



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.

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 Dawn and Evan Antolik, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the altar is from Kent and Carla Umbarger, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Building Healthy Families: Over 40% of pregnancies, or over 2.3 million pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended. The role of life-affirming, Christian unplanned pregnancy support services, adoption agencies, and pregnancy resource centers is increasingly important. It's imperative that women facing an unplanned pregnancy receive Christ-centered help so that they can choose life. Research what organizations and services are available in your area, and then plan to get involved. Volunteer, serve on the board, donate needed items, and/or provide your financial support. By working together in God's name, these efforts make a real difference in the lives of so many, born and yet unborn! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR FUNDRAISER Jill Schofield is organizing a craft and vendor fair to be held **October 26th from 11am-3pm** in the gym. If you would like to participate, please let her know. If you need to rent a table, the cost is \$25; if you do NOT need a table, the cost is \$15. ALL proceeds from table/space rentals will be donated back to St. John's. If you are interested, please contact Jill at (309)721-1646.

CHILI COOKOFF Save the date– October 13th– and get your recipes ready for the 2nd annual St. John's Chili Cookoff! The Boards of Youth and Family and Human Care are teaming up to host this fun event to benefit our food pantry. Join us on **Sunday, October 13th from 4-6pm** in the gym/Janssen rooms! There is a sign-up sheet at the Sign Up Station (the table under the bulletin board in the hallway) In addition to chili cooks, we are looking for dessert bar bakers (brownies, blondies, pumpkin bars, scotcheroos...) and cans of pop and bottled water. Pop and water donations can be left in the office at any time.

BLOOD DRIVE St. John's is once again partnering with Impact Life to host a blood drive on Saturday, **October 12th from 8:00am-11:30am** in the gym. To schedule an appointment, email Tamee Stone at tamesstone@gmail.com or scan the QR code on the flyers hung around the church.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES ROOM CRAFT The craft planned for October in the green Activities room will be adorable fabric pumpkins. There is a sample and a sign-up sheet on the Sign Up Station (the table under the bulletin board in the hallway). We are planning to do this on **Monday, October 14th**– PLEASE sign up so we can prep materials!

SIGN UP STATION All sign up sheets for various events, activities, ushers, greeters, etc. have moved. They are all conveniently located in one place– on the table under the bulletin board in the main hallway by the restrooms.

HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY Thank you to everyone that donated canned goods to the food pantry during the month of September! We are so grateful and appreciative of your support.

ALTAR GUILD There is a meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30pm. Please try to attend. We will be scheduling Advent and Christmas.

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS Project: Replace furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb. Amount to be funded: \$25,000 (is currently half-funded)

**October 5th and 6th, 2024
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting 1**

Preservice– Alice Schmidt– piano

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The Lord's Week

*****Pastor and Deaconess will be at the
LCMS Pastors' Conference 10/7-10/9*****

Sunday, October 6th

9:00am— Worship w/Communion
10:15am— Bible study/ Sunday school
(Pastor Grewe preaching)

Monday, October 7th

1:30pm— Activities Room
6:00pm— Cherub Chimers
6:30pm— Heavenly Ringers

Tuesday, October 8th

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

Wednesday, October 9th

9:00am— TOPS
1:30pm— Activities Room
4:00pm— Fellowship Committee Meeting

Friday, October 11th

6:30pm— 2nd Friday Fellowship

Saturday, October 12th

8:00am— Blood Drive
8:00am— Men's Bible study
9:30am— Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm— Worship

Sunday, October 13th

9:00am— Worship
10:15am— Bible study/ Sunday school
4:00pm— Chili Cookoff



**Join Us!
Sunday,
October 13th
4-6pm**

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAYS at 10:15am

OCTOBER 6TH, PRESENTATION ON LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES BY GUEST PREACHER NATHAN GREWE

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.

Coffee with Christ

"Nurturing Your Faith: Forgiveness" Join us as we examine how the grace and forgiveness God extends to us through Jesus-and the forgiveness we offer to others-is central to the Christian life.

WEDNESDAYS at 10am

Women's Bible Study

The book of Philippians is one of the most beloved and well known of Paul's Epistles. Join us as we walk through this text, learn about the history behind it, and explore how Paul encourages us towards joy and contentment in Christ.

Saturdays at 8:00am

Men's Bible Study- "Acts of the Apostles And Our Mission"

Before His ascension, Jesus made a solemn promise to His disciples that He would be with them always, to the very end of the age. He remains true to that promise, a promise that continues even to this very day! Yet He used weak and sinful human beings, just like us, to bring the Christian church to life. This overview study of Acts explores how the missionary experiences of the early disciples caused the church to grow not only geographically, but also theologically. We will discuss how those experiences relate to our world today — a world that is in various ways similar to the world of the Acts.

Serving the Lord this Week

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.) Sharon DeWulf and Joyce Hoffman

(Sun.) Marsha Boarts

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

Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Esther Cashion, Tim Stone, Clinton & Jackson

Merritt, and Mark Grotelueschen

Communion Assistants: Dennis Boarts & Glen McMillin

Acolyte: Joel Duffy

Altar Guild: Marsha Boarts & Diana Lackey



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Introit

P Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

C Behold, children are a heritage | from the LORD,*
the fruit of the womb | a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior*
are the children | of one's youth.

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver | with them!*

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies
| in the gate.

**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.**

Unless the LORD | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the second chapter. Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (*Gen. 2:18-25*)

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Hebrews, the second chapter. Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. Now

it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." (*Heb. 2:1-13*)

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LSB 156- ♫ Alleluia

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C ♫ Glory to You, O Lord.

Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** ♫ Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
October 5th and 6th, 2024
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Tom & Jessica Hart (7)
Brian & Cori Rossmiller (29)
Tom & Jackie Keogh (25)
Evan & Dawn Antolik (26)
Craig & Annie Churchill (17)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Brandon Sullivan
Christ Lutheran Church
Mason City, IL

Members

Karen Schmidt
Jonathan, Jennifer, Grace, Alice, &
Henry Schmidt
Keith & Darla Schnabel
Adam Schnabel

**Missionaries Serving
in Taiwan**

Rev. Stephen Oliver

Military Chaplains

CH Bill Schmidt
LCDR Stephen DeMik

Ill & Hospitalized

Mark Copeland
Michael Depee (colon cancer)
Angie Fischer
Nancy Gosa
Cindy Hart
Tom Neilsen
Robin Passman
Cash Shryack– (son of Angie
VanRycke)
Josh Whipple

**Prolonged Illness &
Special Needs:**

Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Diana Dopson Carroll
Kodie Esparza
Donna Fiems (Sister-in-Law of
Karen Schmidt– cancer)
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Ron Heitzman
Kathy Herron
Jerry Hill
Carole Hodshire
Frank Hodshire
Dale Johnson
Merle Loete
Reid McDonald
Jean Morrical
RaeJean Murphy (Sister in Law of
Karen Schmidt– cancer)
Brenda Roggendorf
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Ken Weidenbach

Homebound:

Nancy Bonow
Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass
Mary Ann Eckert
Ann Engebrecht
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer
Mary Heino
Ron & Peg Heitzman
Christopher Higgins
Barbara Honert
Ingrid Hodshire
Lori Hopkins
Mary McGee
Bill Park
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword