



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 in honor of Payton’s birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Chuck and Bev Brokaw, in memory of Michael and family.

EMAIL SPOOF There is an email going around, claiming to be from Pastor Anderson, asking members to purchase gift cards to give out. Please be advised, WE WOULD NEVER DO THIS. DELETE THE EMAIL WITHOUT RESPONDING!

FOOD PANTRY The temps are dropping and a bowl of hot soup is just the thing to warm you up...for the month of October we are collecting cans of soup. Please prayerfully consider donating this comfort food item.

VENDOR FAIR AND CHILI COOKOFF Save the date and start planning for our annual 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!

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AT LOS AGAVES Everyone is welcome for delicious food and fellowship with your church friends on Friday, October 24th at 6:00pm. **Please sign up by the 19th** so we can make reservations.

EMBROIDERY CRAFT ACTIVITY IN OCTOBER We will welcome Susan Arasmith on Mondays, October 20th and 27th 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.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Have questions about same sex relationships or whether it’s possible for someone to change their gender come up in conversation within your family recently? Check out the “Resources” section of the LFS website for help you can use to navigate these conversations in ways that are grounded in God’s truth, and compassion for all people who struggle. **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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. During working years, financial plans are often focused on wealth accumulation. Sometimes estate plans are focused on wealth preservation. However, might it be wise, as Christian stewards of God’s gifts, to shift that focus to blessing family and ministry with God’s things? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider making this shift. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnf.org

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Genesis 32:26 – “Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day has broken.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’”* The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter’s words: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the “hard sayings” that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

YOU ARE INVITED Please join Rev. Bradley Ferch and members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Davenport as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary! See posters on bulletin boards for more information.

PASTOR APPRECIATION October is pastor appreciation month. If you would like to leave a card or token of appreciation for Rev. Anderson, Rev. Astrowski, Rev. Mueller, Rev. Nerud, and/or Rev. Hagen, there is a basket in the office. Annie will make sure they get them.

*October 18th and 19th, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting 3*

Prelude– St. John’s Choir
“O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge”
By: *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Arr by: *Hal H. Hopson*

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“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
By: *Ludwig Van Beethoven*

<i>The Lord's Week</i>	<i>Bible Study Opportunities</i>
Sunday, October 19th 9:00am– Worship w/Communion 10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school 10:30am– Confirmation Instruction 1:00-3:00pm– Trunk or Treat	Sunday Mornings, following worship: Join Pastor Anderson in the gym following worship- we are studying the Acts of the Apostles, looking at the beginnings of the Christian Church, and how the Church two millennia later still bears the imprimatur of that first Church.
Monday, October 20th 1:30pm– Activities room 6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal 6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal	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.
Tuesday, October 21st 10:00am- Food Pantry 6:30pm– Guitar Jam	Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith?
Wednesday, October 22nd 9:00am– TOPS 10:00am– Women's Bible study 1:30pm– Activities room	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.
Friday, October 24th 6:30pm– Fellowship supper at Los Agaves	Saturdays, 8am Men's Bible study We will be continuing the chronological study of the Gospel.
Saturday, October 25th 8:00am– Men's Bible study 9:30am– Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm– Worship w/Communion (Pastor Mueller)	Serving the Lord this Week: Organist: Christine Engebrecht Greeters: (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw (Sun.) Patty Ekin and Mary Whipple Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon & Larry Ripka (Sun.) Esther Cashion, Tim Stone, Rex Newman, & Ron Wilson Communion Assistants: Jim Homann & Kevin McAnally Altar Guild: The Schmidt ladies Acolyte: Nathan Duffy
Sunday, October 26th 9:00am– Worship w/Communion 10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school 10:30am– Confirmation Instruction	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). Read the text, hear the word, and let it live in you.





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Introit

P Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

**C Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.**

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of your poor forever.

**Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.**

Have regard for the covenant; arise, O God, defend your cause.

LSB 186– Gloria Patri

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." (*Gen. 32:22-30*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from 2 Timothy, the third and fourth chapters.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from

childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (*2 Tim. 3:14-4:5*)

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 eighteenth chapter.

C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (*Luke 18:1-8*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
October 18th and 19th, 2025
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

- Anniversaries**
Rick & Janet Newlon(37)
Bill & Debbie Girard(44)
- Sister Congregation**
Rev. Steven Hayden
Lutheran Church of St. John
Quincy, IL
- Members**
Danny & Flo Moore
Jean Morrical
Mike, Jenna, Taylor & Morgan
Murphy
Mike & Peggy Murphy
- Missionaries Serving**
The Mahlburg family– Sri Lanka

- Military Chaplains**
Capt. Jonathan Schultz
Lt. Col. Jon Smithley
- 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
Tom Nielsen
Lynn Swanson– Carrie’s uncle
Karen Schmidt– broken collarbone
Great-grandson of Kathy Herron–
newborn 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