



**Communion Notice** Today we celebrate Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's own body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because we believe that participation in this sacrament is also a public confession of unity in the faith we invite communicant members of congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive the sacrament.

We welcome our fellow Christians who wish to come forward but do not share all our beliefs to fold their arms in front of them and receive a blessing. We pray that our common baptism and the continued work of the Holy Spirit will draw us closer to one another and dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that as we are led into all truth from God's Word such divisions will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Let us all express in our hearts a prayerful desire for such unity of faith to be achieved.

**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 Gail Massey

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Ron and Peg Heitzman.

**GROTELUESCHEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** There will be a sandwich and cake reception in St. John's gym on June 22nd from 11:30am to 2:30pm in celebration of Norma and Ralph's 60th Anniversary. If you wish to attend, please sign up at the sign up station so we can plan for adequate food. Your presence will be our gift!

**RETIREMENT THEMED 2nd FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP JUNE 13th!** Cookout begins at 6pm. Dinner and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring a treat or dessert to share. After the cookout the Live Show of our very own Family Feud game will begin. We will have our very own Steve "Harvey" that will question the whacky "families" about all things retirement and Pastor. Come watch the fun and enjoy the evening that will surely be a good time filled with lots of laughs. Sign up at the Sign-Up Station in the Concourse so we can plan accordingly.

**THANK YOU** The Engebrecht family would like to express their thanks for all of the condolences, thoughts, and prayers during Ann's final days. We are all blessed to be part of such a loving Christian congregation!

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES** Sum, sum, summertime – it's coming! What's your plan for summer free time for you and your family? Wait - what, no plan?? Without a plan, we're more likely to migrate to our favorite individual activities or spot in front of the television or computer screen. Consider challenging your family this week to make a "summer bucket list," brainstorming a list of interesting things to do, perhaps with a set of parameters like, "it can't include screen time, and it must be within a 2-hour drive of our home." Make up your own rules and let the brainstorming ideas begin! Be sure to add a Bible story or Scripture reading plan for the summer to your list. Reading the Bible with mom and dad instead of endless days of playing computer games alone or with friends will create powerful memories for your children, and what an impact it will have on their lives!

**Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS 1 Peter 4:10 – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”** Grace is God's undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God's grace? He gives all these gifts so that we may use them in service toward one another. Chief among the ways we serve one another is to support the church's work of bringing more of God's grace to more of God's people. That's what it means to be a steward!

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS** The Quad Cities Rotary Club will once again be hosting a food drive at the Rock Island Hy-Vee to benefit our food pantry on June 7th, from 9a-3p. If anyone is able to donate an hour of their time, we need volunteers to stand by the entrance doors to greet customers and accept donations. If you are interested, please call Janet Hill at 309-236-9670.

**DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS** The current DFM project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. 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>.

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**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**

**May 31st and June 1st, 2025**  
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## *The Lord's Week*

### **Sunday, June 1st**

9:00am– Worship w/Communion  
10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

### **Monday, June 2nd**

1:00pm– Staff Meeting  
5:00pm– Antolik birthday party

### **Tuesday, June 3rd**

10:00am– Food Pantry  
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

### **Wednesday, June 4th**

9:00am– TOPS  
1:30pm– Activities Room

### **Thursday, June 5th**

6:30pm– Board Meetings

### **Saturday, June 7th**

5:00pm– Worship w/Communion

### **Sunday, June 8th**

9:00am– Worship w/Communion  
10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

### **Save the Date:**

There will be a Farewell Deaconess potluck on Sunday, June 29th after Bible study. We are ordering fried chicken from Jewel again. Please sign up so we have enough!

## *Bible Study Opportunities*

### **SUNDAYS AT 10:15am**

**James: Faith at Work** - Come and join in this in depth study of the letter from James to learn about the relationship between faith and works in the life of a Christian. Through James, the Holy Spirit teaches us that living a wholly Christian life is more than mere head knowledge and lip service.

### **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.

### **Serving the Lord this Week:**

Organist: Lucille Perley

Greeters: (Sat.)  
(Sun.)

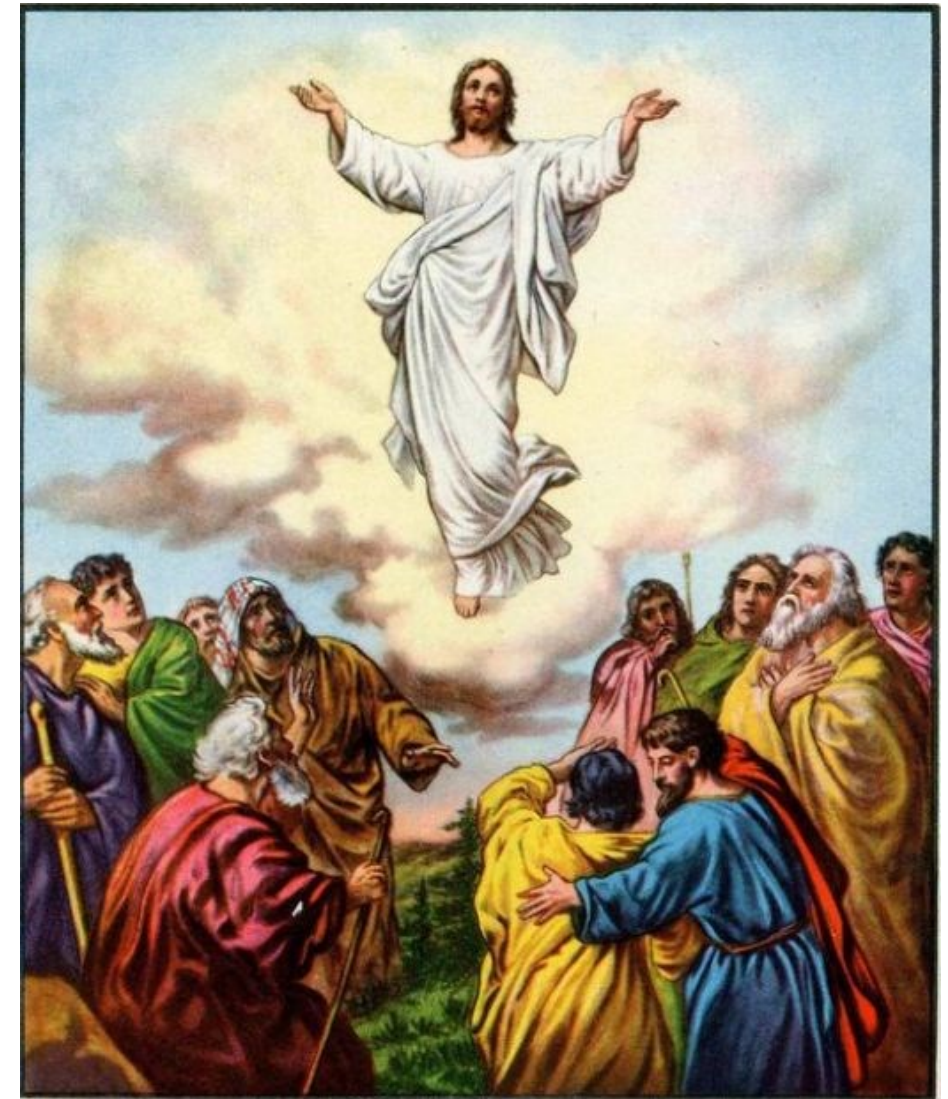
Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon,  
& Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Ralph Grotelueschen

Communion Assistants: Kevin McAnally & Jonathan Schmidt

Acolyte: Sloane Churchill

**Thank you!** Pastor would like to thank everyone for his surprise birthday party, the special children's sermon attendance, and the cards and gifts he received on his birthday!



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ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD  
May 31st and June 1st, 2025  
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

**Anniversaries**  
Dave & Sharon Durling(51)  
Steven & Mildred VanRycke(29)  
Alan & Kathy Ahrens(18)  
Grant & Bonnie McManus(53)

**Sister Congregation**  
Rev. Justin Cullen  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Sullivan, IL

**Members**  
Ralph & Norma Grotelueschen  
Mark Grotelueschen  
Bali Guerrero

**Missionaries Serving**  
Barbara Rebentisch-Taiwan  
Kim Bueltmann-Germany

**Military Chaplains**  
CDR David Schleusener  
CH Robert Wurst

**Ill & Hospitalized**  
Angie Fischer  
Kathy Herron  
Lori Hopkins  
Judy Kirklin  
Maria Sager

**Prolonged Illness & Special Needs:**  
Bev Brokaw  
Chuck Brokaw  
Diana Castro  
Kodie Esparza  
Nic Fellows  
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  
Tom Nielsen  
Robin Passman  
Brenda Roggendorf  
Kathleen Schmidt  
David Sountris  
Alivia Voelkers  
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  
Nancy Smart  
Terry Tipsword  
Barbara Veskauf



### Introit

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

**The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool."**

The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
"You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek."

**The Lord is at your | right hand;\***  
**he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

### Readings

**P** The first reading is from Acts, the eleventh chapter.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (*Acts 11:1-11*)

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Epistle reading is from Ephesians, the first chapter. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (*Eph. 1:15-23*)

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**LSB 156- ♪ Alleluia**

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**G** ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. (*Luke 24:44-53*)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.