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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 9th, 2026

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm
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Our worship services are live broadcasted and available for future viewing via YouTube. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

Meditation

During the prelude, we invite you into a time of reflection. The main doors of the sanctuary will remain closed prior to worship so those who wish may have a time of centering and reflection of the past week, our community, our world, and God's sacrificial and redeeming love for us all.

Church Year Information~ Season: Pentecost • Color: Green

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

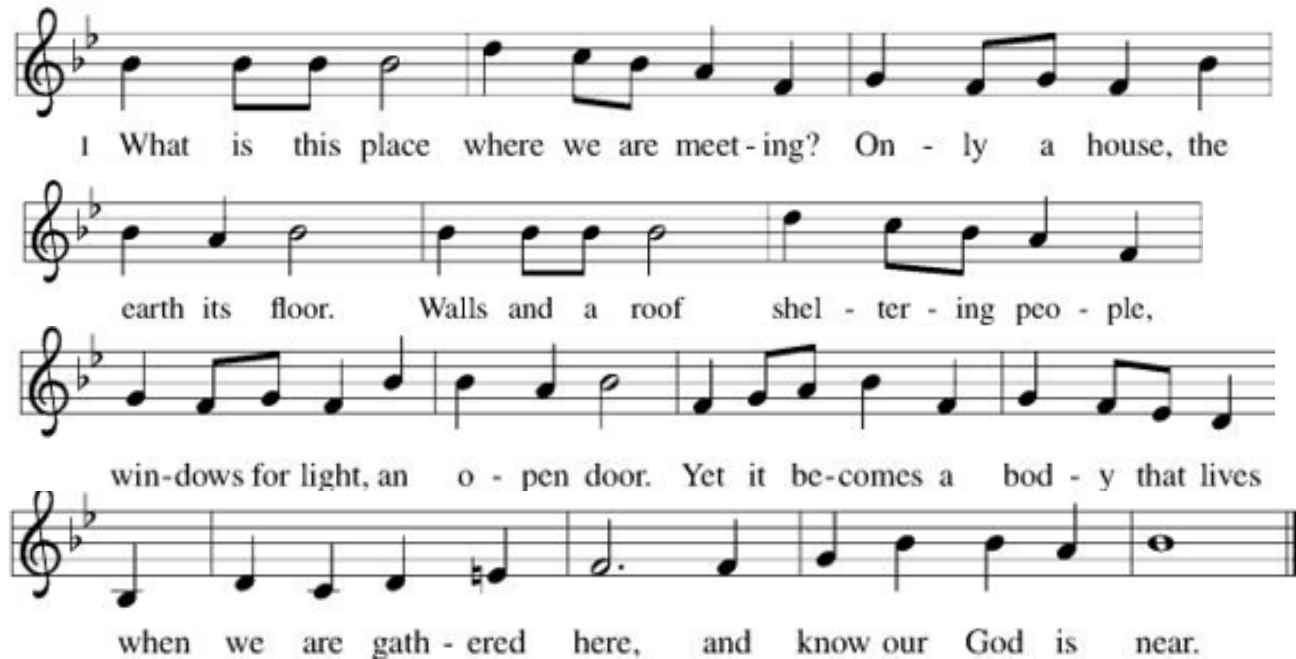
GATHERING HYMN: *Oh Sing to the Lord* (See Page 10)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *What is this Place*



1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933
Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsche Gedeekten* (1626); arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your

mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Let My Heart Be Good Soil*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE by Seminarian Joel Yeakey

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Praise to the Lord* (See Page 11)

THE APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

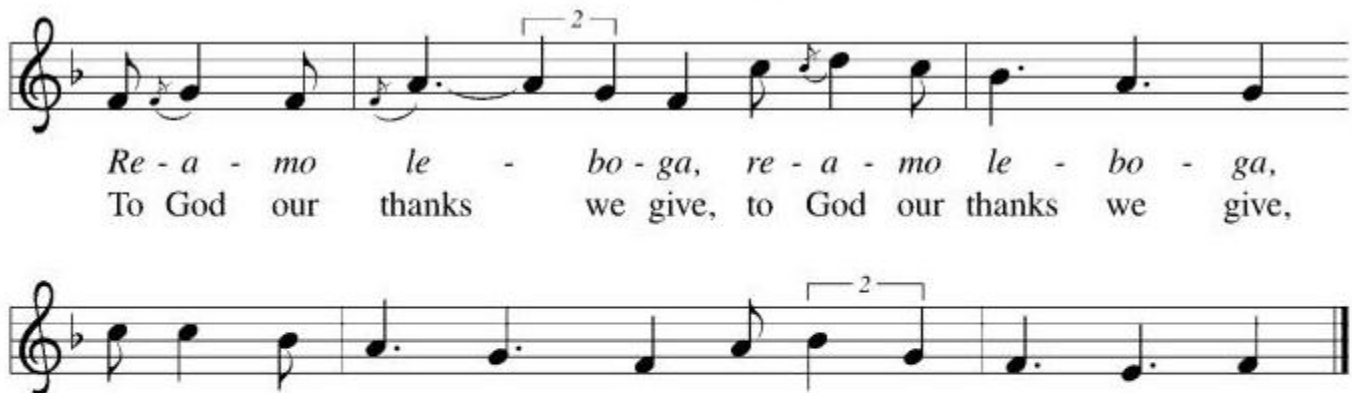
Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING OF SERVICE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *To God Our Thanks We Give (Sing Twice)*



Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,

re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936
Music: REAMO LEBOGA, Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe
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OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us give thanks for God's living and holy word.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating an earth of splendor
and for making us into a people of your own.
With all the saints who have received your Word
we worship you, holy God.

We worship you, holy God.

We praise you for your eternal Word,
for conquering the force of death,
and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord.
For your Word alive among us,
we praise you, living God.

We praise you, living God.

Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us,
that led by your Word
we may honor your earth and its many peoples
and serve all who are in need.
For your Word animating our Easter life,
we bless you, loving God.

We bless you, loving God.

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you,
Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life,
today and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: **Joy to the World* (See Page 12)

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember these people in your prayers.

There are **Prayer Cards** in the Narthex between the nametags and the pews. If you have a prayer request, please complete the form and place it *in* the offering plate or the office mailbox. Your prayer will then be added to the prayer list for **3 weeks**. If you wish to have the person's name included longer, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Please be sure to let us know when a person can be removed from the prayer list as well. If any questions, please contact Aymee in the office.

Those who are home bound:

Arlene Matuszewski Fran Koski Arlene Giese
Edwin Kazik (Father of Karie Peters) Ron & Diana Sefcik
Yvonne Virtues (Mother of Pat Virtues)
Donna Ward (Sister of Lorna Koch)
Bud & Ann Wardecke (Parents of Barb Dorn)

Those who are ill/recovering/ have special needs or concerns:

Ron Koch Doris Fleck Joe Kozlovsky John Demney
Susan (Cahoon) Olson Marie Zirbel Meyer (Aunt of Janet Francies)
Mark Heisel (Friend of Greg & Tammy Yager) Al Reimer (Friend of Pam Giese)
Mike Killian (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters) Jason Heider (Son of Janet Heider)
Peggy Foltz (Sister of Beth Wentz) Erin Culbertson (Friend of Doris Fleck)
Kerry Pranica (Friend of Doris Fleck) Brian Giese (Brother of Pam Giese)
Helen Mohan (Daughter of Tess Smith)
Carol Barker (Mother of Beth Wentz)
Ashley Rogers (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters)
Mike & Carmen Peters (Parents of Tim Peters)
Carla Hedtke (Mother of Shellie Virtues)
Kelly Havlik Lacera (Friend of Desiree Kozlovsky)
Nick Carter (Friend of Duayne & Pat Rosenberg)
Sharon Hanson (Sister/Sister-in-law of Doug & Helen Malueg)
Sophia Franda (Granddaughter of Dawn Demeny)
Dave Hansen (Nephew of Doug & Helen Malueg)
Chris Johnson (Brother-in-law of Tammy Yager)
William Allen (Cousin of Sara Beth Holman)

Those who are serving in the Military:

Josh & Cheyenne Perrault- Air Force
Gage Boyd- Air Force (Grandson of Tracey & Pamela Krumrei)
Alex Culbertson-Wisconsin National Guard (Grandson of Dave & Ginny Burkart)
Sam Cooper-Captain, Army Reserves (Son of Jerry & Michelle Cooper)

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God, and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertes Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Carlford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Upcoming at St. John's

Blood Drive Fellowship Hall Noon - 5pm	 Celebrate MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD. 	Come donate for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. 
Monday, August 10th For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stjohnlittlesuamico		



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday AUGUST 30th

**THE
LOCKER**


**Located at
1253 County
Road J
Little Suamico,
WI 54141**

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." -
Matthew 35:25

St. John's Outreach is excited to offer **The Locker**, a community resource available to anyone.

Inside The Locker:

- Meal kits with recipes
- Personal Hygiene Products

How to support The Locker?

Please visit the table setup in the Narthex where you'll find plastic bags containing a recipe. Simply take the bag home and return it with the needed ingredients.

We also gratefully accept personal hygiene products & donations to help towards purchasing supplies & replenishing meal kit items.

Thank you all for your continued kindness, generosity, and support as we serve our community together!

33rd Annual Auction with Classic Car & Tractor Show



St. John's Lutheran Church

1253 County J, Little Suamico

Saturday, September 12th



Live Music!
Acme Pickers
9:30 am - Noon



Advanced Sale Ticket Raffle- 400 tickets available, up to \$4000 in cash prizes!

Free Children's Activities
Bucket Raffle
Rummage Sale

Free Children's Raffle
Live & Silent Auction
Food Concessions

Wine Raffle
Vendor Area
Bake Sale



**Detailed Event Schedule and
Award Categories on Back**

For more information:

Car Show- Contact Rob at 920-362-9575

Other Events- Contact the church office at 920-826-7785

Registration fees: Cars- \$10, Tractors- \$10

Schedule of Events

Car & Tractor Registration/Set up.....7:00 am - 12:00 pm
Food Stand.....9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Car & Tractor Show.....9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Musical Performance.....9:30 am - Noon
Bucket Raffles.....10:00 am - 1:45 pm
Silent Auction.....10:00 am - 1:30 pm
Live Auction.....12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Car Show Door Prizes.....2:15 pm
Cash Raffle Announcement.....2:30 pm
Trophies/Awards-Car & Tractor Show.....2:45 pm

Times may be subject to change at the discretion of the committee



August
Foot Clinic
Rescheduled

Tuesday, August 11th
9am - 12pm

Please Call the Office to schedule
an appointment

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OF ENOUGH
CHILDREN"
Dolly



<i>This Week at St. John's</i>			
Sun, Aug 9	Mon, Aug 10	Tues, Aug 11	Wed, Aug 12
9:00am, Outdoor Worship 10:15am, Fellowship	12pm-5pm Blood Drive  American Red Cross	9am-12pm Foot Care Clinic <i>(Rescheduled from 8/4)</i>	
Thurs, Aug 13	Fri, Aug 14	Sat, Aug 15	Sun, Aug 16
	<u>Office Closed</u>	6:00pm, AA Mtg	9:00am, Worship 10:15am, Fellowship Worship Team WELCA Meeting

	<i>Sunday August 9</i>	<i>Sunday August 16</i>
Welcome Center	Nancy Valentine	Pat Rosenberg
Communion Assistants	Four Needed	Four Needed
Communion Steward	Nancy Gleffe	Ginny Burkart
Greeters	Two Needed	The Kissinger's
Technology Team	Nikki Urbaniak	Sara Beth Holman
Scripture Readers	Desiree Kozlovsky	Bev Possley
Scrip Volunteers	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen
Offering Counters	Doug & Jen Cassel Betty Stevens	Barb Dorn Rob & Nancy Gleffe
Ushers	Andy Dorn John Warren Fran Miller	Tracey Krumrei Pat & Shellie Virtues