Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17



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Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm



August 17-24

9:00am Worship
9:45am Council meets w/Pastor Jen Beamsley
4:00pm Fill LWR School Bags

TUCSday
9:00am-3:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm LWR Workday
6:30pm Altar Guild

Wcdncsday
9:00am-3:00pm LWR Workday
5:00pm Worship

9:00am Worship



Sunday



Community Feast at
United Church of Sandwich
Tues., Aug. 26th 4:30-6:00pm

St. John's is responsible for
donating the following:
4 vegetable casseroles
4 potato casseroles
4 meal casseroles
Sign up in the Welcome Center



Cole's Camp Fri., Aug. 29th 7-9pm Leave church at 5:45pm

Sign up in the Welcome Center



After worship on Saturday and Sunday, August 23rd and 24th, please join us for a retirement celebration for Pastor Chris and Steve.

Cake and refreshments will be provided.

Offering 8/9 & 8/10	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	3,136.00	\$130,987.09
Capital Fund	\$85.00	\$10,425.37
Utilities - Sharing Pantry	\$150.00	\$1,350.00
Reimbursements	\$274.31	\$284.31

Prayer Requests **Lonnie Murray** Kay Nelson Sharon Goode Mary Bark Roger & Helen Mary Carlson Mary Ann Hulon **Larry Rogers** Mary Carlson's sister, Jen Shelly Sue Karen Lynn Skryzpiec Lance Davenport Linda Martin Jackie Wendland Lee Gehrke James Moris Susan White Gianna

Come join in on the fun of filling LWR School Bags!

Sunday, August 17th at 4:00pm

Oates to Remember				
Month	Oate	Occasion		
AUGUST	26	COMMUNITY FEAST @ UCOS		
AUGUST	29	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN		
SEPTEMBER	7	WORSHIP @ SANDWICH FAIR		
SEPTEMBER	14	RALLY DAY		

Prelude Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

- \mathbf{P} : Our worship begins in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- **P**: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

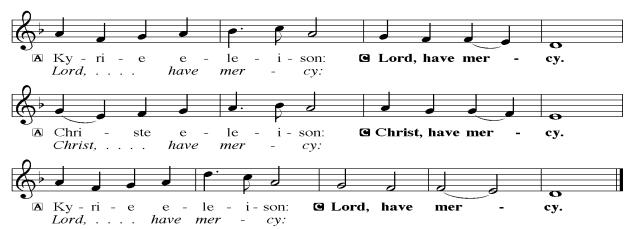
- **P**: Merciful God,
- You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
 In the cross of
 Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- G: Amen.

Gathering Hymn W&P 13 Awesome God

Greeting

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

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

P: O God, judge eternal,

you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

- A: The **First Reading** for this 10th weekend of Pentecost comes from the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 23 verses 23-29
- A: Word of God, Word of Life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

A: Our **Psalm** today is Psalm 82

God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴ rescue the weak and the poor;

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ Now I say to you, ¹ 'You are gods, and all of you children of ¹ the Most High;

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

and fall like any prince."

⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

A: The **Second Reading** comes from Hebrews Chapter 11 verse 29 through Chapter 12 verse 2

Word of God, Word of Life. **A**:

Thanks be to God. CE

Sunday **Blessing of the Backpacks**

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

The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Luke the 12th Chapter **P**:

CE Glory to you O Lord. Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The Gospel of our Lord. **P**: C Praise to vou, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 581 You Are Mine

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, CE 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

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

- A: ... Hear us, O God.
- **C**: Your mercy is great.
- P: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.
- 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.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

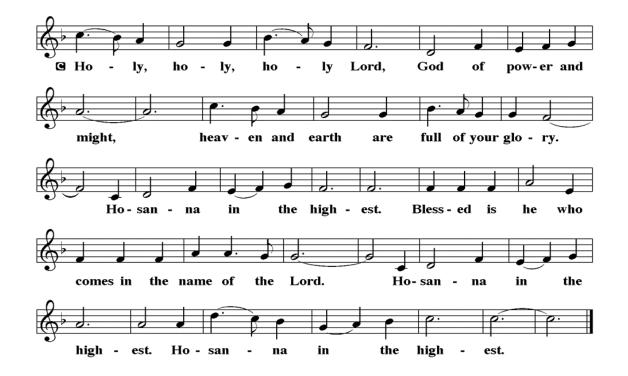
Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

- P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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.
- 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:

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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Holy Communion is served.

Communion Hymns W&P 18 Bind Us Together

W&P 10 As the Grains of Wheat

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Good & gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

: Amen.

Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

→ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 720 We Are Called

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

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

G: Thanks be to God.

