

General Announcements

Welcome to our guests. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Evan and Dawn Antolik, in honor of Allison’s graduation.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers that adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Chuck and Robyn Hanna.

WORSHIP STREAMING HELP NEEDED We are in need of 1 or 2 volunteers to help with streaming the worship services on Sunday mornings. If you are comfortable enough with computers to follow step by step directions and push a few buttons (i.e. it's pretty easy), please see Jim Homann.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Did you know that even from the womb a child comes to know his or her mother’s voice, nurturing their bond, providing comfort, and building trust? As we celebrate Mother’s Day today, we also mark Good Shepherd Sunday on the church calendar. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, says “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). Thank you, Lord for the gift of mothers who reflect the comfort, security, and love of our Good Shepherd, Jesus and for the incredible gift of hearing his voice in our churches and homes! Happy Mother’s Day! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

MAY CRAFT ACTIVITY Join Margie on Monday, May 19th at 1:30pm in the activities room and paint adorable landscape brick owls. This is a very easy project that anyone can do! Please sign up at the sign-up station so we make sure we are prepared with supplies.

EASTER LILIES Thank you to everyone that purchased an Easter lily to adorn the Altar this year! Please take them home now!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”* On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry repair and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The all-brick church and student center has been next to the University of Illinois campus for over 70 years. Some portions of the brick and concrete are in need of immediate, special attention. This project will fund this targeted work to ensure the building remains in good shape and always open for the Word of Christ to be shared and preached to the 60,000 students at the U of I. Feel free to check out the video at <https://youtu.be/n3BgVeNC0tg> or find more information on our website <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>.

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday was last Sunday, May 4th . We thank everyone who participated with gifts and prayers in support of our CID seminarians and full-time church-worker students. We ask you to continue to pray for the needs of our students throughout the year. If you were not able to make a gift last week you may still do so today or at any time during the year. The need is great. Please make your check payable to the “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for current needs or to the “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” to help provide gifts for ongoing needs. Please place your gift in your church offering plate or send your gift to the Central Illinois District - LCMS, 1850 North Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Pre-addressed “Will they always be there?” envelopes may still be available at church. If you are considering making a gift to ministry of property or a gift through your estate, you may contact our CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Since the need for called workers is so great, we ask you to encourage those who are interested in serving to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation.

LADIES LUNCHEON All ladies of St. John’s are welcome to lunch on Thursday, May 15th. We meet at the Deerfield Restaurant in Silvis at 11:30. Hope to see you!

LWML LWML will meet Thursday, May 15th at 1:00 pm. We will be helping get ready for VBS. All ladies are welcome.

NEW MEMBER Today we welcome into our St. John’s family Christina Sihrer. She recently complete adult instruction with Pastor, and has been an active volunteer with the food pantry for several months now. Welcome Christina!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER:

E: God has brought you to St. John’s so that you may continue to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

C: We welcome you into this congregation. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same Heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

P: Peace be with you.

C: Amen

Sunday, May 11th, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Matins

Prelude

“The King of Love...” 709
(Choir will sing verses 2 and 5)

Opening Versicles 219
Psalmody 220-221
Psalm *(See Cream Insert)*

“Have No Fear...” 735

Readings *(See Cream Insert)*

Responsory 222

Children’s Sermon
“The God of Love My Shepherd Is”
By: Roy Hopp

Sermon *“Unsnatchable”*
Pastor Umbarger (John 10:22-33)

Reception of New Member
(see bulletin)

Canticle
Te Deum 223-225

Prayer
Kyrie and Lord’s Prayer 227
Collects 227-228

Benedicamus and Benediction 228

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” 740

Postlude

The Lord's Week

Sunday, May 11th

9:00am– Worship

10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

Monday, May 12th

1:00pm– Staff Meeting

1:30pm– Activities Room

6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 13th

10:00am– Food Pantry

6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, May 14th

9:00am– TOPS

10:00am– Women's Bible study

1:30pm– Activities Room

Thursday, May 15th

11:30am– Ladies Luncheon @ Deerfield

1:00pm– LWML meeting

Saturday, May 17th

8:00am– Men's Bible study

9:30am– Choir Practice

5:00pm– Worship w/Communion

Sunday, May 18th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion

10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAYS AT 10:15am

Reality's Edges and God's Good Words That Lovingly Define Them: In this two week presentation by Rev. Jonathan Conner we will discuss the fact that reality has parameters or edges which are defined by the Creator and not the creature. Of the many things that divide our age, this truth stands at the center. Confessing Christians acknowledge that God's good words lovingly define reality's edges for us so that we can honor the edges as we live and love in line with them. Pastor Conner will help us appreciate the gift of the edges for our identity formation as he equips us to engage other people in meaningful and compassionate conversations on the identity-focused issues of our day.

Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

In this class Clark Stojan, who has engaged in extensive study and made many trips to the Holy Land, leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

SATURDAYS at 8:00am Men's Bible Study

"A Chronology of the Gospels" This study leads us through the earthly life and ministry of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a chronological study in which the events recorded in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke) will be fused together with those recorded in John to present us with a full presentation of the person, teaching, and work of our Lord. The various accounts will be compared, contrasted and combined so that we may share in the experience of the apostles and return home each week rejoicing in the knowledge that we have walked with the Lord.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw

(Sun.) Brent Antolik and Family

Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon,
& Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Jeff Belan

Acolyte: Joel Duffy

Altar Guild: Kathy Ahrens and Rebecca Hinman



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Psalm

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

G He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Readings

P The first reading is from Acts, the twentieth chapter.

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I covet-

ed no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:17-35)

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Revelations, the seventh chapter.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev. 7:9-17)

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." (John 10:22-33)

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ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
May 10th and 11th, 2025
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries
Kevin and Wendy Verschoore(30)

Sister Congregation
Rev. Michael Burdick
St. John’s Lutheran Church
Effingham, IL

Members
Jason, Amanda, Noah, Leona,
Hallie and Zoe Flaugh
Keith, Lisa and Stacey Foehrkolb

Missionaries Serving
The Rickman Family– Panama
The Clausing Family-Tanzania

Military Chaplains
LTC David White
LT COL Brian Benke
CAPT Charles Varsogea

Ill & Hospitalized
Angie Fischer
Nic Fellows
Kathy Herron
Lori Hopkins
Judy Kirklin
Terry Massey (heart procedure)
Tom Nielsen
Maria Sager
Alivia Voelkers

Prolonged Illness & Special Needs:
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Diana Castro
Kodie Esparza
Donna Fiems
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Jerry Hill
Jane Hipple (broken hip-surgery)
Carole Hodshire
Chris Hoehn (Janet Newlon’s
nephew, aplastic anemia)
Dale Johnson
Merle Loete
Reid McDonald
Jean Morrical
RaeJean Murphy
Robin Passman
Brenda Roggendorf
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Ken Weidenbach
Demetrius Williams Sr.
Cora Whipple

Homebound:
Nancy Bonow
Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass
Darlene Dopson
Mary Ann Eckert
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer

Ron & Peg Heitzman
Christopher Higgins
Barbara Honert
Ingrid Hodshire
Lori Hopkins
Mary McGee
Bill Park
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf