

Twenty Second Sunday of Pentecost

November 9, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Announcements

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Arr. Robert A Hobby

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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW #623

Greeting and Kyrie

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.**

Kyrie

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.**

The Hymn of Praise (*Glory to God in the Highest...*) pp. 148-149

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: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

First Reading: Job 19: 23-27a

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Psalm: (read responsively) Psalm 17:1-9

P: ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

C: ² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

P: ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

C: ⁴ **I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

P: ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

C: ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

P: ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

C: ⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

P: ⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god

or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Special Music/Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Senior Choir and Organ

Arr. K. Lee Scott

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:

20: 27-28

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

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

Message

Pastor Mark Oehlert

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*Amazing Grace**ELW #779**Today's Radio Broadcast sponsor chosen hymn.***Offering Prayer:**

L: 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 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: L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ 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. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn:*Blessed Assurance**ELW # 683*

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

Postlude:*Assurance**Tune: Phoebe P. Knapp**Arr: Michael Hassell & Bert Carlson*

Activities this Week at St. John's**Nov 9, 2025, to Nov 16, 2025**

Sun, Nov 9	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Sr Choir, Sun School
	7pm	Ecumenical Choir
	8pm	Men's Choir
Wed, Nov 12	6pm	Youth Bells
	7pm	Confirmation & Sr Bells
Sun, Nov 16	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship Services w/ Communion & Pennies for Presents
	9:30am	Sr Choir, Sunday School
	7pm	Ecumenical Choir
	8pm	Men's Choir

General Funds (undesignated)

Jan 1 – Nov 4, 2025	
Actual Income	\$172,609
Actual Expenses	\$147,562
Jan 1 – Nov 30, 2025	
Budget Expenses	\$187,466

Attendance

Last Sunday	107
2025 Average	98
2024 Average	99

Greeters	8:30am	Todd & Marlene Hills
	10:30am	Ed & Karen Stamper
Readers	8:30am	Sarah Sweeney
	10:30am	Linda Groe
Ushers	8:30am	Linda & Dennis DeBuhr, Fred Oelberg
	10:30am	
Secretary		Lana Dahlstrom
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Mark Oehlert

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Mark Oehlert from Peosta, Iowa, as he leads us in worship this morning. May we extend a warm greeting and heartfelt welcome to him and his wife Nancy as they join us today.

Radio Broadcast Ministry; Today's radio broadcast, we thank Paul & Sue Raymer for making today's broadcast possible, given in loving memory of Mathew Raymer. Thank you for your continued support of this important outreach ministry! Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. 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.

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 now located in the coat room with a list of items needed. 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 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 prayerfully consider how you might share your time and talents to serve God and our congregation. Whether it's music, teaching, hospitality, maintenance, or committees, your contribution makes a difference! 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.

Call Committee Update: The Call Committee has been working on a questionnaire to assist with the call process. This questionnaire will help us develop the ministry profile. Copies of the questionnaire will be 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!

SARAH Circle: will meet Nov 11 at 9:15 am at the church with hostess Betty White. The Bible study will be session 2 on pg. 24 of the Sept/Oct/Nov issue of Gather magazine.

DORCAS Circle: Will meet virtually on Nov 11 at 7 pm. Contact Linda Groe to join.

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** will be magically displayed throughout the Allamakee Fairgrounds Pavilion Nov 14-17, the Veterans Memorial Hospital Health Care Foundation's 34th annual event. See Narthex bulletin board for more details.

Waukon Lions food order drive, stop by and pick up Tues Nov 18, 3-6 pm at Iron Ridge. Order forms are available on the bulletin board. Questions call Tom Phipps 563.217.9202.

The **Women of the ELCA** Thankoffering Litany will be on Sun, Nov 21 at the 8:30 am service. Offerings may also be left in the office.

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.

There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service.

Volunteers for Nov 16 service:

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

10:30 am:

Greeters: 8:30 am Dave & Wendy Sanderson 10:30 am

Readers: 8:30 am Dan Treangen/10:30 am Sadie Bucheit

Comm Prep 8:30 am

Ron Dahlstrom/Linda Groe

10:30 am

Evonne Kistler/Jill Kistler

Comm Assistant 8:30 am

Dennis & Linda DeBuhr/Bonnie Roe

10:30 am

Sadie Bucheit

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