



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 This warm, steady glow encourages us to offer our thanks, especially to our Savior and lord Jesus as He is always with us, hears and honors our prayers of request and thanks, and goes with us as we go to the throne of grace."

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Brian and Christine Engebrecht.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Luke 18:14 – "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* Our works never impress God; they are always lacking in some way and fall short of perfection. So there is no point in taking pride in them. But a broken and contrite heart the Lord will not despise — and the works that flow from a broken and contrite heart are indeed pleasing to the Lord in and through Christ. These works will be used by the Lord for His purposes and to His glory!

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...

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!

MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS It has been requested that if you are making an announcement before worship— PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE use a microphone! Those with difficulty hearing or watching at home are missing out on what is being said. The microphone is located under the pulpit.

CHERUB CHIMERS The youth handbells are looking for fresh faces. Anyone aged 3rd grade and older is encouraged to try! If you are a little younger but showing an interest in music, please see Christine as well. Rehearsals are Mondays at 6:00pm, beginning September 8th.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: If you're suffering today from a recent loss or tragedy, or struggling with a concern that's been with you for many years, please know you're not alone. It's not only okay but God-pleasing to reach for help. God created us to live in community, where we share each other's joys and challenges. *Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* Lutheran Family Service counselors are part of your Lutheran Christian community and are available when others are not or when you need a trusted outside perspective. You don't have to continue to walk alone. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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.

ADULT CHOIR Mark you calendars— rehearsals will begin on Saturday, September 6th at 9:30am. We are always happy to see both new and familiar faces. Join us and lend your voice to the Lord!

MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH AT 6:30PM Reserve your tickets in advance (just kidding, its FREE) and join us for a movie night in the cozy 2nd room of the Ed Wing (formerly the green room). Concessions will include: walking tacos, nachos, popcorn, pizza rolls, and cookies. Bring your own beverages... We will set up some chairs, but you are welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket. There is a sign-up sheet at the sign-up station; we are also polling what movie you would like to see so make sure you vote for your favorite!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY All women in the congregation are welcome to join a Bible study called "Great Women of the Bible". The first session will be on Eve. We will meet at 10am beginning on September 10th.

August 30th and 31st, 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting IV

Prelude— The Guitars Group
"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"
By: Fournier and Zimmer
"Be Still My Soul" LSB 752
Congregation invited to sing along

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Postlude

The Lord's Week

Sunday, August 31st

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

Monday, September 1st

Office Closed– Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2nd

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

Wednesday, September 3rd

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

Thursday, September 4th

5:30pm– Call Committee Meeting
6:30pm– Board Meetings (ALL)

Saturday, September 6th

9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
10:00am– CPR class
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, September 7th

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

SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH

Immanuel Lutheran in Davenport is celebrating 100 years of sharing the word of God. All are invited to an open house on Saturday and Divine Service on Sunday. More info to come as the event gets closer.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings:

Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms following worship- 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.) Jim Homann and Brian Kern

Acolyte: *(Sun.)* Briella Churchill

Altar Guild: Marsha Boarts and 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:

Isaiah 41:10

*Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*



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Introit

It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

**We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.**

At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.

**For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**

But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**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.**

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putting down one and lifting up another.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Proverbs, the twenty-fifth chapter.

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another’s secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. *(Proverbs 25:2-10)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Hebrews, the thirteenth chapter.

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and

bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. *(Hebrews 13:1-17)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” *(Luke 14:1-14)*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD

August 30th and 31st 2025

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

Anniversaries

Tony & Karen Hatfield (42)
Ken & Debby Weidenbach (25)
Steven & Theresa Bailey (21)
Steven & Diana Lackey (56)
Tony & Laura Frankowski (16)
Paul & Kami Sellers (11)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Mike Gallagher
Our Savior Lutheran
Washington, IL

Members

Fred Krack
David & Carole Krouth
Kelly Lack
Adam Lack

Missionaries Serving

The Nelson family– Indonesia

Military Chaplains

RADM Gregory Todd
LCDR Aaron Bell

Ill & Hospitalized

Dale Bundy (friend of Ken
Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Tim Freitag (friend of Ken
Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Carole Hodshire
Kay Iwen (broken neck)
Judy Kirklin
Rick Mayerhofer
Jackson Merritt (appendix burst)
RC Rogers

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Joan Britton
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Kodie Esparza
Nic Fellows
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Cindy Hart
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
Karen 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
Judy Kirklin
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf
Cora Whipple

Collect of the Day

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid un-godly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.