



**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 in memory of Diana Castro.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Rod and Noreen Hopkins, in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary.

**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; this DFM project is for \$10,000.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS** *Luke 16:8 – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”* The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn’t we “sons of light” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be for God’s purposes in the roles He has given us to play in church, home and society? Don’t we have more to live for, more to work for, and more to give toward?

**NEW DIRECTORIES** Annie will be printing new member directories soon. Please let the office know of any changes to your household information. This includes your address, phone numbers, emails, kids that moved out, babies that were born, divorces, etc...

**CHURCH DOORS** For security reasons, the church doors will be locked most of the time from now on. (They will be open if there are scheduled activities, Bible studies, etc...) Please call the office, or knock on the doors to be let it.

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** In addition to being overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and hopelessness, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. This may include: overgeneralizing – after one thing goes wrong, thinking, “Things NEVER go right for me;” exaggerated responsibility for others – “Why aren’t you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn’t do;” and negative self-labeling – “I didn’t get up in time to exercise today – I’m lazy and a failure.” Left unchallenged, distorted messages only deepen the despair. Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor and remember that your pastor and Lutheran Family Service counselors, who share your faith in our God who keeps His promises, can help. **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**LCMS BOWLING LEAGUE** 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.

**HOSPITALIZATIONS** Please call the church office if you or a family member is hospitalized so we can add you to the prayers, or fill out a prayer request on a yellow attendance card. Pastor Hagen will be visiting members in the hospital– but you have to let Annie know!

**CPR CLASS** A CPR class is being offered to the congregation free of charge by our kind and generous Parish Nurse, Judy Dugan. The class is scheduled on Sept. 6th in the Janssen Room from 10:00am to approximately 12:30pm; completion time is dependent on the number of participants. A sign-up sheet for the class is located at the Sign-Up Station. If you have any questions please contact Judy or a member of the Board of Human Care.

**LWML** The next LWML meeting is Thursday, Aug. 21st at 1pm in the Janssen rooms. Join us for summer treats and games. All ladies are welcome to attend.

**LADIES LUNCHEON** All the ladies of St. John’s are welcome to meet for lunch at 11:30am at the Deerfield Restaurant on Thursday, August 21st. The more the merrier!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY AUGUST 24TH** All youth in the congregation are invited to join us during the Sunday school hour on August 24th to play games and have donut holes and Gatorade as we kick off another year of Sunday school!

*August 16th and 17th, 2025  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Divine Service Setting 3*

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## *The Lord's Week*

### **Sunday, August 17th**

9:00am– Worship w/Communion  
10:30am– Bible study/ Sunday school

### **Monday, August 18th**

### **Tuesday, August 19th**

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

### **Wednesday, August 20th**

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

### **Thursday, August 21st**

11:30am– Ladies Luncheon @ Deerfield  
1:00pm– LWML

### **Saturday, August 23rd**

5:00pm– Worship  
(Pastor Eddy)

### **Sunday, August 24th**

9:00am– Worship  
10:30am– Bible study  
10:30am– Sunday School Rally Day



\*\*\*The Board of Youth and Family are looking for new members. Please see Rebecca Hinman, Kris McAnally, or Holly Belan if you are interested\*\*\*

## *Bible Study Opportunities*

### **Sunday Mornings:**

Beginning on Sunday, August 17th, 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  
(Sun.)

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

**Communion Assistants:** (Sat.) Dennis Boarts  
(Sun.) Ralph Grotelueschen & Jim Homann

**Acolyte:** (Sun.) John Kjera

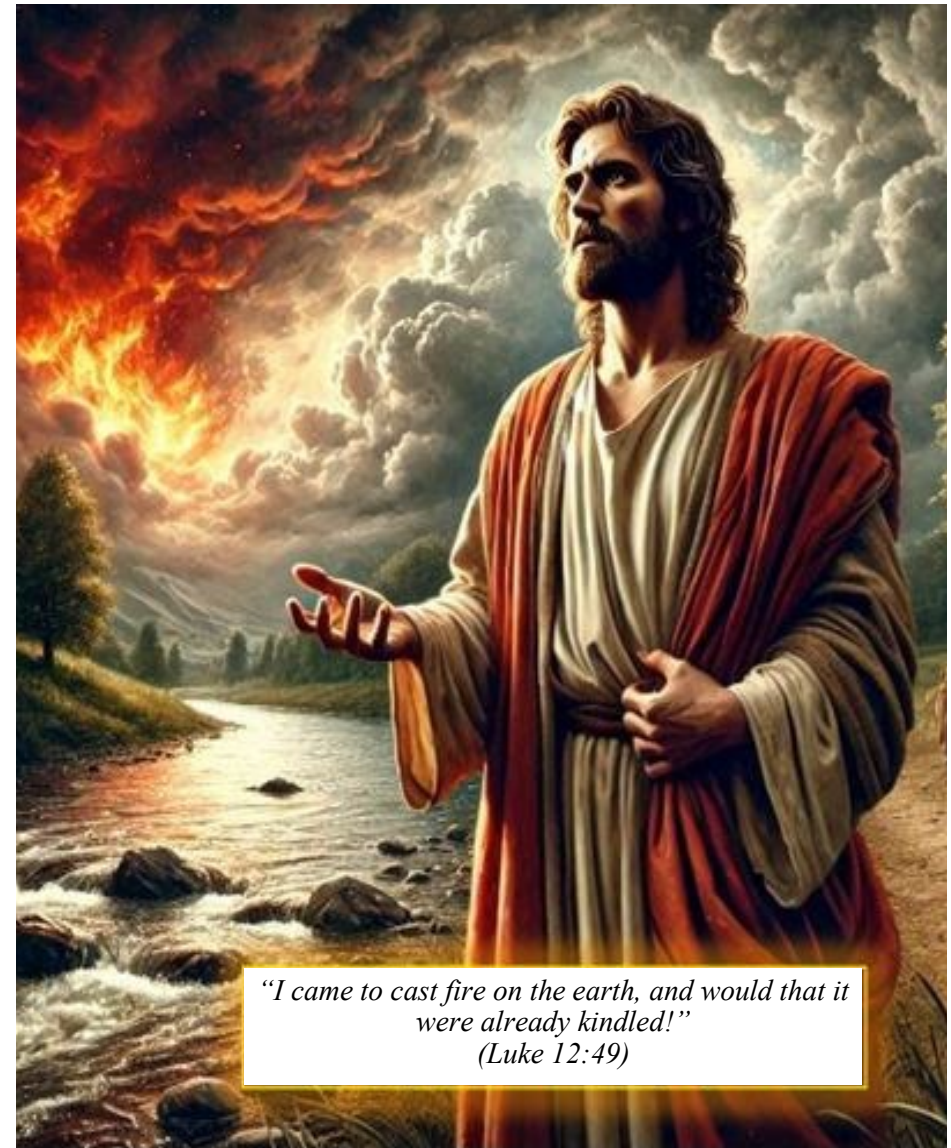
**Altar Guild:** Marsha Boarts & Diana Lackey

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:

### **Mark 12:30–31**

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.



*“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!”  
(Luke 12:49)*



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### Introit

**P** Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**G Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!**

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

**But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.**

We used to take sweet counsel together; within God’s house we walked in the throng.

**But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.**

**LSB 186– Gloria Patri**

### Readings

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Jeremiah, the twenty-third chapter.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” *(Jer. 23:16-29)*

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

**G Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Epistle reading is from Hebrews, the eleventh and twelfth chapters.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the re-

proach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. *(Heb. 11:17-12:3)*

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

**G Thanks be to God.**

### **LSB 190– J Alleluia**

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

**G J Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law. He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?” *(Lk. 12:49-56)*

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

**G J Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD  
August 16th and 17th, 2025  
*Please remember the following in your prayers this week...*

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Keogh  
Brian & Carmae Kern  
Savanna Kern  
Cynthia Kirklin

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Britt Odemba– Kenya

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CAPT Kurtis Bueltmann  
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Carole Hodshire  
Judy Kirklin  
Rick Mayerhofer  
RC Rogers

**Prolonged Illness &**

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