RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS **November 15, 2026**

Today we give thanks because the following persons have felt God's call to live out their faith journey with us here at St. John's Lutheran and will today make public affirmation of their baptism and become members of this congregation:

Jim and Annette Godsey, Jarrod and Christine Jackson
Aly and Ellie Jackson -candidates for baptism
Alyssa Martinez, Bill and Marilyn Preuss

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for our brothers and sisters in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold these your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you with this congregation to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. So now I ask you, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, answer: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these new members and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in these your disciples the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

Let us rejoice with our new friends in Christ.
We rejoice that you are walking with us on the journey of discipleship, the journey of those who are baptized into Jesus Christ. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news of God's Love to all the world!