



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 & Dawn Antolik, in honor of Allison’s birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Lucille Perley.

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS The current DFM 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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion on the crowd.”* Still today the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know that we need it. Knowing the Lord’s provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.

CAKE RECEPTION The fellowship committee invites the congregation to welcome our vacancy pastor, Rev. Steven Anderson and his wife Sara, with a cake reception following worship on Sunday, August 10th.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Parents and grandparents, looking for something to do with your children or grandchildren during these waning days of summer? Take them to the cemetery with you on a mission to find your ancestors’ grave sites. Bring along old family photos to match and give a face to the names on the tombstones. This could be a fun adventure for them and you, as well as a unique opportunity for you to share your faith and stories of the faith of your family in previous generations. *You shall teach [God’s commandments] diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:7* **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE NEEDED Target has recently become a very generous and beneficial donor of food to us. If anyone would be able to assist Greg on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings, it would really help him out. All you have to do is: meet at church at 8:45am, ride with him to Target, load up the donations, bring it back to church and unload and inventory it. If you could help any of the days it would be greatly appreciated. You will not be contractually bound to his service if you volunteer once! Please call Debbie Girard at 309-235-8822 if you have any questions or would like to do a ride- a- long. Also, we are getting low on plastic grocery bags if you would like to donate.

LCMS BOWLING LEAGUE – Info Meeting, Mon Aug 18, 6:30pm
The LCMS Bowling League that has been in the Quad Cities for over 50 years is gearing up to start again this fall! We bowl Monday nights at QC Family Entertainment (4401 44th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265) at 6:30pm, with practice starting at 6:15pm. There are two 12-week seasons starting in the fall with a playoff at the end of the seasons. The first official night of bowling will be Sept. 8th, 2025. There is an annual fee of \$25. Each Monday night we pay \$10-12 (TBD) for the three games. Shoes are an additional \$4, however, you can buy bowling shoes from Amazon for \$40-50 and those will be paid for in one season; then no more shoe fee for life! Our league is small so we’ve been playing with teams of three (with at least 1 player a female). If you don’t have a full team or are playing as an individual, we can add players to your team. If you need to be absent, we can find a substitute for you. If you’d like to be added as a substitute, please let us know. We look forward to having you join us in the fall, or winter, or both! St. John’s has quite a few bowlers in the league, so if you have questions see: Dennis B, Carrie & Aaron H, Brian K, Kevin & Kris M, Aliza M. Please join us at the Informational Meeting at QC Family Entertainment Mon., Aug. 18th at 6:00pm.

From Pastor Umbarger: Thank you my beloved family in Christ for all that you did to make my retirement celebration so meaningful. I appreciate the cards and all the heartfelt letters. I am grateful for those in charge of the reception for bringing back or securing greetings from some of our former vicars. I enjoyed the ribbing and the useful gifts from the men's Bible study group. I was deeply humbled by the effort of the musicians in the service, the attendance at the reception, the benediction offered, and the generous vacation gift. I love you all and will miss you very much. Just remember, I am still hanging around the Quad Cities, so you may see me.

**August 2nd and 3rd, 2025
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
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The Lord's Week

Sunday, August 3rd

9:00am– Worship w/ Communion
(Pastor Hagen)
10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

Monday, August 4th

6:30pm– Courtyard Committee meeting

Tuesday, August 5th

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

Wednesday, August 6th

9:00am– TOPS
1:30pm– Activities Room

Thursday, August 7th

6:30pm– Board Meetings

Friday, August 8th

6:30pm– 2nd Friday Fellowship

Saturday, August 9th

5:00pm– Worship
(Pastor Nerud)

Sunday, August 10th

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Cake reception for Rev. Anderson
10:30am– Bible study/ Sunday school

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Please make arrangements for appointments with Pastor Anderson; he does not have office hours planned at this time.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings:

Pastor Hagen will lead a Bible study Sunday, August 3rd following worship. The topic will be based on Luke chapter 12, verses 22-40.

Beginning on Sunday, August 10, Pastor Anderson will be teaching the Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings. We will begin with a few weeks in the first chapters of Genesis, looking at creation and how the world in which we live came to be. Then we will move on to the Acts of the Apostles, looking at the beginnings of the Christian Church, and how the Church two millennia later still bears the imprint of that first Church.

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

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

(Sun) Glen McMillin, Brian Kern, Jeff Belan, &
Mark Grotelueschen

Communion Assistants: Ralph Grotelueschen & Jonathan Schmidt

Acolyte: Nathan Duffy

Altar Guild: Marsha Boarts & Diana Lackey

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:

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.



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Introit

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

both | low and high,*

rich and poor to- | gether!

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*

or give to God the price | of his life,

for the ransom of their life is | costly*

and can nev- | er suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*

yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*

death shall be their | shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*

for he will re- | ceive me.

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.

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

both | low and high,*

rich and poor to- | gether!

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Ecclesiastes, the first and second chapter.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart

from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. (*Ecc. 1:2,12-14; 2:18-26*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Colossians, the third chapter.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. (*Col. 3:1-11*)

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 twelfth chapter.

C ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” (*Luke 12:13-21*) **P**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD

August 2nd and 3rd, 2025

Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Steve & Cris Braddy(23)
Drew & Paige Beale(4)
Gunter & Carol Terronez(49)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Michael Feldmann, Sr.
Salem Lutheran
Salem, IL

Members

Norma Johnson
Sheena Johnson
Bill & Becky Johnson

Missionaries Serving

Rev. Dr. Tom Park-Taiwan

Military Chaplains

Capt. Darren Harbaugh
Lt. Col Eric Wismar
CPT Justin Cullen

Ill & Hospitalized

Joan Britton
Angie Fischer
Cindy Hart
Judy Kirklin
Rick Mayerhofer
Karen Schmidt

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Kodie Esparza
Nic Fellows
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Kathy Herron
Jerry Hill
Jane Hipple
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

Homebound:

Nancy Bonow
Ann Bowman
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
Cora Whipple