



August 17, 2025 10th Sunday of Pentecost

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THANK YOU to Kent Westphal for delivering this mornings message to us!

CONGRATULATIONS to Raven Rose Hansen, who will be baptized this morning. Raven is the daughter of Tristan Hansen and Bethany Hansen. God’s blessings on this child!

CONGRATULATIONS to Denny & Marilyn Plueger, who will be celebrating 55 years of marriage on August 21st. May you be blessed with many years to come!

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Jim Brownmiller by Joyce Brownmiller.

WE WANT YOUR SILLY DRESS UP CLOTHES! Do you have an ugly shirt that is two sizes too big? Or a weird old hat that somebody gave you as a gag gift? Maybe some big plastic glasses that you wore on Halloween? 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!

TRAINING REMINDER: Sunday, Aug. 24th at 10:30 am, will be a training session for those involved with GROW, Catechism, and Sunday School. This includes teachers, guides and helpers.

**NOW IS THE TIME...
FALL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

JOIN US THIS FALL TO



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, kitchen 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

CATECHISM GUIDES NEEDED! We are looking for two people to commit to being confirmation Guides for our 6th grade boys starting this Fall. We meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 pm. Please contact Pastor Broers with interest or questions. Thank you!

TIME CHANGES FOR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULES!!!

BEGINNING SEPT. 3RD

Sunday's

8:00 am & 10:30 am

(please note the time change, there was an error in the newsletter)

9:15 am Study Hour

Wednesday's

6:00 pm Worship

Communion Served 1st Weds. of the Month.

Excel in The Grace of Giving! What should you give if you aren’t ready to tithe? First of all, God loves a cheerful giver, so whatever amount you give, do it out of gratitude and not begrudgingly. Second, give consistently. Make a plan and stick to it. Finally, give sacrificially—do not just give whatever you have leftover for the month, but give to God first and trust Him to provide for the rest of your needs.

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*

YOU GOT MAIL! COLLEGE WRITING MINISTRY Sign up your child in college or sign up as an adult writer. Paper forms can be found in the lobby by the bulletin board. If you have any 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.

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**.

FALL ELDERVERSITY is taking registrations for September 7-9 session at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Go to www.okoboji.org to register or find out more about this great weekend for kids 55+.

BENEFIT FOR THE GOSPEL MISSION

Jill Miller & Friends will be performing at Elevate Church, 1421 Geneva St., Sioux City, IA on September 28 @ 3 pm. Call for tickets 712-255-1769 or scan this QR code.



Thank you to our worship assistants!

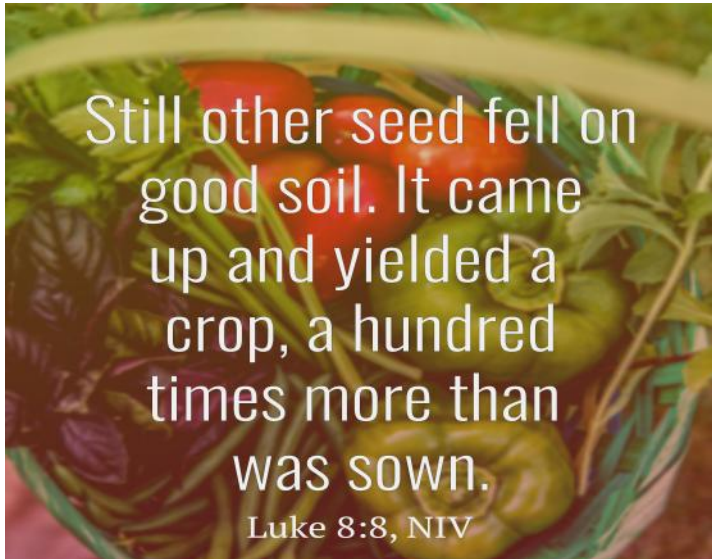
Greeter
Lector
Comm Serv
Crucifer
Acolytes
ProPresenter
Video/Sound
Altar Guild
Coffee Bar
Ushers

9:30 AM
Rose Heeren
Ken Freyermuth
Henry Herrig, Janys Schroeder
Landen Hightree
Kemper Davis, Bentley Hightree
Megan Brennan
Larry Brangwin
Elvira Nielsen, Brenda Haverhals
Ashley Bennett
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, Gavin, Taelynn Ortmann, Michael, Kendra, Terri Clinton, James, Scott, Logan, Norm Nielsen, Katie, Bob Pick, Kay Allen, Shirley, Karla Hansen, and Kathryn
Ongoing Prayers: Roma Lancaster, Louis Westhoff, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Robert, Ali, Jenn, Paula Parkin, Brady Plucker, Diane Riediger, and Missy Rarrat
Sympathies to the family of Steve Kolker, who passed away on August 11. St. John’s family includes his wife, Jan.
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 17	Mon Aug 18	Tues Aug 19	Wed Aug 20	Thurs Aug 21	Fri Aug 22	Sat Aug 23	Sun Aug 24
9:30 am Worship w/ Comm 10:30 am Fellowship Time	5 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg L/L 6 pm Youth Ministry Mtg L/L	Newsletter Deadline 10 am Staff Mtg. 5:30 pm P.o.P.	Chapel 9:30 am Prime Living 10 am Accura 11 am Imagine Heaven Study Grp L/L 1:30 pm Anna & Dorcas Circle Mtg L/L	9 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary			9:30 am Worship w/ Comm/Cooper Royalty Baptism 10:30 am Fellowship Time/Grow, Sunday School, Catechism Guide Training F/H

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First Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-4 ¹ I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. ² Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴ "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright - but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.

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

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 143:7-12

⁷ Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails.
Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸ Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in you.
¹⁰ **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

¹¹ For your name's sake, Lord, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.
¹² **In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:24-12:2 ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. ²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. ³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. ³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained

what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated - ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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. Luke the 8th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Luke 8:4-8 ⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵ "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

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.