



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 Todd and Jeri Miller, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Todd and Jeri Miller, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Romans 10:15a – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?”* Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

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: Date night! When was the last time you planned a date with your spouse? A date doesn’t have to cost a lot to make it fun and helpful to your relationship. An extra special meal, a drive in the country with the radio on, or recreating your first date are just a few ideas. What counts most is the time you prioritize for each other. Let your spouse know with actions and words that if you had to do it all over again, you would. *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.” I Peter 4:8* **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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.

THANK YOU Joyce Hoffman would like to thank everyone that sent her a birthday card. What a thoughtful and caring congregation we have!

VOTER’S MEETING There is a Voter’s meeting on Sunday, September 14th in the Janssen rooms following service. Everyone that is able is encouraged to attend.

CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN AT A LATER DATE TBD, AS WE WAIT FOR OUR LEADER TO HEAL FROM HER NECK INJURY.

**September 6th and 7th, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting 1**

Prelude– Bell Solo by Karen Schmidt

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 7th

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

Monday, September 8th

6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, September 9th

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

Wednesday, September 10th

9:00am– TOPS
10:00am– Women's Bible study
1:30pm– Activities Room

Thursday, September 11th

6:30pm– Parish Planning Council Meeting

Friday, September 12th

6:30pm– 2nd Friday Fellowship

Saturday, September 13th

5:00pm– Worship
(Pastor Nerud)

Sunday, September 14th

9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Voter's Meeting/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction

SAVE THE DATE:

Karen Schmidt is turning 88! You are invited to celebrate with her at lunch at St. Giuseppes pizza in East Moline on Saturday, September 20, from 1-3pm. Please RSVP so she knows how much pizza to order.
(309) 798-9436



Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings:

Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms following worship- we will begin studying 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.

Wednesdays, 10am

Great Women of the Bible

In this Bible study series, we will look at the lives of only the most familiar women in God's Word. From Eve, the first woman, to those women who helped Jesus' apostles, participants will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these great women of the Bible.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw

(Sun.) George Aukee and Penny Schreck

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

(Sun.) The Mattly Family

Communion Assistants: (Sat.) Dennis Boarts

(Sun.) Kevin McAnally & Jonathan Schmidt

Altar Guild: Cory Rossmiller, Wendy Rossmiller, and Brandi Erickson

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:

Psalm 37:5

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.



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Introit

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.
My soul melts away for | sorrow,*
strengthen me according | to your word!
Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!
I have chosen the way of | faithfulness,*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.
I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD,*
let me not be | put to shame!
I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!
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.
Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

Readings

[P] The Old Testament reading is from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter.
“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” *(Deut. 30:15-20)*
[P] This is the Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.

[P] The Epistle reading is from Philemon.
Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the

sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. *(Philemon 1-21)*

[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 fourteenth chapter.

[C] ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” *(Luke 14:25-35)*

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

September 6th and 7th, 2025

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

Anniversaries

Todd & Jeri Miller (1)
David & Michele Rogers (34)
Shane & Susan Parvin (13)
Bill & Becky Johnson (57)
Troy & Val McDonald (19)
Duane & Rhonda Little (38)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Mark Gearig
St. Paul's Lutheran
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Members

Steve & Diana Lackey
Harvey Lampe
Robert Lilly

Missionaries Serving

The Naumann Family– Dominican
Republic

Military Chaplains

LCDR Merlin Stephan
1LT Christopher Knepper

Ill & Hospitalized

Dale Bundy (friend of Ken
Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Tim Freitag (nephew of Ken
Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Kay Iwen (broken neck)
Jackson Merritt (appendix burst)

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
Carole Hodshire
Ingrid Hodshire
Barbara Honert
Lori Hopkins
Judy Kirklin
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf
Cora Whipple