

## 23rd Sunday After Pentecost November 16, 2025





**DEAR FRIENDS**, may God bring gladness to your hearts through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who brings gifts of eternal life, joy, and peace.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty God, divine Creator, by whose Son and Spirit we were given spiritual life, keep us if it be Your will in such good health and strength mentally and physically that we may earn our board and keep, and preserve us, who belong to You, from living in idleness and dependency unless You will it so; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WE OFFER THANKS for God's grace and mercy in Christ Jesus. We praise Him for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. We ask Him for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. We also pray for those with needs including William Fritts, Fred Meyer, Paula Moege, Earl Moege, Evelyn Schmidt, Joyce Mathies, Tilden Imthurn, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Rev. David Grouner, Della Pitsch, Joyce White, and our shut-ins.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR is a gift of God for believers to receive God's grace. Christ our Savior warns us to examine ourselves to look for true repentance and faith before we partake of this holy meal. We practice close communion, which recognizes that one should receive Christ's body and blood only if we share a bond of faith and practice. Judgment falls upon the faithless, according to Scripture. Guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service. All may come forward to receive a blessing by placing their hands over their heart.

## **OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK**

TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
MONDAY	9:00am	Quilt Tying
	12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World
	7:00pm	Choir
TUESDAY	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
	7:30pm	Theology on Tap
WEDNESDAY	8:15am	Chapel
	1:30pm	LWML Friendship Circle
	6:15pm	Confirmation
	6:50pm	JuBellation
	7:00pm	Mentors with Confirmands
THURSDAY		Picture Retakes @ SJLS

	9:30am	Bible Class
	7:00pm	Book Study @ Elaine Becker's
SATURDAY	9:00am	Life Workshop @ Christ, Manhattan
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class with Hieght Point
	9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	11:00am	Voters' Meeting

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST		November 9, 2025
Attendance:		
Sunday Sunday School	124 28	Livestream 16 Views 525
<b>Total receipts</b>	\$7,736.50	Weekly Budget Needs: \$12,684.00

Worship Servants: <u>Sunday School Teachers:</u> Jim MacGregor, Phillip Theel, Lisa Thompson, Traci Dickens; <u>Altar Guild:</u> Ashton Torrey, Darcy Torrey, Pam Stuewe; <u>Greeters:</u> Mr. & Mrs. Mike Savage, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Meseke; <u>Acolytes:</u> (Alannah Sievers), Anna Debler, Myka Manor; <u>Ushers:</u> Ryan Theel, Randall Debler, Dalton Debler, Jacob Debler, Phillip Theel; <u>Communion Assistants:</u> (Ken Smith, Tim Songs), Harmon Butler; <u>Technicians:</u> Bruce Schultz, Whitney Howard, Mindy Miller; <u>Children's Message:</u> Harmon Butler.

**VOTERS' MEETING:** On November 23 after church, we shall meet to: address a constitutional change; select a financial review/treasurer; establish a spending budget for 2026; and elect officers. Those nominated are: Ray Howard, Jared Schultz, and Jed Swicegood for Board of Elders; Kody Songs for Board of Trustees; Dawn Yonke for Board of Stewadship; Kathy Cox, Carla Johnston, and Reagan Whitten for Board of Christian Education; and Jim MacGregor and Kara Mayer for School Board.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** is Tuesday at Rockin K's at 7:30. Rev. Timothy Koch will present about the world of New Testament Greek manuscripts.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING will be after church November 30. All hands are welcome to help.

TEENS FOR CHRIST, CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS will have an Operation Christmas Child Box packing party on Wednesday, November 19 in Memorial Hall. A taco supper will be served for all participants at 6:15pm prior to packing the boxes. The boxes will be placed in church on November 23 for prayers of God's blessing on these gifts and then taken to Manhattan.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX:** Donations will be accepted until Wednesday, November 19. Items must be small enough to fit in a shoe box. A drop box for donations is by the church office. Contact Kim Diehl (785) 302-1492 for pick up or questions. Monetary donations are also accepted.

**THE BOOK STUDY** is reading <u>Day 7 for Work, Rest, or Play</u> by Joel Biermann. They will meet on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Elaine Becker's home.

**A FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL** will be hosted by the four churches of Alma on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-1:00pm at Holy Family Catholic Church. Call or text Patty at 785-556-4641 or Ruth at 785-499-3740. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 23. Bank of the Flint Hills is accepting monetary donations for the dinner.

**GIFT CARDS:** St. John School's LPTL is once again placing orders during November and December. You will find order forms on the table by the secretary's office or call Gayle Grimm at 765-3607. She will place orders November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BASKET DINNER** after church November 30. Please bring a main dish to share, and either a salad or dessert. Drinks and tableware will be provided.