



Sunday, August 2nd 2026
10th Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 a.m.

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

As summer begins to wind down, we pause to give thanks for days of rest, moments of joy, and signs of God's abundant care. Yet we also come with honest hearts, knowing that we have not always trusted the One who provides, calls, and saves us. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Gracious God, you have filled our lives with daily bread, yet we worry there will not be enough. You call us to step out in faith, yet we cling to fear and doubt. You welcome those whom others overlook, yet we have drawn lines instead of extending your compassion. Forgive us for the ways we have wasted opportunities to love, to serve, and to trust you. Renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and guide our steps, that we may follow Jesus with courage and joy. Amen.

Jesus Christ has compassion for the hungry, reaches out to those who are afraid, welcomes all who seek his mercy, and calls each of us by name. Through Jesus ✠ your sins are forgiven. You are fed with grace, upheld through every storm, and sent into the world to bear witness to God's love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Abundant God,

You open your hand wide and satisfy the deepest hungers of your people. In your mercy, you invite all who are thirsty to come and receive the gifts of your grace freely. Gather us at your table and fill us with the bread of life, that we may be nourished by your love and strengthened to share that love with a hungry world. Through Jesus Christ, the one who feeds us and sends us forth we pray.

Amen.

READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 145:8-9,14-21

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

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Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joice - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Responding to “God of grace,” with “**hear our prayer.**”

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Everything we have is a gift from God. In this season of growth and abundance, we return a portion of those gifts with thanksgiving, knowing that together they become ministry, care, and welcome for others. Let us bring our offerings before God.

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GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous and loving God,

You are the One who takes what seems small and makes it enough. You fed the hungry crowds with a few loaves and fish. You remind us that nothing offered in love is ever too little in your hands. Receive these gifts we bring today. Shape us into disciples who confess Christ not only with our words, but through lives of generosity and service. May all that we give and all that we are become a witness to your abundant love.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

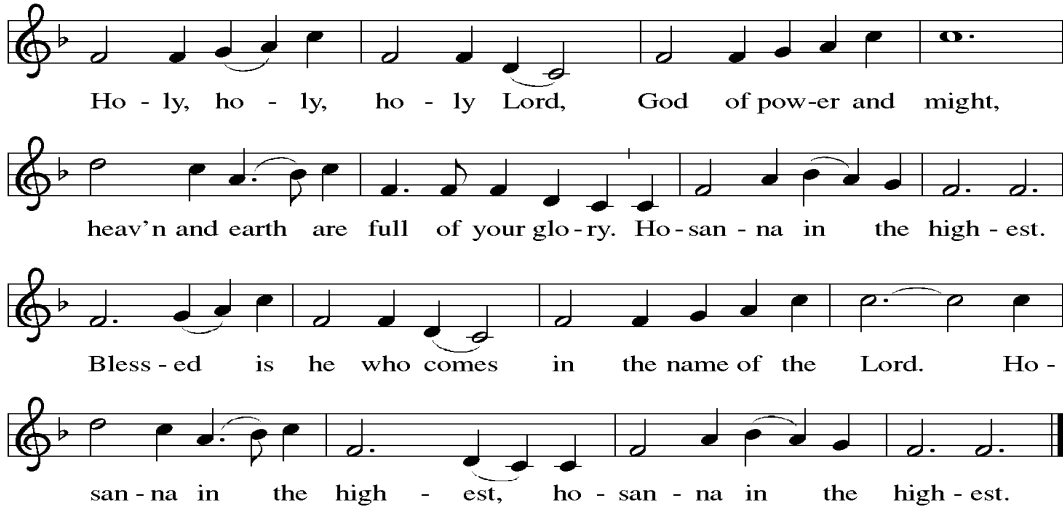
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

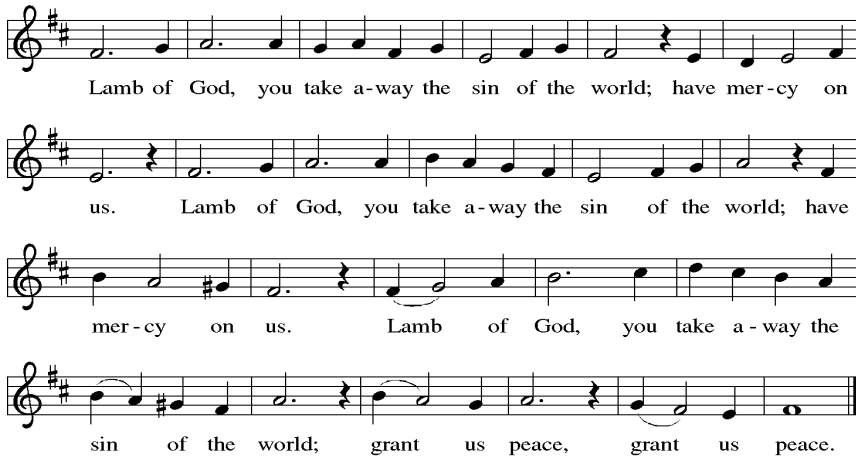
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 & ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Today we come to God's table, where Christ meets us with compassion and grace. Here the hungry are fed with more than bread; here God's abundance is poured out for all. Jesus reaches across every boundary, gathers us from every place, and invites us to know him not only with our words, but with our lives. At this table, Christ strengthens us to step out in faith, to trust him through every storm, and to follow wherever he leads. Come and receive God's grace that carries you forward. Come with your questions and your hopes, your joys and your burdens. Come, for all are welcome at Christ's table.



COMMUNION HYMNS

Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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Text: Billema Kwiflia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.
 Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwiflia, adapt.
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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,

We give you thanks for meeting us at this table with abundance, mercy, and love. You have fed us with the bread of life and strengthened us with the presence of Christ. As you multiplied the loaves, calmed the storm, welcomed the outsider, and called your disciples to follow, continue to shape us by your grace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

You have been fed at Christ's table with the bread of life. Go and share the abundance you have received.

When the world says there is not enough, proclaim the generosity of God.

When others are weary or in need, offer compassion and care.

When you wonder what you have to give, remember that Christ can take even the smallest offering and use it to bless many.

May God open your hands to serve, your hearts to love, and your eyes to see the places where God is already at work.

May Christ, the one who feeds the hungry and welcomes all, go with you.

And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to be hope for a hungry world.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to all! Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John Immanuel and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

Reminder! If you are in need of Pastoral care, or if you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Maggie, please contact St. John Immanuel (715) 675-6950

Food Basket. Each week you are invited to bring **non-perishable grocery** items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 4th – 9th Marathon County Fair Volunteers - First English Lutheran Church (Wausau) Fair Stand is seeking Volunteers for the Marathon County Fair August 4-9. Sign up charts are available @ The Church. Shifts are 11-4 or 4 to close. Questions & more information, Contact Bev or Schmidty (715) 573-7692

Sunday, August 9th Noisy offering! Bring your coins (bills also accepted 😊).

This noisy offering will go to: “**Fuel For the Future** – has a mission to raise money to help with weekend food insecurities for over 4,400 kids in Marathon County along with paying off school lunch debt which is projected to reach \$30,000 for the Wausau School District. This fundraiser works closely with Blessings In A Backpack” - Noisy offering will be the 2nd Sunday of the month. Money will be donated **quarterly**.

Save the Date: A Fond Farewell to Waypost

For generations, Waypost Camp has been a place where faith has grown, friendships have been formed, and lives have been changed. As we prepare to close this chapter of Waypost's ministry, we hope you'll join us for a meaningful weekend of celebration, gratitude, and remembering.

Friday, September 18th: Staff Alumni Gathering

- If you served on staff at Waypost, whether one summer or many, we'd love to gather with you.
- Families are welcome, too. Maybe you've always wanted to show your family the place that shaped so much of your life. Or maybe Waypost has become meaningful to them in their own way. Either way, the more the merrier! Come reconnect with old friends, swap stories, and enjoy an evening together.

Saturday, September 19th: Holy Closure Celebration & Day at Camp

- Join us for a day of camp and remembrance.
- We'll spend time enjoying favorite camp activities, sharing a meal together, and celebrating the generations of ministry that have happened at Waypost. The day will include a Holy Closure worship service as we give thanks for all God has done through this place and entrust its future to God's continued work.

- Following the day's events, Saturday night lodging will be available for anyone who would like to stay, reconnect, or simply make travel a little easier.

Parking Lot Update: Thank you to everyone who participated in our parking lot discussions. The congregation overwhelmingly approved Option 4: rebuilding all existing parking lots and adding the westward expansion. More details can be found in the Summer Newsletter, available in the Narthex, online, and via email. As we move forward, we invite households to consider pledging **\$1 per day** toward this project. We recognize that some can give more and others less, and we trust God to provide through the generosity of this congregation. Thank you for helping create a safe and welcoming space for all. Donations may be made using Parking Lot envelopes (request them by completing the gold form in your mailbox) or through Vanco on our website by selecting the **Parking Lot** fund. **Please Note:** *This is a very large project for the church and as a Council we're doing our due diligence to ensure we serve the congregation, steward our funds, and protect the church as a whole. If you have specific questions or concerns I'm happy to bring them to the Council for you or you are more than welcome to join a Council meeting.*

Endowment Fund Grant Requests - We are pleased to announce that we are ready to accept **Endowment Fund Grant Requests** for 2026. The Endowment Fund is a permanent financial fund held by St. John Immanuel Lutheran Church. Each year, a percentage of the earnings may be used to enhance and enrich the congregational life and ministry of the church. These funds may not be used for the annual budget or routine operating expenses. For 2026, the total amount available is \$7,442.00. Applications forms are in the narthex and should be submitted between **August 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026**. Requests should include a clear description of the purpose of the grant request and how the funds would enhance life at St. John Immanuel. All requests will be reviewed and approved disbursements will be made after October 1, 2026. Please contact Patti Busche if you have any questions.

Confirmation Registration now open!! – Please go to our website under Education to register for the 2026 – 2027 School year. The QR Code will take you right to the page. <https://stjohnwausau.org/education/confirmation-classes/>



Honor Flight - Butch Oravez is going on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight September 21st 2026. If you would like to write him a note, please do so by August 30th. You can either mail them to Robert "Butch" Oravez Never Forgotten Honor Flight, PO Box 161, Marathon WI, 54448 or you can give them to Pastor Maggie by Sunday August 30th. **Shhhhhh - Please keep this a surprise! Don't worry Butch cannot read the bulletin. :)**

Mailbox Update: All mailboxes are now located in the Narthex. Any discrepancies or questions, feel free to reach out Ann O.

Do you like Texas Roadhouse? Enjoy a meal on a Sunday and earn money back to St. John Immanuel! Bring our church bulletin, turn it into your server, and St. John Immanuel will receive 10% back from your food sales!

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or on our website! Help support St. John Immanuel with Kwik Trip gift cards!

Live Streaming and Photography Notice. When you enter St. John Immanuel Lutheran Church, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children's sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

Coming This Week @ St. John Immanuel August 2nd – August 9th

Today – Sunday, August 2nd

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour

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**Donations from Coffee hour will go towards a new refrigerator in our Fellowship Hall Kitchen.