



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

November 9th, 2025 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jack Vernon Bennett, who will be baptized today at the 10:30 am service. Jack is the son of Brett & Ashley (Knapp) Bennett. Sponsors are Brad & Amanda Westphal. Welcome to the family of God.

**FORTRESS OF FAITH** and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Bob & Lois Lancaster by Roma Lancaster.

**FLAG EXCHANGE** Please join us at the flagpole today at 9:15 am for a flag raising ceremony. The current flag, flying in honor of Leland Wiener will be retired and a new flag, in honor of William Wruck will be raised. Bill served in the United States Air Force, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, serving from 1960 – 1964. The Boy Scouts Troop will be leading this event. You are invited to stay for coffee and donuts after the ceremony. **Thank you to all of our Veterans!**

**BAND/ORCHESTRA SUNDAY** Practice will be held today at 10 am. Don't forget your instruments! We will be providing the prelude today, at the 10:30 am service.

**FAMILY BOWLING EVENT TODAY** Join us TODAY @ 2 pm at the Sweet 16 Bowling Alley. Shoe rental will be covered by St. John's. Hope you can join us.

**A BROWN FAMILY CHRISTMAS** December 11th, join your St. John's family for an evening of food and entertainment with the Brown's. Tickets include dinner and show for \$55.00 per person. Stop by the office beginning, Nov. 10th to purchase your tickets. Please make checks payable to the Brown's Theatre.

**GROW MEAL** for November 12th will be mac & cheese.

**CHOIR CANTATA PRACTICE HAS BEGUN** Join us @ 6:45pm.

**GROW/OCC PACKING EVENT** We will be packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** at GROW on **Wednesday, November 12th**. If you are able to be an extra helper that night, we will need extra help! We are still seeking donations. Samaritan's Purse has an Amazon link set-up with all sorts of things that work well for the shoeboxes. Here's the link: [https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild?ccs\\_id=5798d6f0-5bae-4b74-95b1-ff236151bace](https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild?ccs_id=5798d6f0-5bae-4b74-95b1-ff236151bace). For ideas of what to pack, refer to the OCC website: [samaritanaspurse.org](http://samaritanaspurse.org) or look at the bulletin board in the Narthex. **Please make sure all your items can fit inside a shoebox and still allow for more items to be packed in the shoebox.** THANK YOU to all of you who have donated items as well as money towards shipping the boxes! We are grateful to be able to share these boxes, and especially the Good News of Jesus, with others around the world.

**Remember These People in Prayer:** Phyllis Hamann, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy, Bryan Utesch, Bellamy, JoEllen, Hanna Francksen-Small, Karla Hansen, Judy Schmidt, Raveling family; **Ongoing Prayers:** Ali, Diane Riediger, Robert, Brady Plucker, Louis Westhoff, Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Richard Miller, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Terri Clinton, James, Scott, Michael, Logan, Norm Nielsen, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Shirley, Kathryn, Jen, Kathy; **Deployed:** Jaime Koopman, Kylie Britt, Blake Erdmann, Brent Jarvis, Mitch Lang  
**Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche, Warren Oetken; Accura Health - Patty Lubben; Stonebridge Suites - Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens, Dorothy Luschen; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch; Kingsley Specialty Care - 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

**Excel in The Grace of Giving!** Almost half of the 30 or 40 parables Jesus told dealt with how to handle money on this earth. Because Jesus knew that how we use, save and give our money shows our priorities. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

**DIRECTORY PICTURES** Nov. 11th is the final day to get a picture taken for the directory. Go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on **"Photography Session Sign-up"** on the right side. Enter **ia371** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help check people in.

**ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE** The congregation is invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Tony & Cheryl Peyton on November 22nd from 2- 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**SALUS VOCAL ENSEMBLE** invites you to their fall concert "Bring Me All Your Dreams" on Sunday, November 16, 2025. There are two performances that day to choose from - a 2pm concert at St. Joseph Catholic Church (605 Plymouth St. NE) in Le Mars and a 5pm concert at the Cathedral of the Epiphany (1003 Douglas Street) in Sioux City. The program features songs about America and the immigrant experience past and present. There is no charge for admission, freewill offerings are accepted. Mike Rathke is the accompanist and sings baritone in the ensemble. Jack McInnis sings tenor in the choir.

Thank you to our worship assistants!

|                     | 8:00 AM                                             | 10:30 AM                                                      |
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| <b>Greeter</b>      | Joyce Roeser                                        | Jean Heeren                                                   |
| <b>Lector</b>       | Aleigha Bohlken                                     | Lauren Forbes                                                 |
| <b>Comm Serv</b>    | Ellen Russell                                       | Eliese Hoffman                                                |
|                     | Dean Borchers                                       | Dan Albert                                                    |
|                     | Joel Johnson                                        | Julie Albert                                                  |
| <b>Crucifer</b>     | Autumn Jelken                                       |                                                               |
| <b>Acolytes</b>     | Hadley Klein                                        | Kyleigh Bohlken                                               |
|                     | Aubrey Jelken                                       | Aleigha Bohlken                                               |
| <b>ProPresenter</b> | Becky DeRuyter                                      | Megan Jeneary                                                 |
| <b>Video/Sound</b>  | Micah Broers/Carter                                 | Jacob Jeneary                                                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  | Janice Milne                                        | Lynn Breuer                                                   |
|                     | Janet Lohafer                                       |                                                               |
| <b>Coffee Bar</b>   | Pat Penning                                         |                                                               |
| <b>Ushers</b>       | Ken F., Keith W.,<br>Brady W., Mike H.,<br>Glenn K. | Adam S., Simon K.,<br>Dan A., Doug C.,<br>Karen C., Graham F. |

| Sun Nov 9                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mon Nov 10                                                                | Tues Nov 11                                                                                                                                                   | Wed Nov 12                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Thurs Nov 13                                                                  | Fri Nov 14                    | Sat Nov 15                    | Sun Nov 16                                                                                           |
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| <b>Band/Orchestra Sunday</b><br><b>8 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Worship w/ Comm<br><b>10:30 am</b> Bennett Baptism<br><b>9:15 am</b> Study Hour/Flag Exchange<br><b>2 pm</b> Family Bowling Event | LifeWise<br><b>4 pm</b> Hearts of Fire L/L<br><b>7 pm</b> Council Mtg F/H | LifeWise<br><b>9 am</b> Do-Day<br><b>10 am</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>2-8 pm</b> Directory Pictures<br><b>5:30 pm</b> P.o.P<br><b>7 pm</b> Men's Study Group L/L | LifeWise<br>Chapel Services<br><b>2 pm</b> Imagine Heaven Study L/L<br><b>5 pm</b> Bells/GROW Meal<br><b>6 pm</b> Worship<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Catechism/GROW<br><b>6:45 pm</b> Sr. Choir<br><b>8:15 pm</b> HS Youth Group | <b>9 am</b> Prayer Time in Sanctuary<br><b>5:30 pm</b> Jarvis Small Group L/L | Confirmation Recharge Weekend | Confirmation Recharge Weekend | Confirmation Recharge Weekend<br><b>8 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Worship w/Comm<br><b>9:15 am</b> Study Hour |

**POINSETTIA ORDER**



11.00 per Poinsettia

# of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: Nov 24**

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**November 9th, 2025**  
**22nd Sunday After Pentecost**



**First Reading: Titus 3:4-7** <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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

**Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 51:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
**according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.**

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup> **For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.**

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
**so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.**

<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from  
the time my mother conceived me.  
<sup>6</sup> **Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the  
bones you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**Second Reading: Acts 8:26-39** <sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road - the desert road - that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." <sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water

and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

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 3rd chapter.

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

**Gospel: John 3:1-17** <sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." <sup>4</sup> "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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.