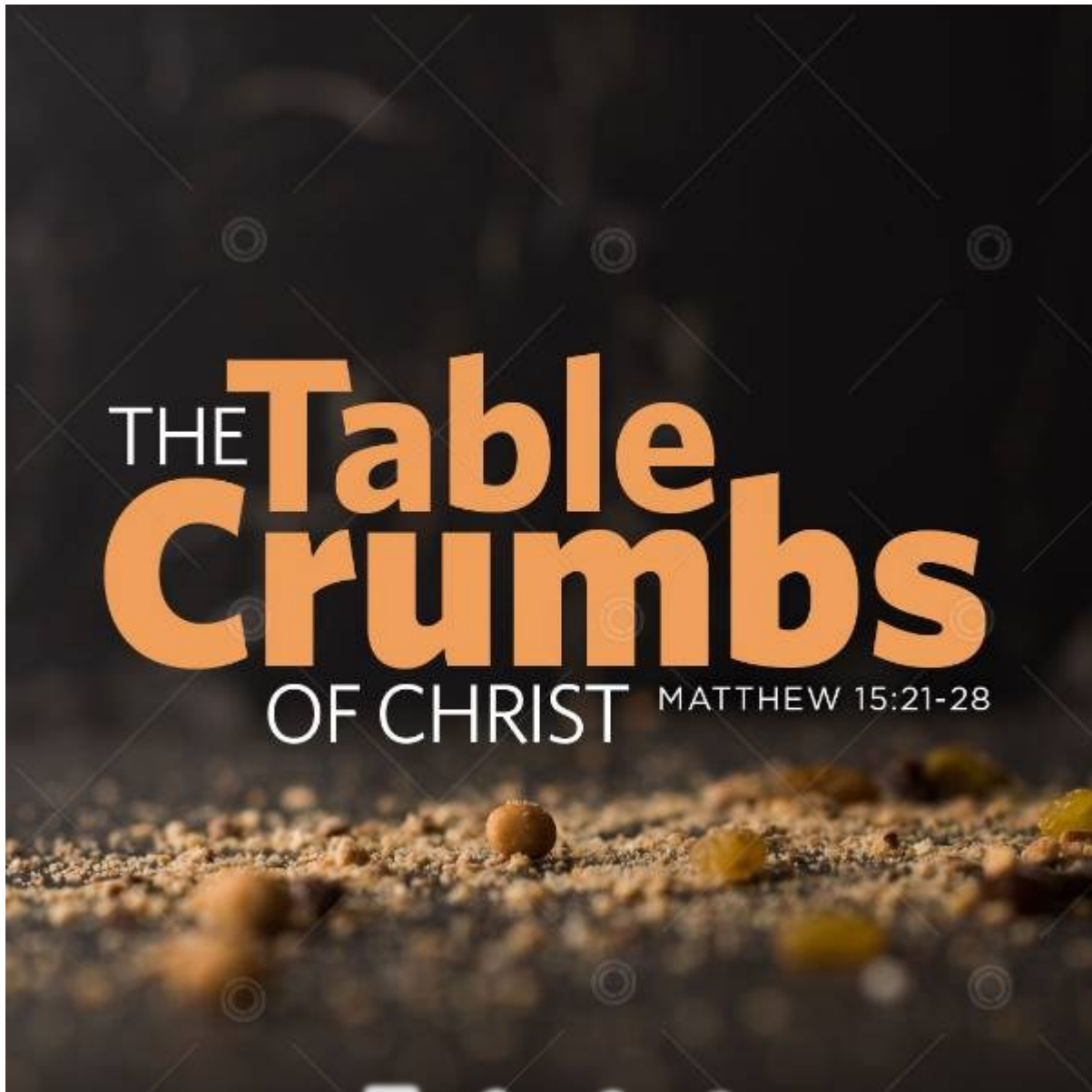


Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, 2026
12th Weekend of Pentecost



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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
August 16-23

Sunday	9:00am Worship 2:00pm Our Sharing Pantry Ice Cream Social
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship

Rebekah Circle will begin meeting again on Sept. 17th

Our Sharing Pantry

You are cordially invited to help us celebrate our 40th Anniversary!



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SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

Ice cream social 2:00 – 4:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

235 S. Green Street, Somonauk, IL 60552

We look forward to seeing you and your family!

Thank you for your support!



Offering 8/8 and 8/9	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$1,440.00	\$120,100.19
Capital Fund	\$107.50	\$15,326.21
Sharing Pantry-Utilities	\$175.00	\$1400.00
LWR School Bag Supplies	\$336.60	\$336.60
Children's Charities	\$500.00	\$500.00
Worship	\$50.00	\$300.00
Growing Hope Globally	\$67.50	\$642.50

Botanical Pumpkin Workshop

**Presented by Angie Grandgeorge
of Ivy Oaks Floral**

Sunday, October 11, 2026

**Info and sign-up sheet in the
Welcome Center**

Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Lance Davenport
Judy Erickson
Lee Gehrke
Sharon Goode
Karol Grandgeorge's
daughter, Lisa

Mike Hamer
Scott Horsch
Mary Ann Hulon
Anna Judge
Rhea Lumsden
Linda Martin
James Moris
Lonnie Murray
Kay Nelson

Jeanette Pfeifer
Roger & Helen
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Rosemary Underwood
Jackie Wendland
Cindy Westbrook
Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month

Date

Occasion

AUGUST

16

SHARING PANTRY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SEPTEMBER

20

RALLY DAY

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 841 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

The Kyrie section contains three staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff has the lyrics: **A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Below the English lyrics, the Latin lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy:" are written in a smaller font. The second staff has the lyrics: **A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy. Below the English lyrics, the Latin lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy:" are written in a smaller font. The third staff has the lyrics: **A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Below the English lyrics, the Latin lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy:" are written in a smaller font.

Prayer of the Day

P: God of all peoples,

C: **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from Genesis Chapter 45 vs 1-15

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is Psalm 133

¹ How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

² **It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore

A: The Second Reading comes from Romans Chapter 11 verses 1-2a, 29-32

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Matthew the 15th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day W&P 8 Amazing Love

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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 :



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that *"In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'*"

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn W&P 53 Great Is the Lord

Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary during Sending Hymn.

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.



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