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This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will  
come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

*Acts 1:11*

**St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

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**May 10, 2026      The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)**

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*Service of Prayer and Preaching (Lutheran Service Book, p. 260)*

**Opening Hymn 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**Opening Versicles (Common, p. 260)**

**Psalm 2**

*(in place of Old Testament Canticle)*

<sup>1</sup>Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup>**The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”

<sup>4</sup>**He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

<sup>6</sup>**“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

<sup>10</sup>**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup>**Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

**Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Readings (on back of bulletin)**

## Responsory (Common, p. 263)

### Catechism (p. 264)

Ten Commandments

The Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Augsburg Confession Chief Articles of Faith

Article XX Good Works, 1-10 (see insert)

### Sermon

### Office Hymn 494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph

### Presentation of the Offering

### Prayer of the Church

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Collect of the Day (p. 265)

**P** Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Collect for the Word

### Morning Prayer (p. 266)

### Blessing (p. 267)

### Hymn to Depart 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

*Silent Prayer*

### First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

### Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit

of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

## **AUGSBURG CONFESSION\***

### **Chief Articles of Faith**

#### **Article XX**

#### **Good Works, 1-10**

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The doctrine about faith, which ought to be the chief doctrine in the Church, has remained unknown for so long. Everyone has to admit that there was the deepest silence in their sermons concerning the righteousness of faith. They only taught about works in the churches. This is why our teachers teach the churches about faith in this way.

First, they teach that our works cannot reconcile God to us or merit forgiveness of sins, grace, and justification. We obtain reconciliation only by faith when we believe that we are received into favor for Christ's sake. He alone has been

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Greeter: Janet Bertson

Videographers: Joel Werling, Nicole Nerud, or Heidi Nerud

**WE PRAY:** Lord Jesus, Lord of glory, who redeemed us to God by Your death and resurrection, and who even now sits in power at God's right hand, receive our faltering earthly praise and honor, and hasten the day when the whole church on earth enters the Kingdom of Glory to sing the songs of heaven with the great retinue of cherubim and angels, seraphim and saints gathered around Your throne; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

## WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

## OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead  
Pastor Tuesday—Friday please call ahead

**STREAM SERVICES** <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>  
and on the website: [www.stjohnsgeneseo.org](http://www.stjohnsgeneseo.org).

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—6 Adult Bible class—7 Worship—41

## OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$7,975.00  
Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship
		<b>HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!</b>
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Confirmation
Thursday	6:30 pm	Council meeting
Sunday	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship/Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Youth Group

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in praise and thanksgiving for the birth-days of Karen (May 14) and Randy Rasmussen (May 27). May God's blessings continue in the coming year serve their Lord.

**WAYMAKERS: Your Change Changes Everything!** - Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle campaign is underway. Grab a baby bottle, sign your name on the sheet found next to the bottles, fill the bottle with change or a check (**make check to Pregnancy Resources**) and return the bottle anytime until June 21, leaving filled bottles on the office desk. Thank you for caring for the unborn and their parents!

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who helped at the Work Day. Your care and labor were greatly appreciated.

**Building Healthy Families:** How do you put a mother's love into words? It's steady and selfless, quiet yet powerful—woven into everyday moments and lifelong sacrifices. Scripture paints this kind of love in many places, and while 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 isn't always labeled as a "mother's passage," it beautifully reflects what so many mothers live out each day:



*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love*

*never ends.* Happy Mother's Day to all women who so lovingly care for their children and others. (P.S. No texting or snapchatting today: call or visit your mother!) [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service** .

**ALTAR FLOWERS**—Please consider providing Altar flower for a Sunday. Sign the flower chart found on the bulletin board next to the rest rooms. Sign your name for the date of your choice. Use the yellow envelope write the occasion you are celebrating and to pay for the flowers (\$30 for two arrangements, checks made out to St. John's church). Place the envelope in the offering plate. The rest will be taken care of.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

*Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:*

**MISSION**—*Pray for the families of visiting missionaries, that they would enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.*

**ST JOHN'S—Mr. & Mrs. Randall Rasmussen**—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Randy and Karen asking Your blessings on her.

**ST. JOHN'S FAMILY**—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

<b>Linda Aper</b>	<b>Paula Chapa</b>	<b>Joyce DeFauw</b>
<b>John Erdman</b>	<b>Betty Firch</b>	<b>Marcia Helke</b>
<b>Jessica Johnson</b>	<b>Rosalie Jorgensen</b>	<b>Linda Lundquist</b>
<b>Mary Jayne Nash</b>	<b>Aaron Raschke</b>	<b>Drew Schillinger</b>
<b>Dave Schmidt</b>	<b>Carolyn Werner</b>	<b>Denice Winchell</b>
<b>Carolyn Wildermuth</b>		<b>Marilyn Woods</b>

**Jon/Anita Clausing** (missionaries in Kenya)

**Jodi Martins** (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

**Justin Rittenhouse** (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)

**Marty Cavato** (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)

**Ellen Bauer** (grandmother of Joel Werling)

**Joline Parrish** (sister of Gayla Kroll)

**Ann Behrendt** (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)

**Lyll Talarico** (niece of Mary Jo Gehn)

**Cindy Davenport** (cousin of Terri Hock)

**Chad Gehn** (nephew of Brad Gehn)

**Jeff Schreck** (cousin of Terri Hock)

**Ralph Boney** (uncle of Larry Hock)

**Gerry Viero** (aunt of David Neumann's wife)

**MILITARY**—Pray for our military and their families:

**Luke Thompson** (son of John/Kindra Thompson)

**Karl Flynn** (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)

**Casey Powers Jr.** (step son of Lisa Powers)

**Brittany Lenni** (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

**Rylie Hallendorff** (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)

**Chase Werling** (nephew of Joel Werling)

**Carter Martwig** (nephew of Joel Werling)

### LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“If you're a single parent, don't count yourself out ... If you're widowed or divorced, don't count yourself out. If you've never married, don't count yourself out. We sinners are all in this together. We want to see the relevance of faith for our daily lives. We hear the religious talk and we humbly ask, ‘How does this apply to me?’ The answer is that the glory of Christ's resurrection is for us all. It continues in the message of forgiveness and hope we experience each time we gather together.” *Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Speaker Emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*