

**November 16, 2025
Order of Service**

Prelude

Welcome

***Opening Hymn #66:**

To God Be the Glory

Call to Worship

Praise Hymn #506:

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer,
vs. 1, 2 & 3*

Praise Hymn #364:

*My Jesus, I Love Thee,
vs. 1, 2 & 4*

Children's Message

Morning Prayer

***Prayer Hymn #371:**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Scripture:

Matthew 3:1 - 12

Message:

A Heart Ready For the King

***Responsive Hymn #366:**

I Surrender All

Offering Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

Church Happenings

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn #506:**

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer,
vs. 4*

** Please Stand*

Today's Scripture

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Prayer & Praise

- PRAY FOR HEALING: For **Velda Steenblock**, who is recovering at home from a broken hip.
- PRAISE: For **Marcus Barkema's** amazing recovery! Keep those prayers coming as his health is restored.
- PRAY FOR A DIAGNOSIS AND HEALING: For **Karen Halfpop**.
- Remember **Laura, Kathy, Fritz, Nathan, Wilma, Jack, Dave, Ronnie**, and **Scott** in prayer as they go through health struggles.

Church & Family News

- A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped produce another amazing **Harvest Feast & Bake Sale!** Everyone was well fed, and had a variety of items that could be purchased. Only 362 days until the next Harvest Feast & Bake Sale!
- CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS: **Julie Berneman** has been nominated for deacon, and **Gary Steenblock** has been nominated for elder. The date for the church's annual meeting is December 14.
- We're looking for a few good church members to help **Nicki Jass** and **Melanie Sopher** on a **hospitality committee**. Can you help? Reach out to Nicki or Melanie.
- Anyone who could help **deliver meals on wheels** during the third week of November, please contact **Wanda**. We just have to deliver the meals around town. Thanks in advance for anyone who can help!

Serving Us Today

Greeters & Clean-Up:

Joel & Cindy Boelman

Musician: Dawn Groszkruger

Message: Leigh Jass

November 23

Greeters & Clean-Up:

Dave & Joy Bonin

Musician: Donna Buseman

Message: Leigh Jass

Happy Birthday!

Nov 5 Kaitlin Boelman

Nov 18 Lisa Lovgren

Nov 19 Lawrence Basener

Nov 22 Becky Ellington

Nov 25 Carol Lockett,
Jane Pals, Joy Bonin

Nov 30 Dennis Vanness

Happy Anniversary!

Nov 24 Jerry & Mary Boelman

Nov 26 Tad & Aimee McKnight