St. John's Lutheran Church
October 11, 2026

Welcome to St. John's

Thanks for being here today! We feel blessed that you're here and truly pray you find the warmth of our Christian family, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peaceful assurance of His promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. To start, everything for our worship is projected on the screens up front and printed here in the service folder. God bless your time with us today. We hope you can worship with us again!

If You're New to St. John's:

You and your kids are welcome. We really love and enjoy having kids in worship and encourage the worshiping family! In fact, our worship often includes a children's message with little ones in mind. And if your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, If you do need a quiet place to calm a child, a nursery room is available with screens immediately to the left as you exit the sanctuary. There are also changing stations in each bathroom.

Restrooms are located in the entrance as you came into the building

Make yourself at home. You don't have to rush off after service today. Light refreshments are usually provided in our social hall after worship. If you feel comfortable, please stay and follow up with one of our pastors; we'd be honored if you took a moment to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and His Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell Phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshiping God today, we kindly ask you to silence your phone before the service.

Fill out a Connection Card. We'd love to know you were here and help you take the next step. There are Connection Cards at the end of each pew, or they can be completed online. Text "Connect" to 651-401-1400, scan the QR code, or visit www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card to complete the card online.

Welcome to St. John's

Opening Worship:

8AM – Son of God, Eternal Savior
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10:30AM – Glorify Thy Name
Sung by the Sunday School Children, found on page 9

Stand

These opening words along with the sign of the cross are beautiful reminders of our baptism

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our Confession & God's Gracious Forgiveness

The heavens cannot contain him, yet in Christ he has made his dwelling among us.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Peter reminds us, "The end of all things is near. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." As we come together, let us be honest with the One who already knows.
Lord God, you do not live in buildings, yet we have often lived as individuals, alone inside them.

We have sat in the same room as our brothers and sisters while putting up our glass walls.
We have kept a record of wrongs when your love compels us to forgive from the heart.

We have grumbled at the cost of hospitality, guarding our time and our energy and our homes.
We have held back our gifts and deprived your flock without them.

Some of us are struggling this morning and have told no one. some of us know someone struggling and have done nothing.
Lord, have mercy.

You know us.
And through your Son, you love us anyway.

Have mercy on us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and gather us as one flock. Amen.

Almighty God has been merciful to us. Jesus took our sins as his own and was forsaken and left alone in our place, so that every one of our sins is covered, and none of us is ever alone. Upon this confession of your sins, and as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

You are living stones and one flock, and your Shepherd has broken every barrier down. Go and live together as One.
Thanks be to God.

Gloria

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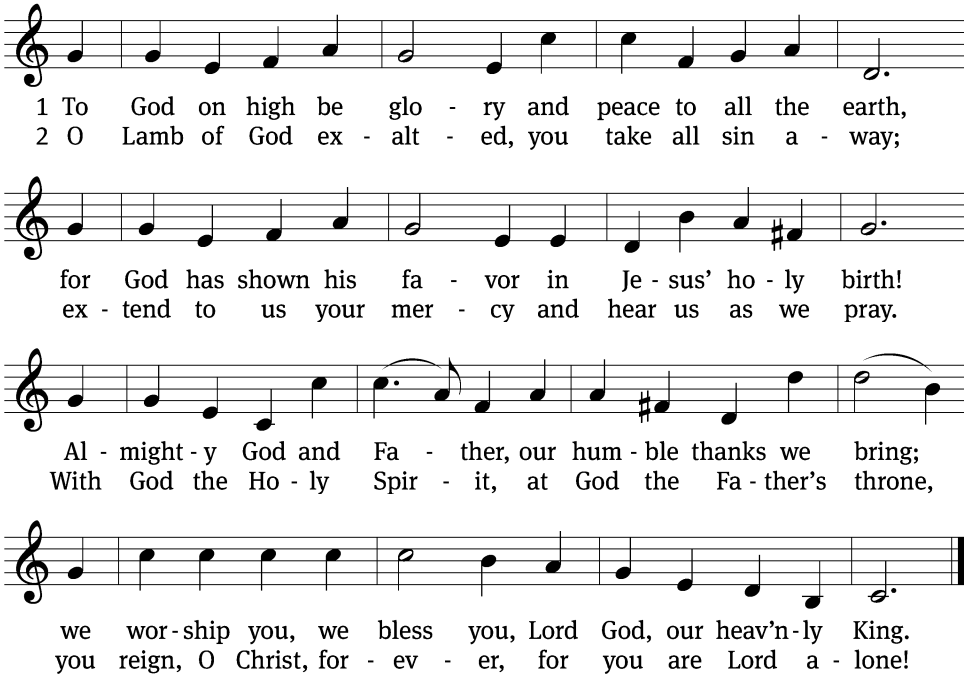

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, with the power of the eternal gospel you have gathered into the family of believers people from every nation, tribe, language, and people. Enrich us with the gifts of your grace that we may grow in love for all your children, stand with them in the ministry of reconciliation, and rejoice with them in the fellowship we share as members of your holy church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

God's Word for Our Hearts

1 Samuel 20:35–42

Jonathan protects and builds up his friend David at great cost to himself.

35 In the morning Jonathan went out to the field for his meeting with David. He had a
small boy with him, 36 and he said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows I shoot." As the
boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. 37 When the boy came to the place where
Jonathan's arrow had fallen, Jonathan called out after him, "Isn't the arrow beyond
you?" 38 Then he shouted, "Hurry! Go quickly! Don't stop!" The boy picked up the arrow
and returned to his master. 39 (The boy knew nothing about all this; only Jonathan and
David knew.) 40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said, "Go, carry them
back to town."
41 After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed
down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each
other and wept together—but David wept the most.
42 Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other
in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and
between your descendants and my descendants forever.' " Then David left, and
Jonathan went back to the town.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6

Alleluia. On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples.
Alleluia.

God's Word for Our Hearts

1 Peter 4:7–11

The apostle Paul encourages us to show love and hospitality to others in faithful service to

7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may
pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use
whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in
its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very
words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so
that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the
power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Come Down, O Love Divine

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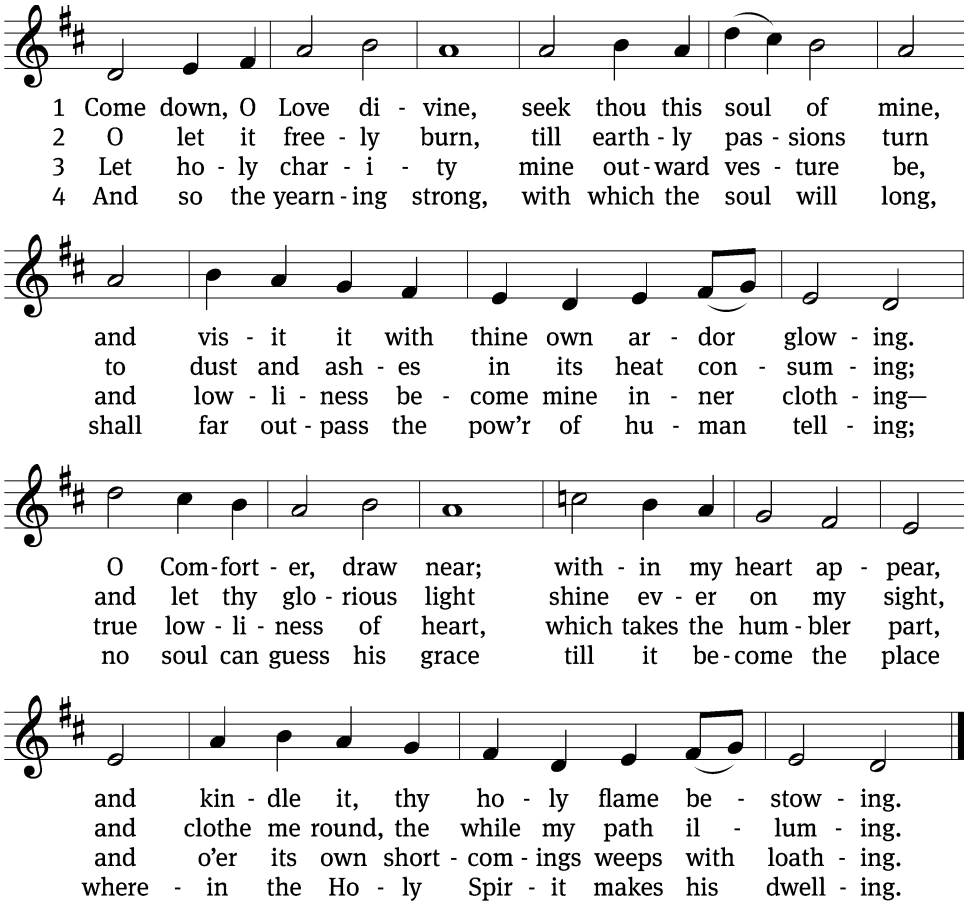
Today's Message based on Luke 5:27–32

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his
tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, 28 and Levi got up, left everything and
followed him.

29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax
collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the teachers of
the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and
drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have
not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

(a place for message notes can be found on the next page)

Message Notes: ***Things for me to remember this week…***

Stand

We Confess Our Faith: Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Our Offering of Thanks & Love

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" - Colossians 3:17

Our offerings are both an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church's work. Guests need not feel obligated to contribute. If you'd like to leave an offering, you may place it in the designated location in the back of the sanctuary or use one of the electronic means listed below.

Ways to Give Electronically

Choose one of 3 Simple, Safe Options for Offering Thanks

- Text "give" to 651-401-1400
- Go to www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give
- Scan the QR code

Stand

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Dear friends, the end of all things is near, and Jesus is coming back to gather his own. Until that day, love each other deeply, for love covers a multitude of sins, just as His love has covered yours. Open the doors of your homes and your hearts. Bring yourself forward as your offering to God, because you are the greatest gift you give this congregation...so that the body of Christ may be built up. Now receive the blessing the Lord put on his people's lips:

Known as the Aaronic Blessing, these words have been spoken to God's people for 3,500 years. Wherever God's name is proclaimed, God promises to be present with his blessing (Numbers 6:22-27)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Song:

8AM – Glorify Thy Name

Sung by the School Children, found on page 9

10:30AM - Son of God, Eternal Savior

found on page 8

Personal Takeaway:

Reflect on your relationships at church. Identify those where you could practice deeper love, forgiveness, or even reconciliation. Make a prayerful effort to let go of past grievances and extend grace to others. Consider how you can reach out and make a connection.

Engage in hospitality to others without grumbling. This could involve inviting someone over for a meal, offering to help with errands, or simply being present to listen and support someone in need. Aim to create a welcoming environment that reflects the love and care of Christ.

Utilize your gifts in service. Take time to discern the unique gifts and talents God has given you. Consider how you can use these gifts to serve others within the church and the broader community.

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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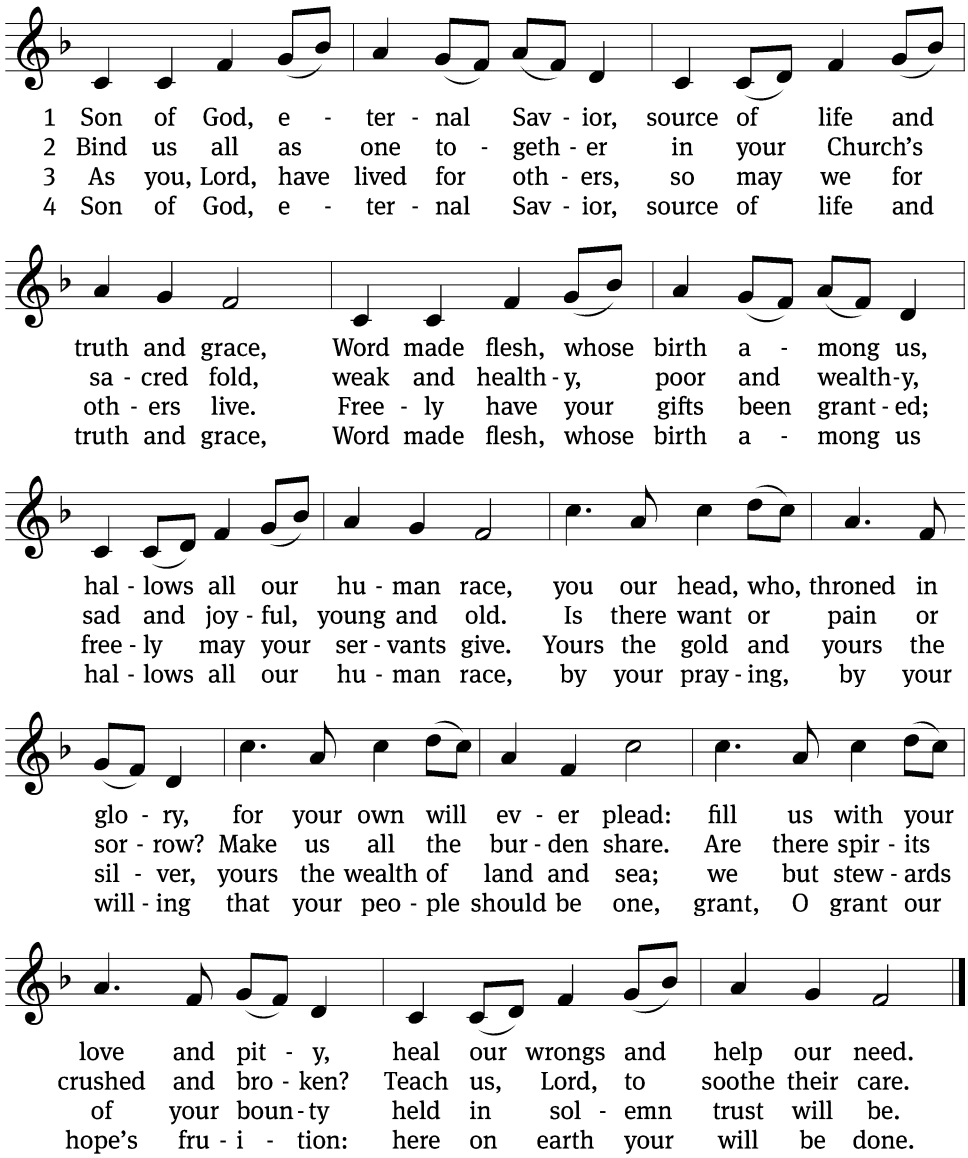
All that Jesus in his love gave up to save us (stanza 1) motivates our own love and concern for others (stanzas 2-4).

Glorify Thy Name

Sung by the Sunday School Children, the congregation is invited to join on the repeat of the final refrain

Father, we love You, We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

News and Notes – October 11, 2026

Quarterly Meeting – NEXT SUNDAY
Our quarterly congregational meeting will be held Oct. 18th between services at @ 9:15am. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear an update on current ministries and upcoming plans! Please note: The Sunday School children should report directly to their classrooms at 9:15am on Oct. 18th.

Ministry Fair
Check out the ministry display boards in the fellowship hall showing opportunities to learn more about serving. Could you help advance slides during worship? Join a ministry team? How about starring in the upcoming "Live Nativity." Visit shut-in members of the congregation? Provide refreshments? Browse through the fellowship hall and look at all the different ministry options that exist. We'll be on hand to answer questions. If you would like to learn more about a specific area of ministry- just sign your name. We'll connect with you on ways to use your gifts for God's Kingdom.

Community Outreach Opportunity – Candy Crawl! Sunday, October 25, 2:00-5:00pm
We are looking for volunteers to help pass out candy the day of the event! Unable to make it? You can still help! Candy donations can be brought to the church up until the day of the event. To volunteer or make a donation, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the church entrance!

Living Nativity: December 5, 2026
Planning is underway for our 2026 Living Nativity! The Live Nativity Event will be held on Saturday Dec. 5th from 5pm – 7pm. Performances will be held on a continuous basis, every 20 minutes beginning at 5pm. The last performance will be at 6:40pm.

We have had such a wonderful support from the congregation in the past! Think about where you can help! A full list of opportunities are posted in the fellowship hall as well as available online – just scan the QR code or look for the link in the weekly eMessenger! Costume Fittings will be held on Oct. 25 between services. **Please note: All children cast members under the age of 10 are required to accompanied by an adult during the entire event.**

Come- Grow- Live – Women's Circle
All women are encouraged to come help make a difference both in our congregation and our community. The Women's Circle (formerly Ruth Circle) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6-7:30pm. We grow our faith with a brief Bible study followed by a meeting and create projects throughout the year to help others. We manage St. John's cash card orders which is our churches biggest ongoing fundraiser to fund church projects and for our community. We would like to do more so your ideas and your help are needed. Live your faith by joining us starting October 15, 6pm. You will make a difference! If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristi Murtaugh or Jean Hoeft.

All Saints' Carnations
All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 1st. It's the Sunday when we give special focus to remembering those who died in Christ and live with him in Heaven. If you would like to remember your loved ones who have been taken home to heaven by sponsoring a flower, please fill out an order form found in the narthex. Please list your name, the name of the person represented by the flower. Upon completion place your form and payment with the attached envelope in the box provided in the narthex no later than Sunday, October 18th. Cash is preferred. If using a check, please make it out to St. John's Lutheran Church. May the Lord continue to keep us living in the hope of the resurrection!

Teen Outing (grades 7-12) – <u>Oct 18th DATE CORRECTION!!!</u>
On Sunday, Oct. 18th, the teens will be going to Afton Apple. We will leave from church at 2pm and plan to return around 6pm. Grades 7-12 are welcome and considering bringing a friend!

Choir Opportunity
With the festival days in the church year approaching, we are looking to get a choir organized to edify worship. Please stop by the ministry fair worship booth and sign up if you are interested in participating in the choir or leading/directing the choir.

Rides to Church
We have received some requests for transportation to Sunday worship services. Do you have the ability to pick someone up for worship? Even occasional rides are appreciated! Contact Henry Hoeft or Pastor Harbach to learn more.

Families with Young Children
In the cupboard by each changing table in the restrooms, you will find emergency supplies of diapers and wipes. Diapers range from Newborn to Size 5. If you get caught off guard and realize you are out in your diaper bag, feel free to use from the supply available.

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday:	6:00 PM	God & Me
Tuesday:	12:00 PM	Leisure Club
	5:00 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	9:00 AM	"Lifestyle Witnessing" – Women's Study at the Harbachs
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Bierstube
	5:00 PM	5 Year Vision Planning Meeting
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Women's Circle (formerly Ruth Circle)
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
Next Sunday:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Quarterly Meeting
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
	2:00 PM	Teen Outing – Afton Apple

Scan the QR code for the full schedule and to sign-up for other serving opportunities!

Upcoming Greeters –
Oct 11: Deb Grenstein & Julie Rosenow (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
Oct 18: Steve Klebe & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Eric & Rebecca Tessmer (10:30am)
Oct 25: Henry & Jean Hoeft (8am); Rita Bremer & Chris Erickson (10:30am)

Upcoming Ushers –
Oct 11: Larry Rosenow & Isaiah Rosenow (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)
Oct 18: Steve Klebe & Randy Wills (8am); Eric & Rebecca Tessmer (10:30am)
Oct 25: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)

Upcoming Junior Ushers –
Oct 11: Olivia Schmidt & Kash Schmidt (8am); Clara Hochmuth & Mya Bauer & Lena Bauer (10:30am)
Oct 18: Finn Larson & Riley Klebe (8am); Cora Tessmer & Laney Tessmer (10:30am)
Oct 25: Paisley Bechel & Lily Herrmann & Elizabeth Wiltermuth (8am); Annika Hauck & Nevaeh Straka (10:30am)