



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 and God, especially to the Holy Spirit as He has given us saving faith and strengthens us in the assurance that heaven is our home.

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 Romans 8:1 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

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.

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!

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.

FOOD PANTRY 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 contact Glen McMillin (309.314.2419). You do not have to commit to a full month at a time. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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.

ACTIVITIES ROOM CRAFT- He is Risen Wreath On Monday, April 6th, from 1:30-3:30pm, we will be doing a self-led craft of a beautiful wreath made with colorful flowers. There is no cost- supplies are limited to 12 so please sign up!

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER Save the date of Friday, April 17th and join us at Riverside Asian Kitchen in LeClaire. We will meet there at 6:00pm. Please sign-up so we can reserve tables.

**March 21st and 22nd, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Divine Service Setting III**

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 22nd

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

Monday, March 23rd

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

Tuesday, March 24th

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

Wednesday, March 25th

10:00am– Women's Bible study
5:30pm– Lent Supper-Potato Bar– served by the Executive Board
6:30pm– Lent Worship

Saturday, March 28th

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

Sunday, March 29th– Palm Sunday

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

ATTENTION!!!

**On Saturday, April 4th,
there will only be 1 service–
Easter Vigil at 6:30pm.**

**This year,
The 6:30am and the 9:00am service will both
be Easter Festival. The 9:00am will feature
the blessings of our music ministry!**

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: Romans 5:1

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Serving the Lord this Week:

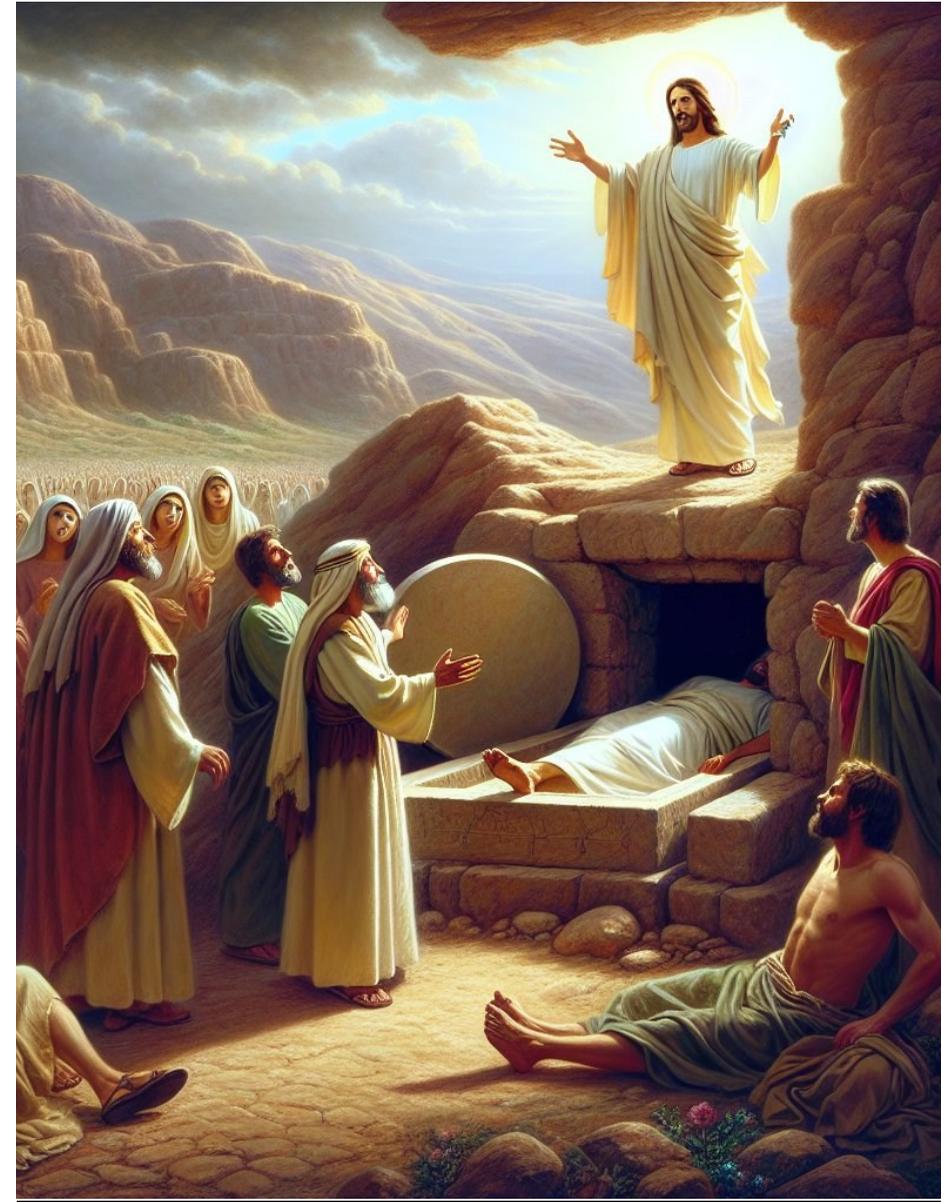
Organist: Christine Engebrecht

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

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

(Sun.) Rod Hopkins, George Aukee, & Penny Schreck

Acolyte: Henry Schmidt



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Introit

P Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

C **I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

C **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

P Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

C **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

LSB 186– ♪ Gloria Patri

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the thirty-seventh chapter.

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.” (*Ez. 37:1-14*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (*Romans 1:1-11*)

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

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. (*Jn. 11:1-53*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

March 21st and 22nd, 2026

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

Anniversaries

Greg and Cindy Hart(35)

Sister Congregation

Rev. H. Doug Minton

Our Savior Lutheran
Milford, IL

Members

Alan and Kathy Ahrens
Paulette Anderson
Norm and Orene Antolik

Missionaries Serving

Mindy Thews- Taiwan

Military Chaplains

LTC Ross Johnson
LCDR Erik Neider

Ill & Hospitalized

Hillary Ekin- brain surgery(3/3)
Anita Freitag- Ken
Weidenbach's sister- surgery

Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

**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
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