

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. We are glad you have joined us in worshiping 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers that adorn the Altar are from Bill & Donna Green, in remembrance of their parents.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Troy and Val McDonald, in celebration of their anniversary.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: So often we slip into the habit of living for the approval of others, which leads to frustration, disappointment and disillusionment in life and relationships. In Matthew 6, Jesus tells us not to do things for the approval of men. He then goes on to assure us that our Father who sees and knows us inside out is the One who can and will meet all our needs, including our need to be recognized, valued and loved. Whew! What a relief! Life begins to look different (and much better) when seen through the eyes of faith in our loving, gracious, living and forgiving God. Fix your eyes on Jesus - not your boss, co-worker, spouse, child or neighbor - and live in the light of His great love this week! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

ASSISTANCE NEEDED We have a family that is struggling with some unforeseen and large medical bills. If you would be willing to provide anonymous financial assistance, please see Pastor.

LWML The Fall Zone Rally will take place on Tuesday, September 19th at Holy Cross in Moline. Reservations are due by September 3rd; See Diana Lackey or Margie Schaefer. We are collecting items for the Pregnancy Resources center as our project. The box will be in the concourse until September 17th.

FAVORITE HYMNS It's time to make the Favorite Hymn List for 2023-24. Do you have new favorites? Do you want to make sure your old favorites are on the list? Be sure to add your favorites to the list for this year. Last year we had 60 hymns from the Lutheran Service Book on the list and we sang them all. Amazing Grace was the most chosen favorite with ten votes and Jesus Loves Me came in second with six votes. Having this list helps the hymn selectors to know which hymns you like to sing the most.

PARISH PLANNING and VOTERS MEETINGS The dates have been pushed back due to numerous scheduling conflicts. The Parish Planning meeting will be on Thursday, 9/21, and the Voter's meeting will be on Sunday, 9/24.

CAMP CILCA Act Like Men Shooting Retreat Saturday, September 16th, 9am-3pm. Men, bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends along with your firearms and some ammo to take aim at Camp CILCA. Lunch will be served between morning and afternoon sessions. *Total cost is \$15 per person.* Camp CILCA will have some safety glasses and ear protection, but feel free to bring your own. Contact the camp office for more information or to register. **217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org**

MISSIONARY PRESENTATION Heather and Nathan Pittman are excited to follow God's call to return to Heather's home continent of Africa in December. This time, they will be serving at a mission school called Rift Valley Academy, on the other side of the continent, in Kenya. Heather will be teaching K-6 music part-time and raising their new baby boy, and Nathan will be providing database maintenance and management for Rift Valley Academy and IT support for the other Global Lutheran Outreach missionaries around the globe. Now a 4th generation missionary, Heather is humbled and blessed to be following in the footsteps of her parents and grandparents, Ivan and Jennifer Rasch and Wally and Betty Rasch, former LCMS missionaries to Nigeria, as well as her great-grandparents, Arthur and Marie Rasch, former LCMS missionaries to India. We hope you can join us during the Bible Study hour on **Sunday, September 10th** to hear more details about their coming transition and new mission opportunity.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING Earlier this year we polled the congregation about what types of activities you wanted us to provide for you, your family and friends. The results have been tabulated and we are starting to make plans. However, we need your help...many hands make light work! Please join us for a meeting on **Wednesday, September 13th at 4:00pm.** We will 1)have the results of the survey to start putting activities on the church calendar, and 2)share with you some exciting information we have for repurposing one of the classrooms as an Activities Room. This room can be open during the daytime (and evening) hours for many of the activities that members were interested in seeing take place here; a permanent puzzle table (should arrive this week), cards, board games, dominos, crafts, classes, Bible studies, book club, and more. We need your input to help solidify these ideas. Sign up on the Information table, or just show up! If you can't attend, but still want to help, please let Carrie Homann know.

YOU ARE INVITED Holy Cross Lutheran in Davenport invites you to attend the installation of Pr. Terry Quick on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 3pm. There will be a catered dinner to follow. Please RSVP by September 17th by calling (563)322-2654, or email the church office at office@holycrossdav.org

DRIVE IN MOVIE Join us Saturday, Sept. 16th starting around 6pm for a bonfire with hotdogs and s'mores and then when it gets dark we will watch The Sandlot in the parking lot! There is a sign-up on the table in the concourse.

***Saturday, September 9th, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Vespers***

Prelude	
“We Praise You...”	941
Opening Versicles 229 Psalm (<i>See Cream Insert</i>)	
“My Soul, Now Praise...”	820
Readings (<i>See Cream Insert</i>)	
Responsory 230	
Sermon “ <i>Good Government is Godly</i> ” Pastor Umbarger (<i>Rom. 13:1-10</i>)	
Canticle	
“My Soul Now...”	934
Prayer	
Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Collects	233
Benedicamus and Benediction	234
“God Bless....”	965
Postlude	

The Lord’s Week

Sunday, September 10th

- 9:00am– Worship
- 10:15am– Sunday School/ Pittman Presentation of Missionary Work in Kenya
- 10:15am– 5th & 6th grade Confirmation Instruction

Monday, September 11th

- 6:30pm- 7th grade Confirmation Instruction
- 6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers

Tuesday, September 12th

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

Wednesday, September 13th

- 9:00am– TOPS
- 10:00am– Bible Study
- 4:00pm– Fellowship Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 16th

- 8:00am– Men’s Bible study
- 9:30am– Choir Practice
- 5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
- 6:00pm– Drive- In Movie “*The Sandlot*”

Sunday, September 17th

- 9:00am– Worship w/Communion
- 10:15am– 5th & 6th grade Confirmation Instruction

There is a Voters Meeting on
Sunday, September 24th

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY, 10:15am

Presentation by the Pittman’s on missionary work in Kenya.

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 Topic to be determined at the first class.

WEDNESDAY, 10:00AM

A Study on the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Beginning with Jesus’ birth and ending with His ascension, we will look deep into the background of the people and places He encountered while working out our salvation and revealing His eternal love, mercy, and grace for each of us.

SATURDAY, 8:00am

Men’s Study: “What Christians in a Scientific Age Should Know” A five session video study with Dr. Joel Okamoto will explain science and how it developed over the ages and the relationship between theology and science.

Serving the Lord:
Organist:

Christine Engebrecht

Greeters:
(Saturday)

(Sunday) Marsha Boarts and Larry Dodge


Ushers:

(Saturday) Greg Burke, Chuck Brokaw, Todd Miller, Rex Newman, & Larry Ripka
(Sunday) Esther Cashion, Glen McMillin, and Stratton Churchill

Acolyte (Sunday)
Johnny Kjera

Altar Guild:
Marsha Boarts and Jennifer, Grace and Alice Schmidt





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Psalm 32:1-7

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when
you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not
reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me
with shouts of deliverance.

**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.**

Readings

L The Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the thirty-third chapter.

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you
hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked,
O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from
his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your
hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way,
that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul." (*Ezek.33:7-9*)

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

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

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except
from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists
the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judg-
ment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of
the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for
he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear
the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath
on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath
but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the
authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to
them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to
whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to

love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The command-
ments, "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. (*Rom. 13:1-10*)

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L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the king-
dom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and
said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never
enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the great-
est in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name re-
ceives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it
would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to
be drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is
necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation
comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.
It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be
thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it
away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown
into the hell of fire. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell
you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heav-
en. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a
hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine
on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it,
truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went
astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones
should perish. "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between
you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does
not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be estab-
lished by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell
it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a
Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be
bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again
I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for
them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them." (*Matt.18:1-20*)

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ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
September 9th and 10th, 2023
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Duane & Rhonda Little(35)
Tom & Loretta Nielsen(54)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Frank Zimmerman
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Minier, IL

Members

Nancy Williams
John, Nicole, and
Emmelynn Wilson
Sandra Young

**Missionaries Serving
In Africa**

Rev. Jonathan & Anita

Military Chaplains

MAJ Graham Glover
CPT Brad Boyer
CPT Vincent Shaw

Ill & Hospitalized

Angela Fischer
Craig Clough
Nancy Gosa
Carole Hodshire
Carl McGee
Hank VanDamme

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Jessie Armstrong (Joan Britton’s
brother)
Nancy Bonow
Chuck Brokaw
Diana Dopson Carroll (friend of
Suzanne Soyke)
Patty Ekin (hip surgery)
Kodie Esparza
Steve Fors
Ron Heitzman
Kathy Herron
Jerry Hill
Craig Johanson
Dale Johnson
Merle Loete
Wyn Loete
Reid McDonald
Jean Morrical
Brenda Roggendorf
Kathleen Schmidt
Nancy Smart
David Sountris
Lynn Swanson (Carrie’s uncle–
bone marrow cancer)
Bill Vallee
Ken Weidenbach

Homebound:

Mary Ann Eckert
Angie Fischer
Alice Heller
Christopher Higgins
Ingrid Hodshire
Lori Hopkins
Bill Park
Nancy Smart
June Sutton