



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 This warm, steady glow encourages us to offer our thanks to our faithful Lord and God, especially for our Sunday school volunteers as they share the story of God’s love.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from JoAnn Sager, in memory of Gary.

FOOD PANTRY We would like to say a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for all of the donations we have received! We are so blessed with a congregation that supports our mission to help feed the hungry in our community! For December, we will be collecting items for a Christmas dinner: casserole ingredients, sides, etc.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Someone once said, “Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it’s also remembering to take out the trash.” What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for coming holiday events, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal, or joyfully helping with household responsibilities are simple and no-cost ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY *Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”* Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

POINSETTIAS It’s that time of year already! Altar guild will be ordering poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost is \$10 per plant. Please use the envelopes and box located at the sign-up station to place your order.

CHURCH DECORATING Many hands make light work! Please join us on Sunday, December 14th after Bible study and Sunday school to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas.

ADVENT This year advent worship begins on Wednesday, December 3rd. Join us for a simple supper at 5:30 served by The Merritt Family and students from Quad Cities Christian School, followed by worship at 6:30pm.

LCMS BOWLING LEAGUE Session 2 will be starting on December 1. There are 13 weeks (we take 2 weeks off at the end of December). We meet Mondays at Quad Cities Entertainment Center in Moline at 6:00pm. Practice bowling starts at 6:15pm, and the games begin at 6:30pm. Cost per week is \$13. Teams are made up of 3 people (men and women of all ages and abilities). Bring your own team, or we can find a team for you to join. Come join this fun league that LCMS members in the Quad Cities have been enjoying for over 50 years! If you want to learn more about how much fun we have on Monday nights see any of these St. John’s bowlers: Dennis Boarts, Fred Bonow, Carrie or Aaron Homann, Judy Jennings, Brian Kern, Kevin or Kris McAnally, Aliza Murphy, Stacey Roman, and Tim Stone (as a regular sub).

2ND FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP Christmas Party: Dec. 12th at 6:30pm Join us for fun Friday night sharing terrific treats, fun fellowship and some Christmas-themed games including Christmas Trivia, Christmas Pictionary, and Bingo. If you are able, bring a treat to share. Beverages will be provided

VOTER’S MEETING December 14th at 1:30pm We will begin with our regular agendas for December, and then move into a special Pastoral Call Voter’s Assembly. We will be voting on a candidate to extend a call.

PUZZLE TOURNAMENT Save the Date! January 18th, the fellowship committee invites you to take part in our first ever puzzle tournament. Cost is \$5 per person; 2 person teams; there will be prizes and treats! Sign up at the sign-up station.

FELLOWSHIP CALLERS Charlie Britton is looking for anyone interested in being a fellowship caller in 2026. It’s very easy, and you only are ‘on duty’ one weekend a month. Please see Charlie if you have questions or would like to join the team.

November 29th and 30th, 2025
First Sunday in Advent
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The Lord’s Week

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

Monday, December 1st
1:30pm– Activities room
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, December 2nd
10:00am- Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, December 3rd
9:00am– TOPS
10:00am– Women’s Bible study

Thursday, December 4th
6:30pm– ALL Boards meet

Saturday, December 6th
8:00am– Men’s Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
10:00am– LWML Christmas Cheer
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, December 7th
9:00am– Worship w/ Communion
10:30am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction

First Week in Advent –Devotions

Nov. 30 — Jesus said, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

Dec. 1 — “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch. ... And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness’” (Jer. 23:5–6).

Dec. 2 — “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel” (Gen. 3:15).

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am
Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms 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: Lucille Perley
Greeters: *(Sat.)*
(Sun.)
Ushers: *(Sat.)* Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon & Larry Ripka
(Sun.) Evan Antolik & Family
Communion Assistants: Brian Kern & Kevin McAnally
Altar Guild: Flo Moore & Margie Schaefer
Acolyte: Nathan Duffy

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.

Micah 7:7
But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.





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Introit

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.**

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the second chapter.

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. *(Is. 2:1-5)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

(Romans 13:8-14)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. *(Matt. 24:36-44)*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD

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

Anniversaries

Kevin & Wendy Rossmiller(29)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Mark Jauss
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Bowen, IL

Members

Ethan Pritchard
Wanda Resch
Jennifer Reynolds

Missionaries Serving

Rev. Jerry & Patty Lawson-Latvia

Military Chaplains

CH Richard Rudnik

Ill & Hospitalized

Jacob McMillin (son of Adam and
Amanda, grandson of Greg and
Cindy Hart) –needs surgery for
scoliosis
Kevin Green– cancer diagnosis
Peter Hipple
George Fellows– shoulder 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
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