



**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
 Welcoming Everyone  
 Making Disciples  
 Trusting Jesus  
 Empowering Leaders

**May 10th, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter**  
**St. John's Office Hours:** 8-5 Tues.-Fri. **Building Hours:** 8-5 Mon.-Fri.  
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**THANK YOU** to Cassie Hines for sharing this mornings message with us.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in memory of Shawn and Lindsay Hayden by the Confirmation Classes of 2005 and 2006.

**FORTRESS OF FAITH** and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Judy Berkenpas by Gary Berkenpas.

**PRACTICING THE WAY** A new study will be beginning soon, on May 19th. The Practicing the Way Course is an 8 - week course and will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 pm till 8 pm. Plan to join us. Sign up on the bulletin board.

**ELEVATOR REPAIR WORK** The elevator will be out of commission starting tomorrow, May 11th.

**DO-DAY** will not be held in May due to the work on the elevator. The next Do-Day will be on June 18th. Mark your calendars!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING:**

**June 8-11**  
**9 am - 2 pm**  
**pre-k through 5th grades.**

Okoboji Bible Camp Counselors will be leading this years VBS, with the theme, **"TO KNOW HIS NAME."** Be watching for a volunteer sign up in the coming weeks and also be watching for information on how to register your child. Thank you to Ashley Koopman for being our Director this year! You can reach Ashley at 605-350-9057 or ashleylcremers@gmail.com.

Here are some specific needs, please consider helping:

- ◇ Housing/breakfast/dinner for camp counselors
- ◇ Lunch for counselors at VBS
- ◇ Snacks for students
- ◇ Volunteer/Guides: Prek-K ~ 1 adult, 1 youth  
 K-1st ~ 1 adult, 1 youth  
 2nd-3rd ~ 1 adult, 1 youth  
 4th-5th ~ 1 adult, 1 youth

We can't wait to see you all at  
 "To Know His Name"!!!

**GRADUATES RECEPTION** The Congregation is invited to join the 2026 graduates and their families for a time of celebration in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am next Sunday, May 17th. Refreshments will be served and a short program will be shared. The graduates will also be recognized during worship.

**FLAG EXCHANGE CEREMONY** Plan to join us at the flag pole May 24th, as we retire the flag flown in honor of Bill Wruck's service and a new flag will be raised in honor of Ron Schultz's service. Ron served in the US Army as a Buck Sergeant from Jan. '64 to Jan. '66. The Boy Scouts Troop 186 will be leading this ceremony.

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** The American Legion Le Mars Wasmer Post will be hosting the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast TODAY from 8:30 am till 12:30 pm. They will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage links, pancakes, waffles, OJ, milk and coffee for a freewill donation. 110 Plymouth St SW, Le Mars.

**BLOOD DRIVE** The Le Mars Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blood Drive on May 14th from 1 pm - 6:30 pm. Use the QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board to register. Walk ins are also welcomed. 120 1st Ave NE, Le Mars. Help us save a life!



**DUO ORGAN CONCERT** Thursday, May 28th at 7 pm, St. John's will be hosting a duo organ concert by the following organists:

**André Knevel** is an internationally acclaimed Dutch-Canadian organist and composer. He regularly gives many recitals in Canada, the USA, and the Netherlands. Concert tours have also taken place in such places as South Africa, Germany, Romania, Czech Republic, Finland, Poland, and Russia.

**Dr. Michael R. Kearney** is Assistant Professor of Communication at Dordt University and an organist, pianist, and composer. His website and YouTube channel URC Psalmody includes more than 600 recordings of psalms, hymns, and organ music.

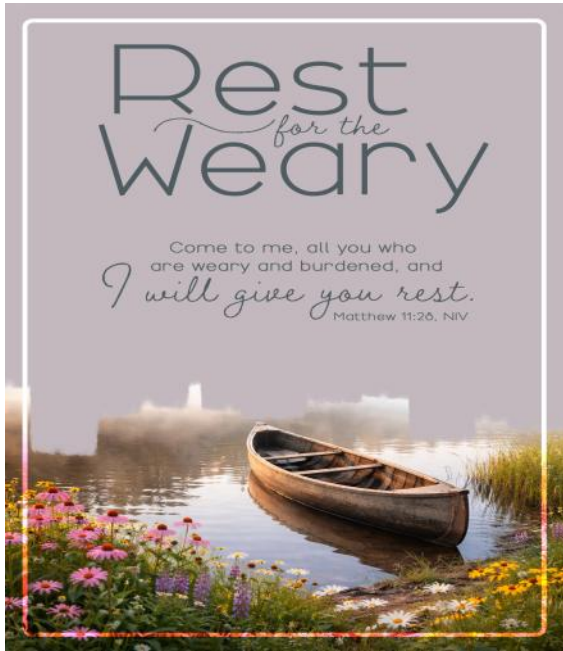
**Thank you to our worship assistants!**

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Henry & Teri Herrig	Nicole Jarvis/Cindy Kamies
<b>Lector</b>	Lowell Penning	Kent Westphal
<b>Comm Serv</b>	Henry Herrig Teri Herrig Marylyn Muecke	Nicole Jarvis Cindy Kamies Hope Majeres
<b>Crucifer</b>	Luke Britt	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Avery Bogh Kemper Davis	Aynslee Schmidt Rylann Schmidt
<b>ProPresenter</b>	Keith Westhoff	Megan Jeneary
<b>Video/Sound</b>	Micah Broers	Jacob Jeneary
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Larson Arlene Wiener	Sherri Harms Krista Plueger
<b>Coffee Bar</b>	Jane Westphal	
<b>Ushers</b>	Tracy Wingert, Chr., Greg M., Doug S., Rob S., Jay D.	Bryce Tingwald, Chr., Nathan P., Joey P., Jeremy F., Graham F.

**Remember These People in Prayer:** John, Karla Hansen, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Nash, Diane K., Denise, Angie, Carolyn, Bryan Utesch; **Ongoing Prayers:** Gavin Detloff, Blake Plueger, Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Shirley, Jen, Kathy, and Diane Riediger; **Deployed:** Kylee Britt, Nathan Jester; **Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche; Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Bob & Nancy Potter, Karla Hansen; Stonebridge Suites - Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch; Heartland Care Center - Le Ann Hurlbut; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff, Wade Thompson  
**Sympathies** to the family and friends of Wayne Winterfeld, who passed away in Ord, NE, May 6th. St. John's family includes Jean Winterfeld. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 am, Monday, May 11th, at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran church in Ord. The obituary can be found at www.ordmemorialchapel.com.

Sun May 10	Mon May 11	Tues May 12	Wed May 13	Thurs May 14	Fri May 15	Sat May 16	Sun May 17
<b>Mother's Day</b> 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Fellowship Hour	<b>Elevator Project Begins</b> 6 pm Outreach Mtg L/L 7 pm Council F/H	10 am Staff Mtg 2 pm Imagine Study L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6 pm Endowment Mtg L/L	9:30 am Chapel Services @ Care Fac. 5 pm Elderberries @ The Brown's Theater 6 pm Worship	9 am Prayer Time			Graduates Recognition 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Graduates Reception 10:30 am Hoffman Baptism

**May 10th, 2026**  
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**First Reading: Ruth 1:1-22** <sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. <sup>3</sup>Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup>and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me - even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons - <sup>13</sup>would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!" <sup>14</sup>At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. <sup>19</sup>So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?" <sup>20</sup>"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. <sup>21</sup>I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." <sup>22</sup>So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite,

her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7** <sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup>For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup>If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. <sup>7</sup>And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30** <sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed**

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 Lord's Prayer**

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.

