

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 Dustin Myers' birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is in memory of Ron and Joanne Wilson.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS 1 Peter 1:3-4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

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!

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER All are invited on Friday, April 17th for dinner at Riverside Asian Kitchen in LeClaire. We will meet there at 6:00pm. Please sign-up so we can reserve tables.

CALL CANDIDATE VOTER'S MEETING The next vote for a pastoral call will be on Sunday, April 12th at 2:00pm. We have several very good candidates this round- please come to the voter's meeting and voice your choice!

SAVE THE DATE A wedding reception for Caleb Engebrecht and his bride Kimberly will be held at St. John's on June 20th from 12-3pm. All are invited to join the celebration of their union in faith, hope, and love.

LCMS Worker Wellness April is a full month of celebration — both in our Risen Lord and in the work that He still accomplishes through His church. We recognize and give thanks to God for the many volunteers who keep our congregations running smoothly. We also give thanks for our Directors of Parish Music (DPMs) who fill our churches with beautiful music and song. Visit lcms.org/workerwellness for more details.

THANK YOU Patty and Hillary Ekin would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. Surgery went well and so far, no more seizures. She did get an infection on a the small area on the incision, and will be back in surgery on 4/7 with another short hospital stay at OSF in Peoria.

BAKE SALE Zion Lutheran Church in Hampton is hoping to start a food pantry and community garden— and they would like your help. All are invited to a bake sale, also featuring a silent auction and raffle. Come to Zion Lutheran on Saturday, April 25th from 1-5pm and help our community!

LADIES LUNCHEON All ladies of St. John's are welcome to a luncheon at Deerfield Family Restaurant in Silvis on Thursday, April 16th at 11:30am. The more the merrier!

*Saturday, April 11th, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
The Order of Vespers*

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 12th

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday school
10:15am– Confirmation instruction
2:00pm– Pastoral Call Voter's Meeting

Monday, April 13th

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

Tuesday, April 14th

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

Wednesday, April 15th

10:00am– Women's Bible study
1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

Thursday, April 16th

11:30am– Ladies Luncheon @ Deerfield

Friday, April 17th

6:30pm– Dinner at Riverside Asian Kitchen

Saturday, April 18th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, April 19th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday school
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

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 are doing a chronological study of the Gospel.

Weekly Memory Verse:

Ephesians 2:13–14

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

Serving the Lord this Week:

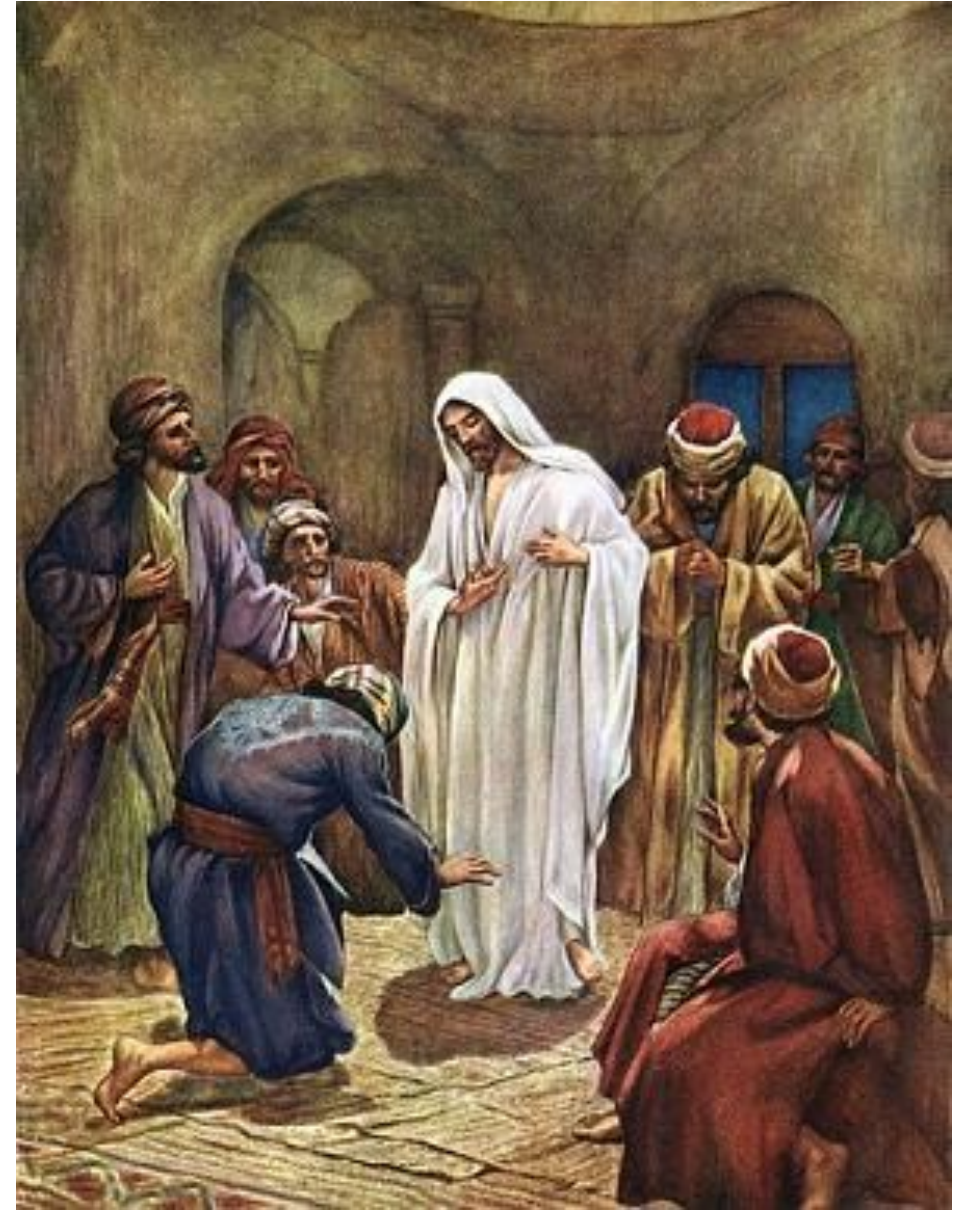
Organist: Christine Engebrecht

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

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

(Sun.) Evan Antolik and Family

Acolyte: Nathan Duffy



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Psalm

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

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

P The first reading is from Acts, the fifth chapter.

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching

Jesus as the Christ. (*Acts 5:29-42*)

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P The Epistle reading is from First Peter, the first chapter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (*1 Peter 1:3-9*)

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (*John 20:19-31*)

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ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

April 11th and 12th, 2026

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

Sister Congregation

Rev. Mark Nelson
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Peoria, IL

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Judy Belan
Jeff, Holly & Tyler Belan
Jen, Lauren, & Grant Belzer

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Stanley and Dana Stigdon-
Dominican Republic

Military Chaplains

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CPT Theodore Hoham

Ill & Hospitalized

Hillary Ekin- surgery
Anita Freitag- Ken Weidenbach's sister- surgery

Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

Prolonged Illness &

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Nancy Gosa
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Jerry Hill
Dale Johnson
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RaeJean Murphy
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Kathleen Schmidt
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Lori Hopkins
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