

*Sunday, May 17, 2026*

7th Weekend of Easter



*“Everything  
you have given me  
comes from you.”*

JOHN 17:7, NIV

  
**CONFIRMATION**  
S U N D A Y

  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of  
May 17-24

Sunday	9:45am Worship (Confirmation)
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal @ St. John's
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship (Note summer time change)



## Favorite Hymns

is back for the summer!

Please choose your favorites from any of the hymnals and note the title and number on an index card located in the pew slot. Turn them into the office or place them in the offering plate.



**The next Community Feast will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd from 4:30-6:00pm at the United Church of Sandwich.**

**St. John's is responsible for providing 10 desserts that will serve 12-15 people each.**

**Please sign up in the Welcome Center**

**The Somonauk United Presbyterian Church is closing. The last worship service will be held Sunday, June 7th at 1:00pm. All are welcome.**

**14030 Chicago Road  
Somonauk**

Offering 5/9 and 5/10	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$2,919.00	\$78,332.79
Capital Fund	\$366.00	\$6,515.91
LWR—Baby Kits	\$200.00	\$250.00
Funeral Luncheon	\$136.01	\$136.01

## Prayer Requests

Mary Bark	Mary Ann Hulon	Jeanette Pfeifer
Mary Carlson	Rhea Lumsden	Matt Potter
Lance Davenport	Linda Martin	Roger & Helen
Judy Erickson	Doris Miller's	The family of Larry Rogers
Lee Gehrke	brother, Curt	Shelly
Marlyn Glover	James Moris	Lynn Skryzpiec
Sharon Goode	Becky Morphey	Lois Spizziri
Mike Hamer	Lonnie Murray	Rosemary Underwood
Scott Horsch	Kay Nelson	Jackie Wendland
		Cindy Westbrook
		Susan White

## Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
MAY	17	CONFIRMATION
MAY	30	GWG PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
MAY	28	READING BUDDIES
JUNE	4	BLOOD DRIVE

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C:** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

**P:** Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C:** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P:** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C:** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P:** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C:** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P:** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn ELW 720 We Are Called

### 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



### Prayer of the Day

**P:** O God of Glory,

**C:** **your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Reagan:** The **First Reading** comes from Acts Chapter 1 vs 22-31

**Reagan:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Brody:** Our Psalm today is from Psalm 68 verses 1 -10 and 32-35

<sup>1</sup> Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

**Roger:** <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.**

**Brody:** <sup>5</sup> Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

<sup>6</sup> **God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

**Roger:** <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

**Brody:** <sup>9</sup> Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

<sup>10</sup> **your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

**Roger:** <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

<sup>33</sup> **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

**Brody:** <sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

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

**P:** The **Holy Gospel** according to St. John the 17th Chapter

**C:** **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: John 17:1-11**

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 732 Borning Cry

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

**P:** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism. We ask that **Reagan Hallman, Roger Hallman, and Brody Lindstrom** come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

**P:** Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C:** **Amen.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

**P:** **Reagan, Roger, and Brody,** and all who are present here today,

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Reagan, Roger, and Brody** (*and the congregation*): **I renounce them.**

**P**: Do you believe in God the Father?

**Reagan, Roger, and Brody** (*and the congregation*):

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

**P**: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Reagan, Roger, and Brody** (*and the congregation*):

**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.**

**P**: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Reagan, Roger, and Brody** (*and the congregation*):

**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.**

## **AFFIRMATION**

**P**: Reagan, Roger, and Brody,  
you have made public profession of your faith.  
Do you intend to continue in the covenant  
God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God  
in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Reagan, Roger, and Brody: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P**: People of God, do you promise to support this sister and these brothers in Christ  
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P**: Stir up in **Reagan** the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

**Reagan: Amen.**

**P:** Stir up in **Roger** the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

**Roger: Amen.**

**P:** Stir up in **Brody** the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

**Brody: Amen.**

**P:** Let us rejoice with this sisters and these brothers in Christ.

**C:** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** ... Merciful God,

**C:** **receive our prayer.**

**P:** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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:** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**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, for the glorious resurrec-

tion of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and arch-angels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn :



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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:

**G: 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:** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**Holy Communion is served.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Prayer after Communion

**A:** Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**G: Amen.**

### Blessing

**P:** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the

dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**Sending Hymn** ELW 581 You Are Mine

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

**Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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