

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 a yellow 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 celebration of Collin's birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Brian and Christine Engebrecht, in memory of their dads.

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS The current Dollar for Missions project is replacement of insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal. 45-year-old insulation has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be replaced, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for \$10,000. For more, see <u>https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-</u> <u>project.html</u>

ACTIVITIES ROOM ANNOUNING ... PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Take a puzzle...Leave a puzzle. Do you need a new puzzle to work on in these hot days? Head down to the Activities Room to pick out a new puzzle. Do you have a puzzle you don't want to put together for the 4th time? Share it with others by dropping it off on the shelves. Please make sure all of the pieces are in the box before donating. Sort your donations by the number of pieces the puzzle has.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Martin Luther reportedly once said something to the effect of "When you wash your face, remember your baptism!" With warmer temperatures and (sometimes) more relaxed schedules, this time of year brings with it an increase in swimming, running through sprinklers and otherwise splashing about in various water sources. As you and your family are refreshed by such water play, take the opportunity to remind one another that you're baptized and beloved children of God, washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, and "heirs having the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7). Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS Luke 10:20b - "But rejoice that your names are written

in heaven." No one can snatch us out of the nail-marked hands of Jesus. He has redeemed us and claimed us as His own. As those whose names are written in heaven, we seek to live heavenly lives here on earth. This is the foundation of all our good works, including the good work of faithfully supporting the work of the church. It's our joy in having been redeemed by the Lord through the activity of the church that motivates us to support it.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUO.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) we are continuing our study of Israel's history according to the books of 1 and 2 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at 2 Kings chapters 21-25. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we begin a new study of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians! Don't forget to join us this Saturday (7/12 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters! We will be studying the 2nd Commandment in the Large Catechism. What does it mean to direct our mouth and tongue toward God? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE NEEDED Greg is picking up donations from Target on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. If anyone is willing and able to assist him, it would be greatly appreciated. All you have to do is meet at church at 8:45am, ride to Target, load his truck, come back to church and unload and inventory the donations. This takes about 90 minutes total. Any help you could offer would greatly appreciated. Please call Debbie at 309-235-8822.

Also, we are getting low on plastic grocery bags if you would like to donate them.

THANK YOU Jane Hipple would like to say "Thank you" for all of the well wishes, cards, visits, and prayers.

July 5th and 6th, 2025 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service Setting 1

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, July 6th

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

Monday, July 7th

1:00pm- Staff meeting

Tuesday, July 8th

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

Wednesday, July 9th

9:00am– TOPS 1:30pm– Activities Room 3:30pm– Fellowship Committee Meeting

Friday, July 11th

6:30pm- 2nd Friday Fellowship

Saturday, July 12th

5:00pm- Worship

Sunday, July 13th

9:00am- Worship 10:15am- Bible study/ Sunday school

Please Note:

During the summer, the office is only open Monday-Thursday 8:30am-noon. Pastor is sometimes in the office in the afternoon, but is often out on visits.

If you took home any of the free plants that came out of the courtyard, could you please return the buckets and containers they were in? The Trustees would like them back. Thank you!

Bible Study Opportunities

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

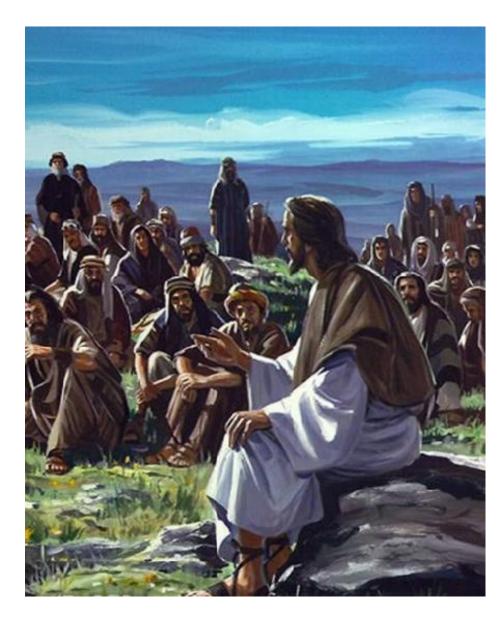
In this class Clark Stojan, who has engaged in extensive study and made many trips to the Holy Land, leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht Greeters: (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw (Sun.) Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka (Sun.) Dave & Esther Cashion, Derek & Joel Duffy, & Tim Stone Communion Assistants: Jim Homann & Jonathan Schmidt Acolyte: Sloane Churchill Altar Guild: Diana Lackey & Rebecca Hinman

The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.

Memory Verse Challenge: John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."





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<u>Introit</u>

P The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

C Day to day | pours out speech,*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*

and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,* and there is nothing hidden | from its heat. 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.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the sixty-sixth chapter

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance." For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies." (Isaiah 66:10-14)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Galatians, the sixth chapter.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

... But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen. (Gal. 6:1-10, 14-16)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LSB 156- ♪ Alleluia

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

G ↓ Glory to You, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house. eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:1-20)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C J Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

July 5th and 6th, 2025 Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Merle & Melinda Loete(49) George & Marlene Fellows(54) Tom & Linda Wojcik(43)

Sister Congregation

Rev. David Dunlop Christ Lutheran Dunlap, IL

Members

Rebecca & Demetrius Hinman James & Lilith Hinman Larry & Jane Hipple Carole Hodshire Ingrid Hodshire

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Melissa Pflug– Romania

Military Chaplains

III & Hospitalized Joan Britton Angie Fischer Kathy Herron Judy Kirklin Yvonne Perschke (friend of Sharon DeWulf and Joyce Hoffman-stomach cancer) Maria Sager Karen Schmidt David Sheets (friend of Rod Hopkins) Bill Smith (Mary Whipple's brother)

Prolonged Illness &

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