



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 Karen Schmidt.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Karen Schmidt.

FOOD PANTRY We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all the donations of canned soup that you generously blessed us with! For the month of November, we are collecting Thanksgiving items, such as: stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams, etc.

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!

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Someone somewhere counted, so now we know that on average, a child smiles about four hundred times each day. Smiling - and a happy heart - are known to bring health benefits including decreased stress hormones in your bloodstream and lower blood pressure. Smile often this week and enjoy the many benefits! *"A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed."* Proverbs 15:13 **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 *Matthew 5:6 – "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."* You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness — His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too

THANKSGIVING MEAL BOXES The Board of Human Care will be giving out food baskets for those in need this Thanksgiving. Sunday, Nov. 16th is the deadline for requests. If you know of a family who would be blessed to receive a basket, please fill out the slip found in The Informer and return it to the church office. We are asking for monetary donations, not food donations; the board will take care of the shopping. Members of the Human Care Board will be at church on Monday, Nov. 24th, 10:00am-noon for distribution. Questions may be directed to Rod Hopkins at 309-933-1071.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES CLASS A seminar explaining a "Living Will" document and a "Medical Power of Attorney" document will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th from 10:00am - noon in the Janssen Room. These documents purpose and necessity will be explained by our Parish Nurse and time should be available to complete the forms if you desire. This is the time to learn about these documents and complete them because you will never know when they might be necessary. Don't procrastinate, attend the seminar to learn. There is no requirement to complete the forms but an opportunity should be available if desired.

CALLING A FRIEND The Board of Outreach is looking for volunteers in calling members who stopped attending worship during the span of COVID. Is there someone on our list you used to sit near? Anyone you used to chat with before or after worship? Please check out our list and consider reaching out. A verbal announcement with more information will be given prior to service for the next couple of weeks.

BIBLE BOWL This year's Bible bowl topic is "Matthew". Any youths in grades 8-12 are welcome to participate. We practice during the Sunday school hour. Please see Christine if your child would like to compete!

THANK YOU The Board of Trustees would like to say a sincere Thank You to everyone that helped mow the church lawn this year. You are a great blessing!

BLACKSMITHING CLASS Clinton Merritt will be leading a blacksmithing class on Sunday, November 9th at 12:00pm in the church parking lot. He will be showing you how to make letter openers from railroad spikes. All are welcome to come watch and/or participate.

November 1st and 2nd, 2025 All Saints Day Divine Service Setting 1

Prelude—St. John's Ensemble
"Early American Hymn Song"
By: John O'Reilly

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(Sun.) Pastor Anderson
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Postlude

The Lord's Week

Sunday, November 2nd

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
2:00pm– Special Voter's meeting to discuss
the Pastoral Call Candidates

Monday, November 3rd

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

Tuesday, November 4th

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

Wednesday, November 5th

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

Thursday, November 6th

6:30pm– Board Meetings

Saturday, November 8th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
10:00am– Advanced Directives class
5:00pm– Worship
(Pastor Nerud)

Sunday, November 9th

9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
12:00pm– Blacksmithing in the parking lot

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am

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 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.)

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

(Sun.) Evan Antolik and family

Communion Assistants: Kevin McAnally & Jonathan Schmidt

Altar Guild: Flo Moore & Margie Schaefer

Acolyte: Henry Schmidt

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:

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.



All Saint's Day



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Introit

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

C In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

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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They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *(Rev. 7:9-17)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from First John, the third chapter.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. *(1 John 3:1-3)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LSB 156- ♪ Alleluia

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." *(Matthew 5:1-16)*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
November 1st and 2nd, 2025
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries
Tim & Nikki Chellew(33)
Adam & Amanda McMillin(18)
Mike & Jenna Murphy(13)
David & Carole Krouth(47)
Jonathan & Jennifer Schmidt(20)
Chris & Jen Belzer(21)
Jacob & Shari Hess(21)
Tim & Tamee Stone(44)
Terry & Gail Massey(50)

Sister Congregation
Rev. Dean Herberts
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Wheeler, IL

Members
Chris & Alyssa, Robert, Easton, and
Jameson Nitz
John & Rhea Oakes
Judy Jennings

Missionaries Serving
The Logston Family– Dominican
Republic

Military Chaplains
CPT Andre Frandle
MAJ David McCarthy

Ill & Hospitalized
Jacob McMillin (son of Adam and
Amanda, grandson of Greg and
Cindy Hart) –needs surgery for
scoliosis
Lynn Swanson– Carrie’s uncle
Great-grandson of Kathy Herron–
newborn with heart defect and
needs open heart surgery

Deepest sympathies
To Judy Dugan, Carole Vrbn, Cora
Whipple and their families at the
loss of their baby brother Jeff
Kennedy, who received his
Crown last week.

St. John’s Saints
Dennis Schaefer
Mary Heino
Frank Hodshire
Ann Engebrecht
Bill Park
Ron Heitzman

**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
Karen Schmidt– broken
collarbone
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Alivia Voelkers
Ken Weidenbach
Cora Whipple

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

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.