



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 an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

CAMP CILCA The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is Saturday, October 4 at 11:30am at Camp CILCA. Participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Find out more and sign up at cilca.org/grit-run or call 217-487-7497 for more information.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Karen Schmidt, in honor of her 88th birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Karen Schmidt, in honor of her 88th birthday.

PARKING LOT ACCESS RESTRICTED Due to the re-surfacing project on the church parking lot, there will be NO access to the church on Wednesday, September 24th. Bible studies and activities room will not be able to meet.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Luke 17:19 – “And He said to him, ‘Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.’”* Only one of the 10 lepers who had been cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action – as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

BOARD OF YOUTH Members needed! If you have any interest in planning fun activities for our youth group, please consider joining the Board of Youth! See Kris McAnally, Holly Belan, or Rebecca Hinman with any questions. If you have any ideas for activities that your kids would be interested in doing, please share!

FOOD PANTRY For the month of September, we are collecting canned fruits and vegetables. There is a table set up in the hallway by the gym. Please prayerfully consider helping us provide food to those in need.

BLOOD DRIVE Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11th! We will be taking appointments for our annual blood drive from 8am-11:30am. If you have any questions or to book an appointment, please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: *I think I can, I think I can, I think I can....* Remember the repeated line from the 1930’s children’s book *The Little Engine That Could?* Yesterday and still today the story lines and themes of popular books, songs, movies or TV shows provide opportunities to begin a conversation with a young person that will influence their thinking and faith development. *I think I can...* provides a great opening for sharing the importance of hard work and persistence, but also how many times “I” can’t, but that *all things are possible with God*. Watch one episode of *The Bachelorette* with your teenager and you’ll find multiple opportunities to talk about how best to choose a spouse and what’s really important to look for in a marriage partner! Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to share Biblical truths and God’s good design for life with those in your family this week. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EMBROIDERY CRAFT ACTIVITY IN OCTOBER Monday, October 20th and 27th, 1:30-3:30pm. You can choose between a pumpkin or a daisy. More info to come as the date draws nearer. There is a sign-up sheet at the sign– up station.

*September 20th and 21st, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting 3*

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 21st

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
1:00pm– private party in Janssen rooms

Monday, September 22nd

1:30pm– Activities room
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, September 23rd

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

Wednesday, September 24th

NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES TODAY!
The parking lot is getting re-surfaced
therefore there is no church access.

Saturday, September 27th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship
(Pastor Mueller)

Sunday, September 28th

9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
1:30pm– Mary Kay facials

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings, following worship:

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

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith? To begin Sept. 21st

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.

Saturdays, 8am

Men's Bible study We will be continuing the chronological study of the Gospel.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Lucille Perley
Greeters: *(Sat.)* Chuck Brokaw
(Sun.)

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

(Sun.) The Mattly Family

Communion Assistants: Jim Homann & Glen McMillin

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:

Isaiah 64:8

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand



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Introit

P Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

C Righteous are you, O Lord,
and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

**My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.**

Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

**Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.**

LSB 186– Gloria Patri

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Amos, the eighth chapter.

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.” (*Amos 8:4-7*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from 1 Timothy, the second chapter.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise au-

thority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control. (*1 Tim. 2:1-15*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LSB 190– ♪ Alleluia

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

C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.” (*Luke 16:1-15*) **P**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD

September 20th and 21st, 2025

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

Anniversaries

David & Candace Sountris(36)
Carl & Alyssa Hartweg(3)
Dustin & Angie Fischer(15)
Michael & Gabrielle May(10)
Robert & Patsy Mills(46)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Winston Grieser
St. Paul’s Lutheran
Kewanee, IL

Members

Scott, Amber, Owen & Peyton
Mattly
Michael & Gabrielle May
Kevin, Kris, and Alyssa McAnally

Missionaries Serving

The Morizo Family– Eurasia

Military Chaplains

CAPT Vincent Shaw
CAPT David Edwards
MAJ Joel Giese

Ill & Hospitalized

Cindy Hart
Tom McMillin– recovering from
back surgery

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Joan Britton
Bev Brokaw
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)
Kay Iwen (broken neck)
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
Peg Heitzman
Christopher Higgins
Carole Hodshire
Ingrid Hodshire
Barbara Honert
Lori Hopkins
Judy Kirklin
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf
Cora Whipple