

Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26, 2026

9th Weekend of Pentecost



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
July 26-August 2

Sunday	9:00am Worship 12:00pm Lois Spizzirri Visitation @ St. John's 2:00pm Lois Spizzirri Funeral
Tuesday	9:00am-3:00pm LWR School bag Workday
Wednesday	9:00am-3:00pm LWR School bag Workday
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship and Picnic at Somonauk Park

Tom Glover, a former member of St. Johns, passed away July 6th.

**He and Marlyn had moved to Arizona. If you'd like to send a card to Marlyn, her address is
8103 E. Southern Ave., Lot 317, Mesa AZ 85209.**

We pray for peace and comfort for Marlyn.



Sunday, August 2, 2026
Worship and Brunch
Somonauk Community Park
9:00 Worship
10:00 Brunch & Fellowship

Bring a brunch/breakfast item to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Offering 7/18 and 7/19	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$2,972.44	\$111,683.22
Capital Fund	\$676.10	\$14,898.71
Altar Guild	\$100.00	\$751.90



Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Lance Davenport
Judy Erickson
Lee Gehrke
Sharon Goode

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
Family of Lois Spizziri
Rosemary Underwood
Jackie Wendland
Cindy Westbrook
Susan White
Family of
Phyllis Zoellner

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JULY	28-29	LWR SCHOOL BAG WORDAYS
AUGUST	2	CHURCH PICNIC AT THE PARK

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, whose compassion endures forever. **C:** Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: 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.**

A: 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 838 Beautiful Savior

Greeting

A: 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.

Prayer of the Day

A: Beloved and sovereign God,

C: **through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from Genesis Chapter 29 vs 15-28

A: Word of God, Word of Life **C:** Thanks be to God.

A: Our Psalm today is Psalm 105 vs 1-11, 45b

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

² **Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ **Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.**

⁵ Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

⁶ **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

⁷ The Lord is our God, whose judgments prevail in all the world,

⁸ **who has always been mindful of the covenant,**

the promise made for a thousand generations:

⁹ the covenant made with Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac,

¹⁰ **which God established as a statute for Jacob,**

an everlasting covenant for Israel,

¹¹ saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan

to be your allotted inheritance." ^{45b} Hallelujah!

A: The Second Reading comes from Romans Chapter 8 verses 26-39

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C:** Thanks be to God.

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

A: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Matthew the 13th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

A: The Gospel of our Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn Sing

W&P 77 Jesus, Name Above All Names, ELW 793 Be Thou My Vision

W&P 48 Go Out with Joy

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:** Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
- A brief silence.*
- A:** ... God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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.**

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.

Blessing

- P:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
- C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 715 Christ Be Our Light

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.**