	Karen Stamper
Acolytes	8:30 am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Ron Dahlstrom, David & Wendy Sanderson
	10:30am	
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/>

*Radio Broadcast Ministry* Today's radio broadcast is given by The families of Duane and Eileen Wood, Donna Wood, Sheryl and Steve Evanson and family, Sandy and Rod Ronan and family, and Carolyn and Joh Halling and family lovingly remember our parents on this Mother's Day. We honor the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our father's passing and also cherish the memory of our mother. They are both deeply missed and forever loved. Today's chosen hymn is "ON EAGLES WINGS." Thank you for your contribution. If you'd like to sponsor a radio broadcast, contact the Church office at 563-568-3623. *Please note: When sponsoring a broadcast, you may select a hymn of your choice for that service.* We invite you to join us each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on KNEI 103.5 FM to listen to the service.

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 at <https://stjohnswaukon.net/bible-study-resources-1>

Quilting on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 8:45 am to noon. All are welcome! Last day will be May 27.

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](mailto:stjohnswaukon@gmail.com) Your information will be shared with the coordinator and will be kept confidential. To find out more about our special projects here at St John's visit the website and look at the MORE drop-down tab. We have a lot of good things happening throughout the year!

**Vacation Bible School** All students' preschool and older are able to participate (preschoolers will need an adult chaperone) Wed June 3 we will be heading to Village Creek Bible Camp. Cost \$20 per child. Meet in church parking lot at 7:45am will be back to church around 4:50'ish. More information see the registration forms in the Narthex or on our website. Money and forms are due by Wed May 27. We are looking for drivers and chaperones for the day, Grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents are welcome!

St. John's is helping with the **Baby Bottle Campaign** which is a key fundraiser runs from Mother's Day 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.

St. John's **Spring Clean Up Day** Sat, May 30, starting at 9:00 AM. Join us as we spruce up the church grounds for the season! There are several projects to tackle, many hands make light work—your help is greatly appreciated!

**The Church Services Committee** is seeking your input to better understand what our congregation values most in worship services and programs. We invite you to keep an open mind as you respond—at this stage, cost is not a concern. Your feedback will play an important role in guiding future planning and decisions. Please remember to include your name so we can follow up if needed and kindly submit only one survey per member. We encourage everyone to participate, as each voice is valuable in shaping the future of our church community. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. Surveys are available in the narthex on pink paper or on page 9 of the May newsletter. Completed surveys may be returned to the church office or placed in the wooden box. Please return all surveys by Sunday, May 31.

Video security system has been upgraded. If you would like to contribute to this important safety improvement, Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Security System" noted in the memo line. We greatly appreciate your support in helping keep our church a safe and welcoming place for all.

#### **Upcoming May Service Reminders**

May 17 Graduating Senior Recognition/Baccalaureate Service. Senior Reception following 8:30 Service in the Fellowship Hall.

May 24 Memorial Day weekend. Summer service schedule begins-8:30am/10:00am. Men's choir singing.

#### **Volunteers for May 17, 2026:**

Ushers: 8:30am Ron Dahlstrom, David & Wendy Sanderson; 10:30am

Greeters: 8:30am Bill & Sue Blagsvedt; 10:30am

Readers: 8:30am Dave Sanderson; 10:30am Mary Jackson

Acolytes: Ushers

Communion Assistant: 8:30am Cindy Barness; 10:30am Linda Groe

Communion Prep: 8:30am Linda DeBuhr, Nona Sawyer; 10:30am Mary Jackson

#### **Community Events See the bulletin board for more information.**

Outstanding Evening Sun, May 10 Tenor and Bass Voices sing at Decorah Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm. Free-will donation benefits the Decorah Area Food Pantry. Refreshments downstairs following the concert.

\*Allamakee Master Gardener & Waukon FFA Plant Sale Sat. May 16, 8am-12pm @ the Allamakee County Fairgrounds show barn.

\*Pies and Purses! Sat May 16 9am-12pm Robey Memorial Library. Sew a purse for girls in Zambia, enjoy a piece of pie.