

THE NINTH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 25, 2026

We are
justified by the
free gift of
God's grace.

For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on "Ginny the Giraffe." Children may take home the pictures they color.
Please return books, crayons, and bags to "Ginny."

(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above.)



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and Day Care & Development Center

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IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”*

LSB 830

- 1 Spread the Reign of God the Lord, Spoken, Written, Mighty Word;
ev’rywhere His Creatures call, to His Heav’nly Banquet Hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father’s Will, Made the World, Upholds it still,
how His own dear Son He Gave, us from sin and death to Save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer’s Grace, Who, to Save our human race,
and to Pay rebellion’s price, Gave Himself as Sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv’n, now to Guide us on to Heav’n,
Strong and Holy, Just and True, working both to Will and Do.
- 5 Enter, Mighty Word, the field; ripe the Promise of its yield.
but the reapers, oh, how few, for the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of Harvest, Great and Kind, rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath’ring nations all, see Your Light and heed Your Call.
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
grant us forgiveness.

Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,
All: Who Made Heaven and Earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

All: and You Forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your Boundless Mercy and for the sake of the Holy, Innocent, Bitter Sufferings and Death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be Gracious and Merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my Office, as a Called and Ordained servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the Stead and by the Command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the ~~the~~ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Pastor: ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His Name; make known His Deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His Wondrous Works!

Pastor: ³Glory in His Holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: ⁴Seek the LORD and His Strength; seek His Presence continually!

Pastor: ⁵Remember the Wondrous Works that He has done, His Miracles, and the Judgments He uttered,

All: ⁶O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up on His Name; make known His Deeds among the peoples!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have Promised, we may love what You have

Commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

ESV 179

⁶“You are a People Holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has Chosen You to be a People for His Treasured Possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the Earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His Love on You and Chose You, for You were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD Loves You and is Keeping the Oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought You out with a Mighty Hand and Redeemed You from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the Faithful God Who keeps Covenant and Steadfast Love with those who love Him and keep His Commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:28–39*

ESV 1123

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are Called according to His Purpose. ²⁹For those whom He Foreknew He also Predestined to be conformed to the Image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom He Predestined He also Called, and those whom He Called He also Justified, and those whom He Justified He also Glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He Who did not spare His own Son but Gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God Who Justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One Who Died—more than that, Who was Raised—Who is at the Right Hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who Loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor Angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel News of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44–52*

ESV 974

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.



⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The Angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” ⁵²And He said to them, “Therefore every Scribe who has been trained for the Kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN *“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the Cross.
Lift high His Royal Banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army He shall Lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
stand forth in mighty conflict, in this His Glorious Day.
Let all His faithful serve Him, against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His Strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel Armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never lacking there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
and with the King of Glory, shall Reign eternally.

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SERMON

Pastor: The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy Presence and Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the Joy of Thy Salvation and Uphold me with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell. The third day He Rose again from the Dead. He Ascended into Heaven and Sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.
Loving God, Help us to Trust You in all things that we may be free from anxiety and worry. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer. *(after each petition)*

Pastor: Into Your Hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord Bless you and Keep you.
The Lord Make His Face shine upon you and be Gracious unto you.
The Lord Lift up His Countenance upon you and ✠ Give you Peace.

All: Amen, amen, amen. *(sung)*

LSB 202

Please sing along with the Videos

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us we are Yours;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us we are Yours.

We are Yours, in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us we are Yours;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us we are Yours.

I Just Wanna Be a Sheep”

Refrain: I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa, baa, baa.
I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa, baa, baa.
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa, baa, baa,

- 1 Don't wanna be a goat...nope, don't wanna be a goat...nope,
haven't got any hope...nope, don't wanna be a goat...nope. *Refrain*
- 2 Don't wanna be a hypocrite, don't wanna be a hypocrite,
'cause they're not hip to it, don't wanna be a hypocrite. *Refrain*

Refrain: I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa, baa, baa.
I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa, baa, baa.
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa, baa, baa,

- 3 Don't wanna be a Pharisee, don't wanna be a Pharisee,
'cause they're not fair you see, don't wanna be a Pharisee. *Refrain*
- 4 Don't wanna be a Sadducee, don't wanna be a Sadducee,
'cause they're so sad you see, don't wanna be a Sadducee.
Just wanna be a Child of God, just wanna be a Child of God,
walkin' the same path He trod, just wanna be a Child of God. *Refrain*

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev. Phillip DeVries

Elder on Duty:

Sat: Scott Lucas

Sun: Jim Fahser

Sunday Ushers:

Carolyn Krueger

Bob Weber

Organist:

Sat: Betty Johnson

Sun: Betty Johnson

Altar Guild:

Upkeep:

Sat: Laura Lucas

Sun: Lynn Anderson

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

- † for the sick and shut in of our Family of Faith: Elaine Wasicka, Lynne Hahn, Patricia Scaffidi, SaDonna Antonia, Chris Buttker and Donna Polzin
- † friends of our family of Faith: James Irvine, Sid Traxler, Henry Harvey, Kathy S. and Christine Stelloh
- † Special Prayers for those with Cancer: Ray Berg, Charlie Baranowski, Tom L, Kerri Reimer, Nate Watters, Dan Gerber and all the friends of our family of Faith.
- † for all nations in the midst of warfare, to consider how it affects all the people of the world
- † thanksgiving for all the workers, all the parents and children involved in VBS
- † our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in Convention, that everything will work to God's Glory and the extension of His Earthly Kingdom



LWML JULY REGULAR MEETING WAS MOVED TO JULY 29

Anticipating a goodly number of children for VBS, July 20-24, the LWML has moved their regular meeting from July 21st meeting to Wednesday, July 29 at **10:00am**.

94th ANNUAL SLOVAK-AMERICAN DAY: THIS SUNDAY, JULY 26

This event will be held at Croation Park located at 9100 S. 76th St. in Franklin. The park opens at 11:00am, admission is free. There will be music, dancers, children's activities and raffle drawings, along with food and refreshments (no carry-ins). (There is a poster in the main hallway on the bulletin board.)

MILWAUKEE MILKMEN BASEBALL! SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY

Social Concerns invites you to join us for a Milwaukee Milkmen Baseball game at Franklin Field on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at **1:00pm**. Cost is \$22.00, (this includes slice of pizza and drink.) There is a sign-up in the Narthex. Checks can be made out to Julie Monson. **Deadline is July 26.**



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 106

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR JULY 2026

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 21,159.35	\$ 21,159.35
Obligations:	\$ <u>23,903.75</u>	\$ <u>23,903.75</u>
Balance:	\$ (2,744.40)	\$ (2,744.40)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 22,255.60

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,553.24	\$1,937.00	\$616.24

*St. John Day Care contributes \$1,000 each month toward Loan Repayment.
This is in addition to the \$2,200 per month paid to the General Fund for Use & Occupancy.*

BIBLICAL GIVING – 2 Corinthians 9:7 “God Loves a cheerful Giver”

Property Improvement Fund

- + from Yvonne Gast in honor of Rev. Carl & Dianne Krueger's 55th Anniversary, Congratulations!
- + from Dorrene Krueger, not celebrating being a year older on my Birthday, but am celebrating still being here in God's beautiful creation

DO YOU TRAVEL DURING THE SPRING & SUMMER?

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, St. John relies upon your regular contributions. St. John Lutheran Church deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year, especially during the summer travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient “Electronic Giving” option for setting up regular contributions. Contact the Church Office for more information at 414-481-0520.

GENERATIONS OF BLESSINGS

The next Generations of Blessings meeting is Tuesday, July 28 at **6:30pm**. Hope to see you all there.

DAY CARE NEWS!!

Our St. John Child Day Care and Development Center has qualified for, and has been accepted into, the ***Get Kids Ready*** 4K program. This program provides State funding for a child enrolled in a 4K program, taught by a qualified teacher, in an approved Day Care in Wisconsin. Applications are now being accepted. The hours covered by the State funding will be 8:30am-11:30am. There is no cost to the parents for this program. Should your child need additional hours, the cost will be calculated based on the amount covered by the State.

Please check the website at; dcfgetkidsready@wisconsin.gov for more information or contact Karen at the Day Care (414-482-0554.)

LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LC-MS)

St. John is a member of the LC-MS the SELC District. Our Synod has been in Convention in Phoenix Arizona. 3,000 Synod leaders, Pastors, and lay Delegates began meeting July 18, and will continue until July 23. Convention theme is: "Christ Is Risen, Indeed!" Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison has been elected to his 6th Three-year term as LCMS President; Rev. Peter Lange elected to his first term as First Vice-President. Information about the Convention elections, resolutions, activities and daily summaries can be found at the "lcms.org" website. Representing St. John with early voting is Pastor DeVries and Peter Brandstrom.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. JOHN

These classes are free, and Bibles are provided. All are always welcome to join.

- **Sunday Mornings – 10:30am: *Studying the Book of 1-Peter***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall
- **Monday Evenings – 6:30pm: *Studying the Book of John***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall
- **Tuesday Mornings – 7:00am: *Studying "Christ Is Risen—Indeed"***
Men's Bible Study at Oak Creek Diner meeting in the back dining room.
- **Thursday Afternoons – 1:30pm: *Join the Tour, Know the Book***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall

LWML - SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Please consider donating supplies for these School Kits. Each kit takes (4) 70-sheet spiral notebooks, (1) 12"-30cm ruler, (1) hand held pencil sharpener, (1) pair blunt scissors, (5) unsharpened pencils with erasers, (5) black or blue ball point pens (no gel), (1) box 16 or 24 crayons, (1) 2½" eraser, and (1) sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag about 14X17" with shoulder straps. Any or all of these items are needed and welcome and are probably on sale now. These can be placed in the LWML box in the Narthex.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth

Jul 25

Victoria Janetski
Adam Miller

Jul 26

Tammy Stueck

Jul 29

Laycie Jensen
Erica Leannah
James Moss
Bryan Olson

Jul 30

Patrick Warpechowski

Jul 31

Jean Belter
Brian Stueck

...of baptism

Jul 27

Quinn Olson
Kenneth Peck

Jul 29

Erica Leannah

Jul 31

Maddie Boeck
Gabriel Davalos

...of marriage

Jul 25

Randy & Kathryn Mitchell



If your celebration day is incorrect or doesn't appear, please notify the Church Office at 414-481-0520.

SHRED DAY COMING UP SOON – SATURDAY, AUGUST 8: SAVE THE DATE

Just a quick note to let everyone know that there will be a “shred day” coming up on Saturday, August 8 from **8am to 12noon** sponsored by the Cudahy Lions Club. Watch the bulletin for more information as time gets closer.

MUSICAL “COME FROM AWAY”

Social Concerns invites you to join us at the Fireside, on Saturday, October 17 at **10:30am** for the Tony Award winning musical “Come From Away”. It is based on the true story of how September 11th affected a small town in Newfoundland. Cost is \$87.50. Sign up is in the Narthex. Check can be made payable to Julie Monson. Deadline for sign-up is September 6th.

CEMETERY PLOTS

Thanks to a generous donation from a former member and her family, St. John now owns 4 cemetery plots at Forest Hill Cemetery in Oak Creek. If you know of anyone who has a need for any of these cemetery plots, please have them contact the Church Office at (414) 481-0520 for more information, including the process of transferring ownership of the plot(s).

In addition, a member of our Congregation has informed us that she has 2 cemetery plots at Woodlawn Cemetery (alongside one of the interior roads) that are available for sale directly from this member. If you are interested in these plots, please contact the Church Office at (414) 481-0520 and you will be connected to the member for further details.

CALENDAR: JULY / AUGUST

Sat. 25	3:00pm	Close of VBS: NON-Communion Worship Service
	4:00pm	Refreshments in Fellowship Hall after Worship Service
Sun. 26	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of 1 Peter</i>)
Mon. 27	6:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of John</i>)
Tue. 28	7:00am	Men's Bible Study OC (<i>Christ is Risen--Indeed</i>)
	6:30pm	Generations of Blessings Meeting
Wed. 29	9:30am	AdvaCare Sr. Living (SF)
	10:00am	LWML Meeting
Thur. 30	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
	9:30am	Day Care Devotions
	10:15am	AdvaCare Sr. Living (OC)
	1:30pm	Adult Bible Study (<i>Join the TOUR – Know the Book</i>)
	7:00pm	Sheepshead
Fri. 31		
Sat. 01	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun. 02	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Koinonia (<i>Fellowship Time</i>)
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study (<i>Book of 1 Peter</i>)

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