



August 31, 2025 12th Sunday of Pentecost
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FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Jason Heeren by Jean Heeren.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected today. Don't forget your loose change or spare bills and help us support the work at The Gospel Mission in Sioux City.

LABOR DAY...The building will be closed for the holiday.

TIME CHANGES FOR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULES!!!
BEGINNING SEPT. 3RD
Wednesday's
6:00 pm Worship ~~~ Communion Served 1st Weds. of the Month.
Sunday's
8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Study Hour

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 3

- ⇒ 5:00 pm Bells
- ⇒ 6 pm Worship/Communion
- ⇒ 6:30 pm Catechism Student/Parent Orientation and Acolyte Training
- ⇒ 8:15 pm HS Student/Parent Youth Group Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10

- ⇒ 5 pm Bells
- ⇒ 5 pm - 5:45 pm Wednesday Meal & Catechism Pizza and Game Night
- ⇒ 6 pm Worship
- ⇒ 6:30 pm Catechism
- ⇒ 6:30 pm GROW Stories, Activities, and Games (pre-k - 5th gr)
- ⇒ 8:15 - 9:30 pm HS Youth Group

RALLY DAY/BLESSING OF BACKPACKS Students and Adults involved with education, remember to bring your backpacks next week. It is the kick off for the new church education year. Students and adults involved with education programs in the church will receive a blessing and a “blessing tag” to carry on your bookbags. Sunday School begins at a new time of 9:15 AM. See you there!!!

WE WANT YOUR SILLY DRESS UP CLOTHES! Donate your silly dress up clothes and accessories to St. John's for use in our Confirmation classes. Talk to Pastor Broers if you have any questions. Thanks!

JOIN US THIS FALL TO



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
SEPTEMBER - MAY 9
-BIBLE - SERVICE - EDUCATION-

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We're looking for people that love God, love kids and are willing to spend their Wednesday nights growing the kingdom of God. Positions needed include readers/guides, helpers, and greeters. Contact Kristy or Pastor Broers. Thanks!

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED! We are looking for Prayer Partners for the incoming 6th graders, who will be starting Catechism this fall. Call the office to sign up or for more information. Thanks! 546-8855

Excel in The Grace of Giving! "If you will live like, no one else, later you can live—and give—like no one else"- Dave Ramsey. When you make sacrifices now to get out of debt and build wealth, you will have the financial freedom to be incredibly generous later in life.

THANK YOU LINDY DOHMAN, from LifeWise for joining us this morning and sharing about LifeWise!

YOU GOT MAIL! COLLEGE WRITING MINISTRY Paper forms can be found in the lobby by the bulletin board. Or sign up using the QR codes below. Questions, please contact Elizabeth Brennan via phone/text at 540-7315.



College Student address form: provide contact information, likes, birthday, and parent information.



Adult/Writer Form: commit to writing notes once a month, September - April. Each month you will receive, through email, a different student to write.

3RD GRADE BIBLES will be handed out on Sunday, September 14th. Be looking for a letter soon, if you have a 3rd grader.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SEPTEMBER WISH LIST Be watching for the new list of items needed in the September newsletter or a copy can be found on the bulletin board. Items can be dropped off in the green tub by the office.

MISSIONS FOR LWR Please leave the items in the basket in the entryway. Each school kit contains: 4 - 70 sheet notebooks (no loose leaf paper), 1 - wooden ruler, 1 - pencil sharpener, 1 - blunt scissors, 5 - black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink), 1 - 24 count box of crayons

CHURCH DIRECTORY Inreach Team is making plans for a new Church Directory. Universal Church Directory will be at church on October 15-18 to photograph St. John's families. Families that participate will receive a free 8X10 and a hard copy of the directory. The directory will also be available as an app on our phones. Be watching for more information and **save the dates**.

Thank you to our worship assistants!

9:30 AM	
Greeter	Joel Johnson
Lector	Joel Johnson
Comm Serv	Rose Heeren, Elvira Nielsen
Crucifer	Miles Kruse
Acolytes	Chase McNaughton, Kinley Tingwald
ProPresenter	Keith Westhoff
Video/Sound	Tim Larson
Altar Guild	Krista Plueger, Sheryl Oetken
Coffee Bar	Lynn Breuer
Ushers	Ken Freyermuth, Capt. Adam Schmidt, Capt. Keith Westhoff Simon Kern
	Brady Westhoff Dan Albert
	Mike Haverhals Doug & Karen Carlsen
	Glenn Kellen Graham Forbes

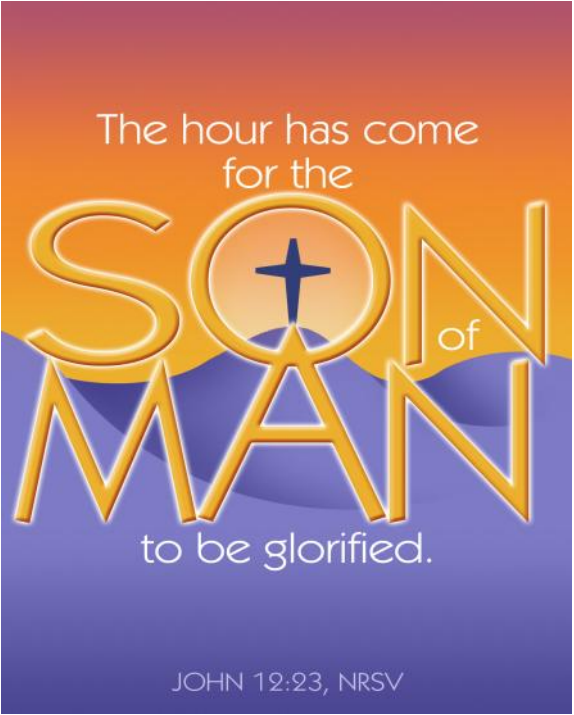
Remember These People in Prayer: Alex Hines, Richard Miller, Mason Sitzmann, Taelynn Ortmann, Michael, Kendra, Terri Clinton, James, Scott, Logan, Norm Nielsen, Jen, Kathy, Bob Pick, Kay Allen, Shirley, Karla Hansen, and Kathryn

Ongoing Prayers: Roma Lancaster, Louis Westhoff, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Robert, Ali, Paula Parkin, Brady Plucker, Diane Riediger, and Missy Rarrat

Care Facility Residents: Good Samaritan - Ron Smith, Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche, Warren Oetken; Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Marge Adler; Stonebridge Suites - Ellen Utesch, Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens, Dorothy Luschen; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch, Judy Schmidt; Heartland Care Center - Le Ann Hurlbut; Holy Spirit Retirement Home - Alma Willer; Prime Living - Wade & Betty Thompson; Vintage Hills of Indianola - Jane Schultz

Sun Aug 31	Mon Sept 1	Tues Sept 2	Wed Sept 3	Thurs Sept 4	Fri Sept 5	Sat Sept 6	Sun Sept 7
Noisy Offering 9:30 am Worship w/ Comm/Guest Lindy Dohman LifeWise 10:30 am Fellowship Time	Building Closed For Labor Day	10 am Staff Mtg. 5:30 pm P.o.P.	5 pm Bells 6 pm Worship/Comm 6:30 pm Catechism Orientation Students & Parents/Acolyte Training/Sr. Choir 8:15 pm HS Youth Parent/Student Mtg.	9 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 4 pm Inreach Mtg L/L		1 pm Stephen Bates Funeral	Rally Day/Backpack Blessings 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 10:30 am Roling Baptism

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First Reading: 1 Kings 2:1-4; 10-12 ¹ When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. ² "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, act like a man, ³ and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go ⁴ and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.' ¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. ¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel -seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

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

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 139:1-18

¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

² **You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ **Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful
for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

¹² **even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day, for darkness
is as light to you.**

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was
made in the secret place, when I was woven
together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days
ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.**

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **Were I to count them, they would outnumber
the grains of sand - when I awake, I am still with you.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ⁶ For I am already
being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my
departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have
finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in
store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not
only to me, but also to all who have longed for his
appearing.

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. John the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: John 12:20-26 ²⁰ Now there were some Greeks
among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They
came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a
request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip
went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus
replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the
ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies,
it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose
it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it
for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where
I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who
serves me.

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.