

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

OCTOBER 26, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 1, p. 151

HYMNS: 578, 656, 781 v.1, 617, 744, 618, 770, 655

SERVICE OF THE WORD: Psalm 46 (read responsively)

LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

THEME: The Fear of Jesus and the Love of His Word

WORSHIP LIFE: 95

WELCOME: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

HOLY COMMUNION

- **If you are a member of St. John's**, see page 329 for help in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.
- **If you are a guest**, welcome! Communion at St. John's is reserved for members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with the Pastor about Communion before participating.
- **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.



QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING – TODAY

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **TODAY following the 9:00 am service**. All confirmed members, age 19 and older are invited to attend and are eligible to become voting members. **New officers and leaders will be selected, and next year's budget discussed/approved**. Several very important & impactful topics will be discussed, so members should plan to attend.

APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD – WE SERVE IN LOVE

Sunday, Oct 26	9:00 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	Voters' Meeting Elections / Budget Approval
	10:45 am	Sunday School
Monday & Tuesday Oct 27 & 28	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, Oct 28	1:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Oct 29	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Confirmation
	5:00 pm	ACT
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, Oct 30	7:00 pm	Evening Women's Bible Study
Sunday, Nov 2	9:00 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Bell Choir

WE PRAY FOR...

Those battling cancer – Lisa Baty, Pam Collins, Rev. Robin Collins, Ruth Ferguson, Darlene Horvath, Shirley Klitzke, Fritzie Lamke, Marcus Marsh, Jeff Moe, John Pearson, Carol Stevens, Tim Wegner, Lola Weimer, Mickey Williams and Ray Williams.

Those dealing with other health issues – Maggie Borseth, Marilyn Boucher, Betty Bulhmann, Lois Du Chane, Yvonne Erdman, Rowan Grage, Lori Hawkins, Claire Hill, Linda Hollingsead, Ian Hughes, Rodney Larson Jr., Ardis Lillestol, Jordin Mae, Jake Mehr, Michele Messetler-Mondry, Ginger Peterson, Shirley Renstrom, Clark Sadlo, Deborah Sergot, Joseph Schuelke, Pat Scott, Colton Blake Shoemaker, Bruce Sundberg, Clyde Swanson, Roy Van Horn, Chuck Virginia, Adah Williams, and Connor Wood.

Our sister congregations in Puerto Rico: Prince of Peace in Mayaguez, Fountain of Life in Ponce and Lamb of God in San Juan and Our Together in Mission Missionaries, Rev. James & Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, and Lutheran Island Camp.

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVERD)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #578 - *"Thy Strong Word"*

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION – page 151

PSALM 46: read responsively

KYRIE – page 152

THIS IS A FEAST – page 155

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT: Revelation 14:6-7

EPISTLE: Romans 3:19-28

ALLELUIA (p. 156)

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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CHILDREN'S LESSON / SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS

HYMN OF THE DAY: #656 - *"A Mighty Fortress"*

SERMON: The Fear of Jesus and the Love of His Word

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY – page 159

OFFERING: #781, v.1 - *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – page 160

LORD'S PRAYER OFFERTORY – page 159

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI – page 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #617 – *"O Lord, We Praise Thee"*
#744 – *"Amazing Grace"*
#618 – *"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"*
#770 – *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT – page 166

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: #655 – *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*



Give Thanks

All are welcome to join us for
"the day before"

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 26
at 6:00 pm

St. John's Food Drive

ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER
FOR AITKIN FOOD SHELF



Come as you are

this includes any
hunters out there

Fall Luncheon

& Snack Shack Bake Sale / Crafts
at St. John's Lutheran Church

\$10
per person

Savory Hearty Beef Stew
Freshly baked buns
Colorful variety of salads
Assortment of desserts
Tasty beverage

FRIDAY
NOV
14
11^M – 1^P

324 3rd Street NW, Aitkin (behind the Aitkin High School)

you're invited to a
**HARVEST
BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY NOV
23
following
worship



Pancakes
Sausage
Eggs
Fruit
Juice
Coffee

Proceeds support ACT activities &
2028 Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX

hosted by
ACT
ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Children's Christmas Service is just around the corner! We would love for all the children to be part of the fun and celebration as we share the joy of Christmas together. Please let us know if you have any questions, or if your children will be able (or unable) to participate this year. We look forward to a wonderful time of worship and rejoicing!

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PRACTICE DATES & TIMES

11/23
SUNDAY

10:45am - Handout parts / Practice Songs
11:15am - Assemble Christmas Cards

11/30
SUNDAY

10:45am to 11:45 am - Regular Practice

12/07
SUNDAY

10:45am to 11:45 am - Regular Practice

12/14
SUNDAY

10:45am to 11:45 am - Regular Practice

12/20
SATURDAY

9:00am to 1:00pm - Dress Rehearsal, Lunch and Christmas Party

12/21
SUNDAY

11:00am - "Away in a Manger" Children's Christmas Service

HELP US UPDATE OUR DATABASE AND START A NEW CHAPTER

To make the most of our new database—and to ensure all information is accurate—we need your help! This new system offers many more features than our previous one, and we want to take full advantage of all it can do.

Over the past year, we've been gathering information from various sources to build this database. In that process, we discovered a few inconsistencies, and we'd love your help in updating and confirming the details.

Current members are asked to complete the Member Information Form that Pastor Ben will mention at the end of today's service. This will help us keep the most up-to-date information for your family.

If you're interested in becoming a new member or would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please fill out the form as well. Pastor Ben would love to connect with you and get to know you and your family better.

We'd also love to learn more about your gifts and interests— where your talents lie and how you might like to use them in service to our church community. Together, we can continue to grow, serve, and strengthen our ministry!

Please return forms to the office or place in the mailbox of T & G Rose.



VOTER MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

As of today, the following individuals have expressed interest in running for leadership roles within our congregation. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. **Elections will be held TODAY, FOLLOWING WORSHIP.** We also encourage all members to attend this important Voters Assembly meeting. In addition to elections, the proposed budget for the upcoming year will be presented for approval (there are some new line items this year that will be discussed). **Let your voice be heard. Your participation matters!**

St. John's Election Ballot

October 26, 2025

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2026

Church Officers are re-elected annually. The following are willing to run for these roles:

President:

- ☐ Luke Hamdorf
- ☐ Other _____

* Paul Zenke is stepping down

Vice President:

- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____

*Open, as Luke Hamdorf is running for President

Treasurer:

- ☐ Debbie Schultz (Incumbent)
- ☐ Other _____

Recording Secretary:

- ☐ Teri Baty (Incumbent)
- ☐ Other _____

Financial Secretary:

- ☐ Gina Wold (Incumbent)
- ☐ Other _____

DEACONS

Currently **three Deacon positions** open:

One 2-year term (to fill a vacancy left by a Deacon who stepped down)

Two 3-year terms (open for re-election)

Deacon:

- ☐ Dan Borseth (Incumbent)
- ☐ Greg Neutz
- ☐ Mike Quale
- ☐ Jacob Redepenning (Incumbent)
- ☐ Other _____

TRUSTEES

Currently **two Trustee positions** open:

One 2-year term (to fill a vacancy left by a Trustee who stepped down)

One 3-year term (open for re-election)

Trustee:

- ☐ Steven Burma
- ☐ Ray Kaiser
- ☐ Scott Wold (Incumbent)
- ☐ Other _____

BOARD OF FINANCE

Board of Finance hold **3-year terms**. Currently, **two spots open**

Board of Finance:

- ☐ Rachel Bartz
- ☐ Other _____

*both Paige Beaufeaux and Lisa Flerlage are stepping down