



Sunday, August 9th 2026
11th 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.

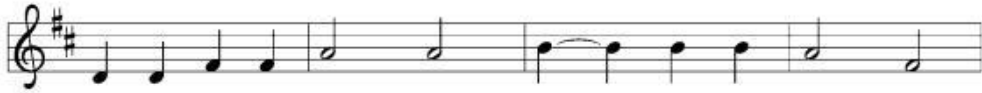
Gracious God, you have filled our lives with daily bread, yet we worry there will not be enough. You call us to step out in faith, yet we cling to fear and doubt. You welcome those whom others overlook, yet we have drawn lines instead of extending your compassion. Forgive us for the ways we have wasted 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you are present not only in the mighty winds, the shaking earth, and the blazing fire, but also in the quiet stillness where your voice speaks peace to your people. When storms surround us and fear overwhelms us, strengthen our faith to recognize your presence and trust your saving hand. Calm our anxious hearts, renew our hope, and send us forth to proclaim the good news of your steadfast love and mercy. Through Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” 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) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 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), 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. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But 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? And 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 (page 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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 The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & NOISY OFFERING

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (page 207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

LAMB OF GOD (page 154)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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Here Is Bread

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

he is with us, Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us, Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us, We'll pro-claim, till he comes

Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Chords: C, G, Am, E⁷, F, C, G, F, Am, G, C, G, Am, E⁷, F, Gm⁷, B⁺

Tune: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

2 2 4 4 2 2 5 and repeat

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773) – No Image available

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

Go forth with the peace of Christ in your hearts.

Listen for God's voice in the silence, trust God's presence in the storm, and remember that you are never alone.

May God who calls you, Christ who reaches out to you, and the Spirit who strengthens you, guide your steps and make you a blessing to the world.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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

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. :)**

Marty Bus - Community Outreach Task Force Meal: On Friday, August 28th, St. John Immanuel will make and serve a meal downtown from 11am-2pm to community members in need. We need meal ingredients donated by **Thursday, August 27th at 5pm**, volunteers to make mashed potatoes on Friday morning, and volunteers to serve the meal. Sign-up is in the Narthex!

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

Jan Petterson had a total hip replacement surgery and will be going to rehab after the hospital release. If anyone would like to send a card her address is:
Jan Petterson, 409 E Grant St #10, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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 9th – August 16th

Today – Sunday, August 9th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – Noisy Offering

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour

Monday, August 10th

Preaching Camp – (Gustavus Adolphus College)

Tuesday, August 11th

Preaching Camp – (Gustavus Adolphus College)

Wednesday, August 12th

Preaching Camp – (Gustavus Adolphus College)

Thursday, August 13th

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Sunday, August 16th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour

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