

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(MEMBER OF WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD)  
36620 COUNTY 4 BLVD.  
GOODHUE, MN 55027  
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.**

**September 28, 2025  
Pentecost 16**

*Welcome to our visitors! We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please do us the honor of signing our guestbook, providing your full address. Let us know if we can be of any spiritual service to you in the future.*

**Opening Hymn: CW #648  
“Dearest Jesus, We are Here”**

**Order of Service:  
Setting Two, pp. 188 ff**

**Prayer of the Day**

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**First Scripture Lesson: Galatians 5:1-12** “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. <sup>2</sup> Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters. <sup>7</sup> You were running well! Who cut in on you, so that you are no

longer persuaded by the truth? <sup>8</sup> This persuasion is not from the one who calls you. <sup>9</sup> A little yeast works through the whole batch. <sup>10</sup> I am confident in the Lord that you will have no other opinion than this. But the one who is trying to disturb you will pay the penalty, whoever he is.

<sup>11</sup> Brothers, <sup>[a]</sup> if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? Then the offense of the cross has been abolished. <sup>12</sup> If only those who are upsetting you would also cut themselves off!"

**Gospel:** **Luke 9:23-26** "When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined<sup>[a]</sup> to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. "You don't know what kind of spirit is influencing you. <sup>56</sup> For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people's souls, but to save them."<sup>[c]</sup> Then they went to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they went on the way, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> He said to another man, "Follow me!" But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> Jesus told him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another man also said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus told him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn:** **LAPPY #114**

**"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

### **Sermon**

**Creed,** pg. 196-197

### **Offering Hymn:** **CW #750**

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

**The Sacrament,** pp. 199

**Lord's Prayer:** pp. 201

**Words of Institution,** pp. 202

**Communion Hymn: CW #670**

**“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”**

**Blessing: pg. 203**

**Closing Hymn: CW #951**

**“The Nunc Dimittis”**

**Communion Schedule:** The Lord’s Supper will be offered today and October 12 and 26.

**Announcements**

**Sunday School** Anyone ages preschool-6th grade is welcome to join us at the school from 9:45-10:30. If your child has not been in Sunday School before, please let Ashley or Pastor know your child will be coming.

**Bible Class** from 9:45-10:30. The *Prayer* Bible study presents what Scripture teaches about this important gift from God. Until the vacancy is filled in Lake City, Tim Hinrichs will be leading the Bible Class after church. If everything goes alright, we will have Bible class every Sunday until the Quarterly Voters Meeting in late October.

**Anniversary History Book** There are more available. Please take one per family. There is a freewill offering to cover the cost of printing.

**Looking for a meaningful craft project?** Marilyn Jonas has been creating banners for our confirmands for the last 10 years. They hang in the sanctuary on confirmation day displaying each student’s verse and are then given to the student as a keepsake. Marilyn is no longer able to continue making these works of art. Hopefully there is someone (or a couple people) out there with a sewing machine, a basic knowledge of sewing and a heart drawn to continuing what has become a St. John’s tradition. Instructions and encouragement (and some supplies, if necessary) will be happily provided! If you feel this way and would like to support these young people, or if you are considering it but have a few questions, please reach out to Marilyn @ 651-764-4884.

## **Hiawatha Valley Circuit Fall Rally**

Saturday, October 4, 2025

### **Location**

St. Johns Lutheran  
520 W Chestnut Street  
Lake City, MN 55041

### **Agenda**

Noon Registration  
Refreshments Social time

1:00 Devotion  
1:15 Pastor Wagner  
2:15 Business meeting  
2:45 Closing

### **Featured Speaker**

Pastor Mark Wagner, Executive Director, 316NOW  
*Proclaiming grace across China*

### **Directions**

Coming to Lake City on Hwy 63, turn left onto 10th St, then right onto Monroe St, right onto N 7th St, then left onto W. Chestnut St. The church will be on the left.

From Hwy 61, take a right onto Walnut St, then left onto N. Oak St, then right onto W. Chestnut St. The church will be on your right.

### **RSVP**

Please contact Cheryl Darcy (651-380-1412) if you will be attending by no later than Monday, September 29, 2025.

### **Baptism:**

Walter Robert Mollenhauer Sept. 17, 2025  
Parents: Dylan and Emily (Benrud) Mollenhauer  
Sponsors: Clara Benrud and Shea Mollenhauer

### **Calendar**

**Oct. 2** Teen Bible Breakfast 7:15-7:45 SP Parsonage  
**Oct. 4** Fall LWMS Rally Lake City at noon  
**Oct. 4** Flourish Women's Retreat-Lewiston  
**Oct. 12** Pastor Appreciation (Shirley will have the cards for sale)  
**Oct. 23** Teen Bible Breakfast 7:15-7:45 SP Parsonage  
**Oct. 25** Men of His Word Conference-Rochester  
[www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) to register.

**Men of His Word Conference-Rochester** Keynote: Rick Loewen  
"Forge Ahead in Faith" Worship Band: Koine  
12 Challenging Breakout Sessions Saturday, October 25, 2025  
Mayo Civic Center – Downtown Rochester MN

**Happy Birthday**

**10/1 Chase Hinsch**

**10/2 Dale Reese**

**10/3 Wilson Breuer, Michael Hinsch**

**10/4 Bree Holm**

**E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S** -- Our congregation offers electronic giving! Go to [easytithe.com/stjohnswels](http://easytithe.com/stjohnswels) and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218- 304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.

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**Today's Organist:** Jessi Robbert

**ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:**

Trevor Ryan, Tim Hinrichs, and Ben Heintz

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:**

Brandon Lexvold, Jesse Luhman, and Jake Diercks

**GREETERS-**

**9/28 Ed and Meg Stumpf**

**10/4 Scott and Peggy Hinsch**

**Acolyte-**Rebekah Luhman



I Corinthians 11:27-29 “Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgement on himself.”

Not one member at St. John's Lutheran wants any of their family or friends who are not members here to receive the Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner, and so we ask you to refrain from the Lord's Table unless you are a member of St. John's or another W.E.L.S. congregation. If you would like to become a member here, we would love to have you become a part of our church family.