

October 26, 2025



St JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission Statement:

"TO KNOW CHRIST and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and confidence that the Lord here offers to us His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His word and promise, repent of all sin, and seek to follow Him in godly living. The Lord's Supper is a public statement of our unity and agreement in the Christian faith. If you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the sacrament, we ask that you first speak with the Pastor. For those who wish to prepare for attending the Lord's Supper, you will find some questions and answers from Luther's Small Catechism in the hymnal on page 329. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher. We also have a gluten free wafer with wine and a wafer with grape juice for communion. Please let Pastor or an Elder know if you prefer one of these options before the service.

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Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Our World, Our Country, Our President and Government Leaders.

All our Military Personnel

Police, Firefighters & EMT'S, who are there for us in times of crisis.

Eastern District President Rev. John Pingel

Our Missionaries: Chad & Jami Bader – Guatemala

Our Seminarian: Ryan Philpot

Recent Prayer Requests: Lloyd Hugelmaier (hospice)

Prayers for healing:

Garrison Ball, Spencer Begemann, Mike Christy, Deb Curtis, Jean Doricko, Christy Fessler, Kathy Foos, Kathy Fox, Jim French, Marty Graham, Stan Gregory, Darwin Hale, Ashley Hendley, Christine Hoffkins, Madeline Holley, Lloyd Hugelmaier, Bruce Johnson, Brendan Kemp, Lee Kistner, Christy Kuhn, MaryLou Leverenz, Shirley Nettles, Linda Palmer, John Palmer, Nancy Porcellio, Denise Raymond, Roger Seaman, Andy Schock, Rob Schuler, Debbie Scordo, Logan Sommer, Sharon Thomas, Debbie Turbeville, Carol Wiltse, Bonnie Zarpentine.

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOMES

Tom Elphick, Lloyd Hugelmaier, Dale Jennejahn, Carol Klafehn, Naomi Nundy, Donna Ophardt, Cathy Saar, Marilyn Weitz

SERVING US TODAY:

Officiant:	Pastor Christian Bode
Elders:	Roy Heise, Garry Leverenz 8:30 Jim Krygier, Jim MacMaster 11:00
Cross & Torch Bearers:	Kaia Bode, Mark Bode, Ryan Foos
Trustees:	Bill Rockow 8:30 Wendell Grimm 11:00
Musicians:	Lillian Meyer, Adult Choir, Dave Scherff 8:30 Praise Team, Dave Scherff 11:00
Greeters:	The Barrett Family 8:30 Steve & Darlene Tipton 11:00
Altar Guild:	Linda Marshall, Darlene Nichols
Readers:	Wes Miller 8:30 Cindy Metherell 11:00
Finance:	Gay LaDue
Ushers:	Steve Baase, Brian Rath, Wes Miller 8:30 Steve Tipton 11:00

REFORMATION

"True Freedom"

October 26, 2025

8:30 AM Service



AS WE GATHER

We are blessed with many freedoms in this country. We have freedom of speech. We have freedom of religion, with the freedom to assemble. We live in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." It is easy to rely on our citizenship for proof of our freedom. In that way, we are like the Jewish people at the time of Jesus. They relied on their Abrahamic lineage for freedom, recalling the covenant God made with Abraham and his descendants. While these national freedoms are great blessings, in the Holy Gospel, Jesus points out that for true freedom, one must be free from slavery to sin. Only in Christ is anyone truly free.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME – Sharing of God's Peace & Announcements

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 657

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the

Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1, 7, 10-11*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 35:10*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: **Almighty God, You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to the so-called wisdom of the world. We resist the reality that, in Christ, we are free indeed when we use our law-keeping as a measure of our standing with You. We resist the reality that You are with us when we celebrate Your works as our own. Still our selfish nature and forgive our sins for Jesus’ sake. Gladden our hearts and set us free.**

Pastor: The prophet Isaiah reminds us, “The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee

away.” This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM *Psalm 46*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the

sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;**

Pastor: God will help her when morning dawns.

People: **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;**

Pastor: He utters His voice, the earth melts.

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

People: **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**

Pastor: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

(Fear God and worship Him.)

Lector: Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to

every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice,

People: “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” - *Adult Choir*

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

(All have sinned and are freely justified by God’s grace)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

(It is only through Jesus that we become free.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB 849

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING “Our God Reigns” – *Trombone Solo – Dave Scherff*

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

O Lord of hosts, we give You glory and thanks for being
our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,
especially on this Reformation festival. Lord, in Your
mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Thank You for the gift of Your grace that alone sets us free
through the blood of Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your
mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Faithful and forgiving God, thank You for bringing us to
faith in You. It is through this faith alone that we are

saved. Grow us in Your grace and guide us by Your Spirit in living our faith daily. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, You have given us the Word of Life. Strengthen us by Your Word. Lead and guide us by Your truth. Give Your church on earth faithful pastors who preach and teach the Gospel in all its purity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the One who sets us free. In You alone our hope is found. You are our strength and our refuge. Remember all who face adversity of any kind... Comfort, strengthen, and heal them by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Preserve Your church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing. To You alone be all glory, now and forever, for You rule and reign as one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord of hosts, the God of Jacob, our fortress, for You have had mercy on all whom You have created by sending Your Son, Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

As we gather in Your name and the memory of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Lead us to faithfully eat and drink His body and blood. Gather us together as we celebrate the freedom we have in Christ. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(p. 163 in hymnal)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Law of God Is Good and Wise" *LSB 579*

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" *LSB 580*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God of Jacob, we give You glory for sending Your Son to set us free. We thank You for setting this feast of forgiveness before us. Empower us to proclaim Your eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANTHEM "Go Now in Peace" – *Adult Choir*

BENEDICTION

Psalm 46:1, 7, 10–11; Numbers 6:24–26

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People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN “God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING SONG **"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"** *LSB 657*

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Spirit.

People: Amen.

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People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation,
defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church
Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Pages 4, 5 in bulletin

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Pages 5, 6 in bulletin

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Page 6 in bulletin

SONG OF PRAISE

LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Chorus: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus 2X

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the

prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING “Our God Reigns” – Trombone Solo – Dave Scherff

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

+++ THE LORD’S SUPPER +++

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain.
Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

*Refrain: In the Cross, in the Cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the Cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star shed its beams around me.

Refrain

Near the Cross! O Lamb of God; bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o’er me. *Refrain*

Near the Cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting, ever.
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain*

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COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

EVERY PROMISE

From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Words of power strong to save
That will never pass away
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
For Your covenant is sure
And on this I am secure

I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word

When I stumble and I sin
Condemnation pressing in
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
You are faithful to forgive
That in freedom I might live
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Guilt to innocence restored
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for Your voice
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

Hope that lifts me from despair
Love that casts out ev'ry fear
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Not forsaken not alone
For the Comforter has come

And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word

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Birthdays this Week:

Today - Hannah Lenz, Gavin Leverenz

3rd Kirstin Penders

4th Mitchell Newman

5th None

6th Chris Marshall

7th & 8th None

Tithes and Offerings:

Attendance & Offerings:

10/19 8:30 AM 88; 11:00 AM 52. Amount Received \$4015.00

May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness.

Calendar of Events for the Week of 10/26-11/02/25

SUNDAY	10/26	8:30 AM Worship Service / Communion 9:45 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship Service / Communion
MONDAY	10/27	6:00 PM Gym Reserved
TUESDAY	10/28	8:30 AM Prayer Group 9:45 AM Bible Study 9:45 AM Hamlin Seniors 6:00 PM Gym Reserved
WEDNESDAY	10/29	8:30 AM Finance 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM Gym Reserved 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY	10/30	10:00 AM Hamlin Rec / Bowling 6:00 PM Gym Reserved
FRIDAY	10/31	6:00 PM Gym Reserved
SATURDAY	11/01	
SUNDAY	11/02	8:30 AM Worship Service / Communion 9:45 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship Service Noon Church Council Mtg.

Check out our website for Daily Inspiration, Sunday Messages, Worship Bulletins & Monthly Newsletter: stjohnhamlin.org

Due to Pastor's busy schedule, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

There will be a packing "get together" **TODAY** between services. All are welcome to help pack boxes, downstairs in Rummage Room.

Mission Outreach Information

It may seem early, but the Altar Guild will be orders for cyclamens and poinsettias starting Sunday, Oct, 26th until Monday, November, 10th.

On Sunday, November 30 after church, the Mission Team will host a soup and salad bar luncheon. There is only one service that day. Sign-up sheets will be going up soon. More details coming.

The mission team will also start taking orders for Christmas decorations on Sunday, November 9th.

My family and I want to say thank you too each and every one of you. The love and support that we received during Kelly's illness and at the time of her passing was unbelievable. Whether it was a hug, a card, a prayer, or a shoulder to lean on was and is greatly appreciated. And a special thank you to Pastor for everything. Blessings and love to everyone.

Linda Marshall

FILL THE SILLS FOR LIFE SOLUTIONS: Help us collect **500 FOOD ITEMS**. To help fill the holiday baskets: stuffing, canned vegetables, gravy, muffin mixes, cake mixes, frosting, and.... Other suggestions: individual cereal packages, individual applesauce, pudding, granola bars, canned soups, tuna, peanut butter, pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned chili, and... We have a Thrivent grant for FEEDNE2025 and if we can collect 500 items by October 31st, there is a possibility of us securing a \$500 donation for them as well. We did it in the past, can we do it again?! Thanks, everyone.

Worship News for October

TODAY we will celebrate the Reformation.

Lutheran Hour November 2 "The Way Out"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way." (1 Corinthians 10:13) www.lutheranhour.org, or 107.1 FM, Sundays at 8:00 AM, Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM

Thrivent members: The Mission Committee would appreciate your help. If you'd like to write a grant to fund shopping for an upcoming outreach in Rochester, please see

Marilyn Rowell (585-278-4993) or any committee member. You have two opportunities per year to write grants and they are easy to do online or by phone! Thanks.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a "tough time" and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

United States Air Force Contact Person:

Andy Smith - 964-3772 / asmith240@rochester.rr.com

Seth Bolon	Thomas Harley	Joel Hebert	Jacob Knapp
Michael Lintz	Brett Schickler	Andrew Trelly	Lydia Clark

Reserves: Kevin Smith

United States Army

Lee Bellows	William Bernreuther	Dan Cappuzzo
Michael Cappuzzo	Kyle Ketcham	Riley Robinson

United States Army National Guard

Jeremiah Graupman	Wanda Graupman	Nick Hamilton
Olin Miller	Moiria Rath	

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Derek D. Wilson

2025 CHRISTMAS PLANTS ORDER FORM

ALL 6" POTS / PRICE \$10.00 EACH

Deadline Sunday, November 9, 2025

Please choose & indicate how many:

POINSETTIAS

Red _____

White _____

Pink _____

CYCLAMEN

Red _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of person ordering: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Please make checks payable to:

"St. John - Altar Guild"

Questions? Contact Linda Marshall, 585-287-1172

ST JOHN ANNUAL MILITARY SERVICE HONORING OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OUR COUNTRY



We invite you to join us as we salute and pay tribute to our Men and Women currently serving, our Veterans, and to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sunday November 09th at 7:00 pm.

St John Lutheran Church, 1107 Lake Road West fork. Hamlin,NY

Pastor Christian Bode will lead us in a service of prayer and praise
Patriotic music theme presented by:

The St John Celebration Ringers

The Adult Choir

The Praise Team

Pastor Bode is playing Taps

refreshments to follow in the gym