

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 24, 2025, 8:30 A.M.**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Introduction**

*Turn You Radio On*  
The Men's Choir

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Go and Tell John*  
The Men's Choir

Lloyd Pfautsch

**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**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

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**Greeting and Kyrie**

*"In peace, let us pray..."*

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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.

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: 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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.  
<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Psalm 103:1-8**

L: <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
**C: <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**  
L: <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;  
**C: <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**  
L: <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
**C: <sup>6</sup> O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
L: <sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.  
**C: <sup>8</sup> Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in

heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

### Special Music

*This Little Light of Mine*  
The Men's Choir

### Children's Message

### Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"*

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

### The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

### 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

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW #781

**The Offering Prayer:** L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction**

L: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia! C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**

**Closing Hymn**

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

ELW #536

**Postlude**

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

arr. for piano by John Helgen

**Activities this Week at St. John's**

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Sun, Aug 24  | 8:30am        |
|              | 9:30am        |
|              | 7pm           |
| Tues, Aug 26 | 1pm           |
|              | 2:30pm        |
|              | 3pm           |
| Wed, Aug 27  | 9am-noon      |
| Sun, Aug 31  | 8:30am & 10am |
|              | 10am          |
|              | 7pm           |

**Aug 24, 2025 to Aug 31, 2025**

Worship Services  
 Reception for Pastor Bryan  
 Men's Choir  
 Northgate Care Ctr  
 Evergreen Court  
 Good Sam Ctr  
 Tying quilts  
 Worship Services w/comm  
 Baptisms  
 Men's Choir

**General Funds** (undesignated)**Jan 1 – Aug 19, 2025**

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Actual Income   | \$128,047 |
| Actual Expenses | 115,506   |

**Jan 1 –August 31, 2025**

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| Budget Expenses | 133,329 |
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**Attendance**

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| Last Sunday  | 95 |
| 2025 Average | 96 |
| 2024 Average | 90 |

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| Greeters                   | 8:30am          | Tom & Caroll Schreiber |
|                            | <del>10am</del> |                        |
| Ushers                     | 8:30am          | Bill Roe family        |
|                            | <del>10am</del> |                        |
| Readers                    | 8:30am          | Mary Jackson           |
|                            | <del>10am</del> |                        |
| Secretary                  |                 | Rhonda Barr            |
| Custodians                 |                 | John & Sharon Roe      |
| Organist/Director of Music |                 | James H. Bieber        |
| Pastor                     |                 | Bryan Robertson        |

**Radio Broadcast Ministry**—Today's radio broadcast is supported by generous donations to our Radio Ministry. 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 are invited to the retirement reception in the Fellowship Hall today at 9:30am for Pastor Bryan.**

**As our Congregation** is beginning the process to call a pastor, we are asking for volunteers to serve on the Call Committee. Please contact our Council President, Vickie Larson with your questions and interest.

**The Board of Education** is looking for Sunday School teachers to help teach and someone to direct the Christmas program this year. If you're interested, please contact Bailey Benson 563 380-1378.

**Troop 64 Boy Scout Omelet Breakfast:** Sunday, Sept 7, 2025, Allamakee Co Fairground Pavillon, Waukon. Serving 8am-noon. Dine in or carry out. Made to order omelets, hashbrowns, fresh cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice or milk. \$10 Advance Tickets / \$12 at the door

Volunteers for **Aug 31** service:

Ushers for August: 8:30am Bill & Becky Roe family / 10am:

Greeters: 8:30am Bill & Linda Halvorson/ 10am

Readers: 8:30am Sarah Sweeney/ 10am Karen Stamper

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

Comm Asst: 8:30am Greg & Ann Hagensick, XXXX / 10am Karen Stamper