



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 The eternal candle glows to the glory of God in honor of Alyssa McAnally's 12th baptismal birthday.

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 *Psalm 142:5 – "I cry to you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.'"* The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

BOWLING EVENT The Board of Youth and Family are planning a bowling event at QC Family Entertainment in Moline on Sunday, March 29 from 12-3pm. The cost is \$14 per bowler and includes pizza. We hope you will join us! Please sign up so we can reserve lanes.

LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be meeting Thursday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Janssen rooms. Visitors are always welcome. The project for this month is making and filling small Easter baskets. Donations of a bag of small individually wrapped candy would be appreciated, i.e. Snicker mini bars. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate a bag of candy you may drop off in the church office.

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: St. John's Altar Guild. There is a box and envelopes at the Sign-Up Station. Thank you!

LADIES LUNCHEON All ladies of St. John's are invited to lunch at the Deerfield Family Restaurant in Silvis on Thursday, March 19th at 11:30am. The more the merrier!

TRIP TO RICHMOND HILL PLAYERS Join us for a fun afternoon at Richmond Hill Players in Geneseo on Sunday, April 26th at 3pm; doors open at 2pm. Seats are general admission, so arrive early. The facility IS handicap accessible. **Sign-up** to reserve your ticket. \$12/ticket. Cash or check to *St. John's Lutheran Church*. Submit payment to the office or Carrie Homann. **DO NOT** put it in the offering plate.

VOTER'S MEETING The next voter's assembly meeting is on Sunday, March 15th following worship. We meet in the Janssen rooms with coffee and sweets!

FOOD PANTRY Thank you to everyone that participated in the Super Bowl Cereal Bowl– the Seahawks were the favorite and they won! For the month of March, we are collecting donations for an Easter dinner; any ingredients you use for your meals, we will happily accept. Thank you again for your support!

OFFERING ENVELOPES If you haven't already picked up your 2026 envelopes, please do so! Also, if you no longer wish to have assigned envelopes, please let the Office know.

USHERS NEEDED If you are willing and able to assist with Usher duties on Sundays, please see Glen McMillin. You do not have to commit to a full month at a time. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

**March 14th and 15th, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent
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The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 15th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:15am– Voter's Meeting
10:15am– Confirmation Instruction

Monday, March 16th

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

Tuesday, March 17th

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

Wednesday, March 18th

10:00am– Women's Bible study
5:30pm– Lent Supper-Soup, by Fellowship and Food Pantry groups
6:30pm– Lent Worship

Thursday, March 19th

11:30am– Ladies Luncheon @ Deerfield
1:00pm– LWML Meeting

Saturday, March 21st

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

Sunday, March 22nd

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Sunday school
10:15am– Confirmation Instruction

EASTER BREAKFAST

The St. John's Youth invite everyone to breakfast on Easter Sunday, to be served between the Sunrise and Festival services (7:30am-ish).

Please sign up at the Sign-Up Station so we can make adequate arrangements.

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. Chewing. 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

Ephesians 2:4-5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

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

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

(Sun.) Dave & Esther Cashion, Brian Nielsen, & Tim Stone

Communion Assistants: Kevin McAnally & Jim Homann

Acolyte: Nolan Johnson



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Introit



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to in-
quire in his | temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me
high up- | on a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all
around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with
| shouts of joy;* I will sing and make melody | to the
LORD.**

**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 forev-
er. | Amen.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Readings

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

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious. (*Isaiah 42:14-21*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (*Eph. 5:8-14*)

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LSB 157- ♪ Alleluia for Lent

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

C ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains." (*Jn. 9:1-41*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

March 14th and 15th, 2026

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

Anniversaries

Steve & Rose Sullivan (61)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Ryan Meyer

St. Peter Lutheran

St. Peter, IL

Members

John, Nicole, and Emmelynn

Wilson

Ron and Jackie Wilson

Sandra Young

Missionaries Serving

Rev. Dr. Christian and Guldula

Tiews- Germany

Military Chaplains

LCDR Tristan Engle

LT Ross Engle

Ill & Hospitalized

Hillary Ekin- brain surgery(3/3)

Anita Freitag- Ken

Weidenbach's sister- surgery

Kay Iwen- neck surgery(3/5)

Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

Deepest Sympathies

To the family of Eric Schofield,

at the passing of his mother,

Martha

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

Kathy Herron

Christopher Higgins

Ingrid Hodshire

Lori Hopkins

Mary McGee

Nancy Smart

Terry Tipsword

Barbara Veskauf

Homebound Members:

Nancy Bonow

Ann Bowman

Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass

Darlene Dopson

Mary Ann Eckert

Rick & Sylvia Fauser

Angie Fischer

Peg Heitzman