



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.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Evan & Dawn Antolik, in honor of their anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Flo Moore.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Ephesians 3:20-21* – “*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*” God delights in exceeding expectations and in pouring out mercies in abundance. This truth stands in contrast to our fears about lacking what we need for “this body and life.” We have an abundantly-blessing God who has proven His love for us on the cross. How could we not trust Him? How could we not respond to His love with generosity toward His mission in the church? How could we not have a desire to imitate Him in blessing others?

COFFEE WITH MOMCO You are invited to a coffee with MomCo on Sunday, October 12th at 10:30am in the Janssen rooms. What is MomCo, you ask? MomCo is a community led by moms where they support one another through the motherhood journey. So come experience a MomCo meeting and let's see if there is enough interest to start a MomCo ministry at St. John's!

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, please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646

FOOD PANTRY Thank you everyone that donated canned fruits and vegetables! We are so grateful for your support. Another item that has not been available for us to purchase in quite some time is soup. As the weather finally (hopefully!) begins to turn colder, we prayerfully ask for donations of canned soups.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: A recent CDC report on Alzheimer's Disease noted that caregivers experience a significant level of burnout. It also noted that caregivers benefited from receiving education, respite care, and support. These lessen the burden of caregiving and improve the care received by their loved one. Anyone who has loved and cared for a family member suffering from this terrible disease would say *Amen* to that obvious conclusion. Who has God put in your world cares for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease? They likely won't ask you for help...but help anyway! Take the initiative to do yard work, clean leaves out of the gutter, prepare food, or give them the gift of time away while you sit with their loved one. *Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

EMBROIDERY CRAFT ACTIVITY IN OCTOBER We will welcome Susan Arrasmith two Mondays in October to teach us how to embroider. We will learn the basics on beginning your project and how to do three basic stitches (back stitch, lazy daisy, and cross stitch - not counted). You will walk away with an embroidered piece (pumpkin or daisy) you can hang on your wall. All you need is a 6" wooden embroidery hoop. \$3 each. If you have one already, please indicate, otherwise we will order them for the group. Sign up by Sunday, October 12.

LMCS FOUNDATION We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. For those who are strongly guided by specific goals in life, it can be difficult to accept that past goals might need to be changed. This can include financial accumulation, choices about personal representatives, power of attorney representatives or guardianship of a child. Illness might introduce new challenges. Your plan needs to be reviewed regularly. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org

VENDOR FAIR AND CHILI COOKOFF Save the date and start planning for our yearly vendor fair and chili cookoff brought to you by the Board of Human Care. Join the fun on Saturday, November 15th from 11am-4pm in the gym and Janssen rooms. We are looking for vendors to sell crafts or products; cost is \$20 if you provide your own table, and \$25 if you need to rent one. For the chili cookoff, we are looking for chefs and judges both. Please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646 if interested!

October 4th and 5th, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service Setting 1

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, October 5th

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

Monday, October 6th

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

Tuesday, October 7th

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

Wednesday, October 8th

9:00am– TOPS
10:00am– Women's Bible study
1:30pm– Activities room
3:30pm– Fellowship Committee meeting

Friday, October 10th

6:30pm– 2nd Friday Fellowship

Saturday, October 11th

8-11:00am– Blood Drive
8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship
(Pastor Nerud)

Sunday, October 12th

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

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?

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: Christine Engebrecht

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

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

(Sun.) Esther Cashion, Tim Stone, Rex Newman, & Ron Wilson

Communion Assistants: Ralph Grotelueschen & Brian Kern

Altar Guild: The Schmidt ladies

Acolyte: Briella Churchill

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:

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.



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Introit



I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,*
and I do your com- | mandments.

**I rejoice | at your word*
like one who | finds great spoil.**

Seven times a day I | praise you*
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.

**Great peace have those who | love your law;*
nothing can make them | stumble.**

My soul keeps your testi- | monies,*
I love them ex- | ceedingly.

**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.**

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and I do your com- | mandments.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Habukkuk, the first and second chapters.

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.” (*Habukkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I

remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. (*2 Tim. 1:1-14*)

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 seventeenth chapter.

C ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’” (*Luke 17:1-10*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
October 4th and 5th, 2025

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

Anniversaries

Tom & Jessica Hart(8)
Brian & Cori Rossmiller(30)
Tom & Jackie Keogh(26)
Evan & Dawn Antolik(27)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Mark Gruden
St. John’s Lutheran
Washburn, IL

Members

David & Bonnie McManus
Adam, Amanda, Kaitlyn, & Jacob
McMillin
Glen & Lori McMillin

Missionaries Serving

The McMiller Family– Italy

Military Chaplains

CH Bill Schmidt
LCDR Stephen DeMik

Ill & Hospitalized

Jacob McMillin (son of Adam and
Amanda, grandson of Greg and
Cindy Hart) –needs surgery for
scoliosis
Tom McMillin– (brother of Glen)
complications from back surgery
and meningitis– in ICU
Lynn Swanson– Carrie’s uncle
Karen Schmidt– broken collarbone

Great-grandson of Kathy Herron–
born with heart defect and needs
open heart 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
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