

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 an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

BAPTISM Received into God's Kingdom of grace through Holy Baptism this morning is Beau Beale, infant son of Drew and Paige. May he grow in the nurture of God.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Rod Hopkins- Happy Mother's Day!

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Bill and Donna Green in honor of their anniversary.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *John 14:15 - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."* Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven - for she loved much" (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "love."

CAMP CILCA Annual HOG ROAST & AUCTION Sunday, May 24, 11:30am-1:30pm at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, 3 and under free. Come support the work that the Lord is doing in the great outdoors!

LWML Spring Salad Luncheon! All ladies are welcome to attend our luncheon on Thursday, May 21st at noon. This is a relaxed social event so bring a salad (and a friend) and enjoy the day with your sisters in Christ! Please sign up by May 17th so we can plan.

FOOD PANTRY The Silvis Hy-Vee will once again be supporting our food pantry with their annual garden center fundraiser. Bring your flyer (bulletin insert +extras on the information table) to the Silvis Hy-Vee Garden Center and they will donate 10% of your sale to our food pantry! This offer is only good Monday, May 11th-Sunday May 17th.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: How do you put a mother's love into words? It's steady and selfless, quiet yet powerful—woven into everyday moments and lifelong sacrifices. Scripture paints this kind of love in many places, and while 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 isn't always labeled as a "mother's passage," it beautifully reflects what so many mothers live out each day: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother's Day to all women who so lovingly care for their children and others. (P.S. No texting or snapchatting today: call or visit your mother!) www.LutheranFamilyService.org
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BLACKSMITHING OPPORTUNITY On Sunday, May 17th, and Saturday, May 23rd at noon, Clinton Merritt will be leading a blacksmithing activity here at St. John's. He will be working on making leaves for the Tree of Life arbor for the courtyard. If you would like to participate in this project, please sign up and show up!

LCMS FOUNDATION A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? Working on your estate can be complicated as you balance legal, tax and financial issues, along with your desires to care for family and support ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has tools to organize all these things. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

PASTORAL CALL UPDATE Rev. Peter Deberny has acknowledged the receipt of our Call, and has stated he is honored to be considered. He has prayerfully begun the process of deliberation, and hopes to arrive at a decision by May 17th. He asks that we keep him in our prayers as he considers this Call, and he will keep St. John's in his as well.

**Sunday, May 10th, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Order of Matins**

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The Lord's Week

Sunday, May 10th

9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday school
10:15am– Confirmation instruction

Monday, May 11th

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

Tuesday, May 12th

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

Wednesday, May 13th

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

Saturday, May 16th

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

Sunday, May 17th

9:00am– Worship w/Worship
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday school
12:00pm– Blacksmithing arbor leaves

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

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

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

(Sun.) Glen McMillin

Acolyte: Nathan Duffy

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- Women's Bible study

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:

Philippians 1:6

I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



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Psalm

☞ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
☞ who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;
you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through
water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.
**I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows
to you,**
that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in
trouble.
**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of
the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has
done for my soul.
I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have
listened.
But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessèd be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed
his steadfast love from me!
**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

☞ The first reading is from Acts, the seventeenth chapter.
While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked
within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the syna-
gogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day
with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philos-
ophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish
to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—
because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of
him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new
teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our
ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Atheni-
ans and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing ex-
cept telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the
Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very
religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I
found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What there-
fore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the
world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in
temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed
anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and every-
thing. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the
face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of

their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might
feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each
one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some
of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ Being then
God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or
silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The
times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people every-
where to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the
world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has
given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” (*Acts 17:16-31*)

☞ O Lord, have mercy on us. **☞** Thanks be to God.

☞ The Epistle reading is from 1 Peter, the third chapter.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is
good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be
blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard
Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to any-
one who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with
gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are
slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to
shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s
will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the right-
eous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death
in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed
to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s
patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in
which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through wa-
ter. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal
of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is
at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been
subjected to him. (*1 Peter 3:13-22*)

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☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my command-
ments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to
be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot re-
ceive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he
dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will
come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you
will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know
that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my
commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves
me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to
him.” (*John 14:15-21*)

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ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

May 9th and 10th, 2026

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

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(31)

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