

***St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church***  
***SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***  
***Grandparents' Day***

***September 8, 2024***  
***"Loving People to Christ"***

**Welcome to God's Holy House!**  
**May this worship service be an uplifting and  
spiritual blessing for you and your family.**

***Prayer Before Worship: Gracious Father, you have called us into your household of faith, and made us brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank you for ordering our lives and providing for our needs. Guide us by your Word, that our homes and places of work may reflect the diligence, respect, and faithfulness you have called us to. Help us by your Spirit to see the everyday opportunities we have to serve you by loving our neighbors. We ask in the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.***

***SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING***  
***Lutheran Service Book p. 260***

**Opening Hymn "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"**  
**LSB 900**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Call to Worship

P This is the day which the Lord has made;  
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.  
C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

Old Testament Canticle  LSB 261

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

First Reading **Isaiah 35: 4-7a ESV**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

**James 2: 1-10, 14-18 ESV**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

<sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom,

which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**6 who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;**

7 who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

9 The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**10 The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

**Praise the LORD!**

**Gospel Reading**          **Mark 7: 24-30; 31-37 ESV**

**P**     The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark at the 7<sup>th</sup>  
chapter.

**C**     **Glory be to you O Lord.**

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region  
of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not  
want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had  
an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down  
at his feet.

26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by  
birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her

daughter. <sup>27</sup> And he said to her, *“Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.”* <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.”

<sup>29</sup> And he said to her, *“For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”* <sup>30</sup> And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

<sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, *“Ephphatha,”* that is, *“Be opened.”* <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Common Responsoy

LSB 263

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## The Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

Sermon Hymn  **"O Son of God, In Galilee"** LSB 841

## Sermon

**Offering** We ask all members and visitors to please sign our "Friendship Folder" located at the center aisle end of each pew in the red vinyl folder.

**Prayer** 

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

P Let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy**

## Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

P O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious 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.

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

New Testament Canticle



LSB 266

## Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus"

LSB 729

**PORTALS OF PRAYER" for October - December 2024 are now available for you to pick up.....both sizes large and pocket size.**

**YOU CAN PICK UP: The SEPTEMBER 2024 CHURCH NEWSLETTER, and the 2024 CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT'S SCHEDULE along with Lutheran Magazines are also available for you to pick up.**



## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

*Pastor:* Pastor John Richy  
*Elder:* Ed Knoll  
*Lector:* Ray Nommensen  
*Ushers:* Gary and Rene Knight  
*Music Director:* Sue Olson  
*Organist:* Kyle Castillo



*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Lorraine Linn in celebration of Mike Linn's birthday on September 22<sup>nd</sup>*

## CHURCH STATISTICS: September 1, 2024

*Attendance: 51 Communion: 50 Bible Study: 25*  
*Offerings \$3817.00; Memorials: \$50.00*  
*Choir Chairs: \$120.00*  
*Total Income: \$3987.00*

## Daily Lectionary

Sept. 9 2 Kings 6: 1-23  
Philippians 1: 21-2:11

Sept. 10 2 Kings 9: 1-13; 10: 18-29  
Philippians 2: 12-30

Sept. 11 12 Chronicles 29: 1-24  
Philippians 3: 1-21

Sept. 12 2 Chronicles 3: 1-21  
Philippians 4: 1-23

Sept. 13 2 Chronicles 32: 1-22  
Colossians 1: 1-23

Sept. 14 2 Chronicles 33: 1-25  
Colossians 1: 24 - 4:11

Sept. 15 2 Chronicles 34: 1-4, 8-11, 14-33  
Colossians 2: 8-23

## PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY (\*Homebound)

*Andy Banas Jr.\* Irma Deichen\* Lynn Erke*  
*Sandra Luecke\* Shirley Odegaard\* Sandy Swanson*  
*Norma Vierk\* Shirley Weiss\* Margaret Zoellick\**

## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

*Ashley Richy, Sept. 8*

## MOURNING THE LOSS OF LYLE "BUTCH" KOOY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10	Pastor attending Circuit 19 Pastor's Mtg.
September 11	Patriots' Day
September 12	6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice
September 14	10:00 am Elders' Meeting
September 15	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am	Adult Bible Study
9:30 am	Divine One Service with Holy Communion

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**PET BLESSINGS** For the fourth year, as a community outreach, St. John's will again have a "Pet Blessing" here in the front yard for leashed or caged pets to be blessed by Pastor Richy. This will be held **Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**



Lansing Meals on Wheels delivers healthy, delicious meals twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for only \$4.00 a meal between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Contact Barb at (312) 969-0385 to learn more.

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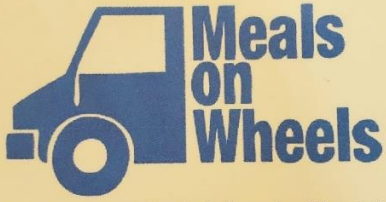
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# Salute to Our Armed Forces

Join us for a patriotic celebration honoring our military personnel, reservists, and veterans for their courage and dedication.

**Friday, October 11 | 10 am–12 pm**

**Doors open at 9:30 am • DoubleTree by Hilton • 5000 West 127th Street • Alsip, IL**

- POW/MIA Remembrance Service
- Fellowship and Appreciation
- Complimentary Refreshments



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**FREE event open to the public**

**If you wore the uniform... or know someone who did, contact us.**

**All local military personnel and veterans are invited to attend this memorable event.**

Registration forms are due by October 4. Mail form to:

VITAS® Healthcare | 8525 West 183rd Street, Suite M | Tinley Park, IL 60487 | Fax to 708.781.4365

Name of soldier/veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Seating is limited. Call Joseph Calderone at 708.781.4405 for additional information.**

**LWML COLLECTION;** The ladies of LWML are collecting the items to fill the World Relief School Kits. On Sept. 23, we will meet and assemble the kits (1:00 pm) and on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, we will take them to Christ Church in Valpo, IN. For more info., talk to Sandy Schultz, 708 474 0698. **September 23 LWML items below are due.**

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

**Please review the General Assembly instructions on Page 1 before collecting items for the School Kits.**

*“But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.”*

*James 1:22*

**Include the following items in each School Kit:**

- Four 70-80 sheet **SPIRAL** notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other (**NOTE: when packing, place the ruler inside the notebook to prevent sliding**)
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); preferred fabrics include sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill

**Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.** All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging. Pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Visit [lwr.org/schoolkits](http://lwr.org/schoolkits) or call **800.597.5972** for an easy-sew backpack-style bag pattern, tips for purchasing pre-made bags, and printable signs to help with your next assembly.

**UPDATED SHIPPING NOTE:**  
LWR's additional cost to handle and ship one School Kit One Kit is \$2.85. See Page 16 to learn how to support the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.



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**CHURCH OFFICE** The office is open Tues - Fri, 9:00 – 2:00 pm.

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