



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 a yellow attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor. If you would like information on becoming a member at St. John's, please mark the yellow card accordingly, and we will contact you.

ETERNAL CANDLE This warm steady glow encourages us to offer our thanks to our faithful Lord, especially for our Sunday school, Bible study, and confirmation instructors, as they share the Word of God.

ALTAR FLOWERS As Lent is a solemn time of repentance and reflection on Jesus' sacrifice, we will refrain from adorning the Altar until Easter.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

BOOK OF CONCORD ONLINE! Concordia Publishing House (CPH) has announced the launch of an online version of the *Book of Concord (BOC)*, available at no cost at bookofconcord.cph.org. "The *Book of Concord's* faithfulness to the Holy Scriptures allows it to be central to the teaching and witness of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod," said the Rev. Dr. Jacob Corzine, vice-president of publishing for CPH. "By making it available online, we hope to encourage faithful teaching and study, and bold confession of the Christian faith."

POBLO PRESENTATION Rev. Tim Bickle will be visiting us on March 7th and 8th. On Saturday, he will be our guest preacher, and on Sunday, he will be giving a presentation of his mission work during the Bible study hour. He will talk about helping Muslims convert to Christianity and the challenges and sometimes dangerous situations they face.

ALTAR GUILD St. John's Altar Guild is in need of members who wish to volunteer their time to serve God in assisting to prepare communion and to clean up after service. The Altar Guild usually only meets twice a year, and training and help is readily available. Please let Margie Schaefer, Kathy Ahrens, or Flo Moore know if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

POSTPARTUM DOULA WORKSHOP Many families are blessed to have relatives and friends nearby when a new baby arrives, but others may not have that support or may need additional guidance during this tender transition. Postpartum doulas provide practical, emotional, and evidence-based support that can make a significant difference in a family's early weeks in the family's home. We teach postpartum doulas, birth doulas, and childbirth educators in a way that is practical, grounded, and deeply human. At Baby Matters, training focuses on real-world skills, thoughtful communication, and confidence built through experience. If you would like to participate in a doula training workshop, please see the flyers on the Information Table for more details.

EASTER LILIES We are once again ordering lilies to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$12. We need 30 plants to fill our crosses. Please make checks payable to: Altar Guild. There is a box and envelopes on the Sign-Up Station. Thank you!

CARD SHOWER Earl Schaefer is turning 100 years young on March 3rd! Let's see how many birthday cards he can get for this milestone! Please mail to: 2003 44th St Moline, IL 61265

LCMS Worker Wellness The first Friday of March is Lay Worker Appreciation Day. Please join the LCMS as we recognize and appreciate all lay workers within our local congregations.

February 28th and March 1st, 2026 Second Sunday in Lent Divine Service Setting IV

Prelude— The Cherub Chimers
"Go to Dark Gethsemane"
Arr. by: Jason W. Krug

Preparation
"Creator, Spirit, by..." **500**

Invocation — Absolution 203

Service of the Word
Introit (See Cream Insert)

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"Crown Him with Many..." **525**

Sermon

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Service of the Sacrament
Preface — Agnus Dei 208-210

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"The Lamb" **547**
"Christ, the Life..." **420**

Nunc Dimittis 211

Collect — Benediction 212

"Not All the Blood..." **431**

Postlude

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 1st

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

Monday, March 2nd

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

Tuesday, March 3rd

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

Wednesday, March 4th

10:00am– Women's Bible study
5:30pm– Lent Supper
6:30pm– Lent Worship– Breakfast by the Elders

Thursday, March 5th

6:30pm– Board Meetings

Saturday, March 7th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship
(Rev. Bickle)

Sunday, March 8th

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:15am–POBLO presentation with
Rev. Tim Bickle
10:15am– Confirmation Instruction

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? There are plenty of misconceptions about Christianity in today's society. From false rumors to biblical teachings that are heavily distorted from their subject matter, there's no lack of myths to find. Do you know how to respond to them? More importantly, do you know the **truth** backed up by God's Word and teachings?

Wednesdays, 10am

During the season of Lent, we will begin using the “*Lenten Bible Studies for God's Stewards*” by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning. These Bible studies are based on the readings in Psalms as printed in the lectionaries for Lent.

Saturdays, 8am

Men's Bible study

We are doing a chronological study of the Gospel.

Weekly Memory Verse

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw
(Sun.)

Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller & Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Jeff Belan, Esther Cashion, Mark Grotelueschen, Brian Nielsen, and Tim Stone

Acolyte: Briella Churchill



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV



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Introit *(read responsively)*

P He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**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.**

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the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the twelfth chapter.

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb. *(Gen. 12:1-9)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the

man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . . For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. *(Rom. 4:1-8,13-17)*

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” *(Jn. 3:1-17)*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

February 28th and March 1st, 2026

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

Anniversaries

Eric & Jill Schofield (23)
Richard & LouAnn
DeRammelaere (66)

Sister Congregation

Rev. David McBurney
Trinity Lutheran
Bloomington, IL

Members

Carl, Megan, Thomas, Lee, &
Jackson Weathers
Nathanael Weber
Suzannah Weber
Ken Weidenbach

Missionaries Serving

Vicar Zachary Turleu- Japan

Military Chaplains

MAJ Brian Chisamore
LCDR Shawn Hazel
MAJ Jens Jenson

Ill & Hospitalized

Hillary Ekin- brain surgery(3/3)
Kay Iwen- neck surgery(3/5)

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Joan Britton
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Hoa Cooper (Lucille's daughter
- cancer)
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Kevin Green- cancer
Jerry Hill
Kay Iwen
Dale Johnson
Merle Loete
Reid McDonald
RaeJean Murphy
Tom Nielsen
Robin Passman
Brenda Roggendorf
Earl Schaefer
Karen Schmidt
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Ken Weidenbach
Cora Whipple

Homebound Members:

Nancy Bonow
Ann Bowman
Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass
Darlene Dopson
Mary Ann Eckert
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer
Peg Heitzman
Kathy Herron
Christopher Higgins
Ingrid Hodshire
Lori Hopkins
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf