



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

**ETERNAL CANDLE** The eternal candle glows to the glory of God in honor of Zachary Antolik's baptismal birthday.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is in memory of Ed Wachs.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS 1 Peter 5:6-7 - "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."** We have a Father in heaven who really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of worry, which is the source of all tightfisted greed.

**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 this Sunday so we can plan accordingly.

**FOOD PANTRY** The Silvis Hy-Vee is once again 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 opportunity is only through Sunday, May 17th.

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby? Kids certainly can't. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by letting them "accidentally" overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly!  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

**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!

**LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION** Dr. Paivi Rasanen and Bishop Juhana Pohjola, author and editor of "Male and Female He Created Them", have been found guilty of hate speech in Finland. They have been fined a combined total of about \$10,000 US dollars. If you would like to donate towards these fines, please see the LHF website for information on how you can help.

**CALEB AND KIMBELRY'S RECEPTION** Save the date! June 20th is almost here – please RSVP via the sign-up sheet so the family can prepare. Everyone is invited!

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## *The Lord's Week*

### **Sunday, May 17th**

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

### **Monday, May 18th**

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes

### **Tuesday, May 19th**

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

### **Wednesday, May 20th**

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

### **Thursday, May 21st**

12:00pm– LWML Salad Luncheon

### **Saturday, May 23rd**

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

### **Sunday, May 24th**

9:00am– Worship w/Communion  
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.)* Esther Cashion and youths from the  
congregation

**Communion Assistants:** Jim Homann & Ralph  
Grotelueschen

**Acolyte:** Henry Schmidt

## *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.  
Beginning in June, we will be doing a study on the book of Matthew.

### ***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:**

#### ***John 1:12***

*To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.*



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## Introit

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

**The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool."**

The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
"You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek."

**The Lord is at your | right hand;\*  
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.**

**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 forever. | Amen.**

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

## Readings

**P** The first reading is from Acts, the first chapter. In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (*Acts 1:1-11*)

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Epistle reading is from Ephesians, the first chapter.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (*Eph. 1:15-23*)

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**LSB 156- ♪ Alleluia**

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. (*Luke 24:44-53*)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD**

**May 16th and 17th, 2026**

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

**Anniversaries:**

Leon & Kathy Petosky (15)

**Sister Congregation**

Rev. Brian Pape

St. Peter's Lutheran

East Peoria, IL

**Members**

Christopher & Diana Caldwell

Katherine Caldwell

Nancy Cartwright

Dave & Esther Cashion

**Missionaries Serving**

Andrew & Noel Schaff-

Taiwan

**Military Chaplains**

LTC David Witte

Lt. Col Brian Banke

**Military Deployment**

Elijah Medina- Iran

**Deepest Sympathies**

To the family of Kathy Herron  
at her passing

**Prolonged Illness &**

**Special Needs:**

Joan Britton

Bev Brokaw

Chuck Brokaw

Hoa Cooper (Lucille's daughter  
- cancer)

Steve Fors

Duane Gosa

Nancy Gosa

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

Christopher Higgins

Ingrid Hodshire

Lori Hopkins

Mary McGee

Nancy Smart

Terry Tipsword

Barbara Veskauf