

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

PO Box 763, 206 N. Court St.

Au Gres, MI 48703

Missouri Synod



"The mission of St. John Lutheran Church is to make the love of Christ known within the church, the community and the world through preaching, teaching, reaching out to the community and spreading the Word of God to all people."

Sunday Worship– 9:00 am

Bible Study – 10:15 am

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH & PRACTICE REGARDING
HOLY COMMUNION**

We, as a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, believe that Holy Communion is a divinely instituted sacrament in which Jesus Christ grants to the communicant His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We invite all who are confirmed Luther Church-Missouri Synod Lutherans, who have repented of their sins, and trust in Jesus' words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins", to commune with us We respectfully ask visitors and members of other Christian congregations and desire to attend Holy Communion to speak with an Elder or with the Pastor prior to the service.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DIVINE SERVICE THIRD SETTING LSB Page 184
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Hymn: "All Depends on Our Possessing"	#732
Invocation	Page 184
Confession of Sins & Declaration of Grace	Pages 184-185

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit: (spoken responsively)	Insert
Gloria Patri	Page 186
Kyrie	Page 186
Gloria In Excelsis ~ <i>Glory to God in the Highest</i>	Pages 187-189
Salutation	Page 189
Collect of the Day	Insert
Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26	Insert
Gradual	Insert
Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11	Insert
Alleluia and Verse	Page 190
Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21	Insert

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed	Page 191
Hymn: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”	#782
Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21	
Offertory	Pages 192 & 193
Tithes and Offerings are Gathered	Page 193
The Prayers of the Church	Page 193

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy	Page 195
The Lord’s Prayer	Page 196
The Words of Our Lord	Page 197
Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord	Page 197
The Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God	Page 198
The Lord’s Supper: HOLY COMMUNION	
Distribution Hymn:	
#652 “Father, We Thank Thee”	
#730 “What Is the World to Me”	
#861 “Christ Be My Leader”	
Nunc Dimittis	Pages 199-200
Thanksgiving	Page 200
Post Communion Prayer	Page 201
Salutation & Benediction	Pages 201-202
Hymn: “Who Trusts in God a Strong, Abode”	#714
Silent Prayer - (Prayers for Worship can be found on the inside cover of your hymnal)	



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SERVING THE LORD

SOS:	Linda Byard	Elder:	Denny Klein
Greeter:	Paulette Paradise	Usher:	Charlie Appold
Altar Care:	Jane Bourdeau	Bulletin:	Sandra Jantzi
Liturgist and Preacher: Pastor Sean McNeil			

This Week at St. John's

SUN (8/3)	9:00am	Worship/HC
	10:15am	Coffee Hour/Fellowship Bible Study in MPR Mite's collected
SUN (8/10)	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Coffee Hour/Fellowship Voter's Meeting Blood Pressure Clinic Potbless

WELCOME ALL TO GOD'S HOUSE TODAY – in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please take a moment and fill out the “*Welcome to Our Worship*” pad in the brown folder at the end of the pew. If you are visiting, please sign the guest register book in the narthex. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to return every Sunday at 9:00am.

LARGEPRINT – copies of today's service are available. Ask the greeter if you would like one.



Convenient and secure ONLINE GIVING is available through the TITHE.LY giving portal. Scan the QR code to the left or go to our church website at: www.stjohnaugres.org once there, click the link located on the homepage.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for our members with health concerns:

Devin Ruse	Marcia Twarog
Doris Braman	Tammy Younger
Sandy Metzger	Jerry Thomas
Perry Tremble	Rich Schnell
Walker Byard	Sharon Whyte



Pray for friends with health concerns:

Ella Layton	Jayden Fair	Tom Barry
Kris Hammerbacher	Lynn Simmons	Debbie Kahihikolo
Hunter Sweet	Tracy Miller	Les Diesler
Paula Switala	Brianna Dery	Janice Haas
Howard Hackerd	Cody Gee	Shannon Reed
Jeri Christie	Michelle Cochran	Wendy Dieleman-Reid
Greg Norgan	Teresa Strehl	Jean Marttila
Karen McGuire	Matthew Mason	Gus Galloway
Becky Goodwin	Al Fox	Scott Schell
Brendan Harrison	Karen Olson	Tim Robbin
Kay Tremble	Matthew Hackerd	Joan Behrman
Emmett Lynch	Cathy Mueller	Sandee Simmons
Diane (Joyce Forro's daughter)		Sienna Wilcox

Please contact the office with any updates to the prayer list

Today at St. John's

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR – We invite all to stay for coffee hour and fellowship after worship in the fellowship hall. Sign up in the fellowship hall or call one of the ladies to bring baked goods. August hostess is Pat Metzger (989-867-4734)

BIBLE STUDY – will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) after our morning service. Everyone is invited to pick up your coffee and snacks and join Pastor McNeil as we continue the study of Psalm.

LWML MITES – are accepted the first Sunday of each month. Drop your mites in the box located in the Narthex. If you haven't done so already, pick up a Mites Box and begin collecting your change each month.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES – Listen to the radio broadcast in our area on WSAM, 1400 AM, on Sunday morning at 8:30am or online at: www.lutheranhour.org.

THANK YOU – for the prayers and cards that were given while I was under the weather. It was greatly appreciated. – Veronica Hiveley

Save the Date

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) – all ladies are invited to join us on Monday, August 11th at 10:00 as we resume our weekly Bible study.

RELAY FOR LIFE – See the display table in the fellowship hall for more information about the upcoming Ice Cream Social & Luminaria Walk being held on Saturday, August 9th from 2-5pm at the Standish Depot and Welcome Center.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church, Au Gres is August 19th, from noon to 4:45pm. Schedule an appointment, log on to edCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Au Gres or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). You may streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment to donate. Everyone who donates will receive a coupon for a free pint of ice cream courtesy of Zanner's Ice Cream Shoppe!

Mission Opportunities

AUGUST'S MISSION OF THE MONTH – is for the Au Gres Christian Charities Food Pantry. We often take for granted that we do not need to wonder where our next meal comes from. That is not the case for all Arenac County residents. The Au Gres Food Pantry gives people peace of mind and provides much needed sustenance.

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VOTERS MEETING AGENDA

When: August 10, 2025
Approximately 10:15 am, immediately following the
9:00am service & coffee hour.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Topics

- Approval to adjust Church Council approved spending level
- Approval for parsonage fence installation
- Other items

Please let Sandra know of any additional topics that need to be on the agenda.

A POTBLESS – will be held immediately following the Voter's Meeting. Bring a dish or two to share. All are welcome to stay!

VOTER'S MEETING BOOKLET – is available for pick up in the Narthex.

Scripture of the Week

Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

- ¹ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
- ³ Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.



LIFE THOUGHT – August 3 – Pentecost VIII – The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church's business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor's body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.