



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 from Rod and Noreen Hopkins, in honor of their 39th anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Lucille Perley.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”* These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

THANK YOU Chuck and Bev Brokaw would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, and visits to Bev at Celebrate. Your thoughtfulness has been an uplifting blessing during this difficult time.

LADIES LUNCHEON The next luncheon for all ladies of St. John's is Thursday, August 20th, at 11:30am. We meet at the Deerfield Family Restaurant in Silvis— all ladies are welcome!

ATTENTION MEN The next “Brats, Bibles, & Beverages” will be held on Sunday, August 30th at 5:00pm. Join with other men from the Rock Island Circuit for an evening of food, fellowship, and a study of God's Word. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor event, so bring a lawn chair. If it rains we will move indoors. Please RSVP by August 23rd so we can plan accordingly.

LWML-Thursday, August 20th, at 1:00pm—Attention all ladies— Summer is winding down. Come join us for an afternoon of Bingo and fellowship. We will be looking at the possibility of making fleece tie lap blankets and/or lap quilts in September. If you have any extra fleece material to donate or if you have lap quilts almost completed and would like to bring one to show that would be great. Hope to see you the 20th!

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: President Harry S. Truman once said, “A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.” *Which are you?* Pessimists...how's this working for you? It's usually true that mood follows message: what we think or tell ourselves about a situation results in how we feel about what is happening. The next time you are feeling low or having a difficult day, stop and listen to what you are telling yourself. *Is it true?* Challenge and then replace negative, untrue thoughts with the truth. (Hint: look for truth in your Bible.) If you're stuck in a negative pattern of thought and life, you don't have to stay there. Please reach out. Your LFS counselors are available to help you learn to identify and change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth. www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LCMS BOWLING LEAGUE Its that time again— fall bowling league night will be starting up soon. Please join us for an informational meeting on Monday, August 17th at 6pm at Highland Park Bowl.

FOOD PANTRY Thank you to whomever has been donating egg cartons, but we have a surplus at this time and don't need any more.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday school Rally Day will be on August 30th. Hope to see our youths for the kickoff of this Sunday school year!

HANDICAPPED RESTROOM The trustees have been hearing that individuals truly in need of using the handicapped accessible restroom (in the Cry Room) are having to wait while able-bodied individuals are using it. This restroom needs to be available to the handicapped, as well as those in need of the diaper changing station. If you are able-bodied, please use the restrooms in the hallways. Thank you.

COMING SOON! 2027 is the 120th Anniversary of CID and the first 5 Circuits (ours being the Peoria-Rock Island Circuit). It is also the 70th year since the Rock Island Circuit branched off its own. The Rock Island Circuit office administrators are currently working on creating a beautiful wall calendar that will highlight the 12 churches in our Rock Island Circuit. This October, each of the 12 sister congregations will have a copy to view and begin taking orders. We are aiming for a delivery date of Dec. 1. All additional proceeds will be given to Cristo Rey Lutheran Church.

**August 15th & 16th, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting 3**

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<i>The Lord's Week</i>	<i>Bible Study Opportunities</i>
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Sunday, August 16th
9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

Monday, August 17th
1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes

Tuesday, August 18th
10:00am- Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, August 19th
1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

Thursday, August 20th
11:30am– Ladies Luncheon @ Deerfield
1:00pm– LWML

Saturday, August 22nd
5:00pm– Worship

Sunday, August 23rd
9:00am– Worship
10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

Serving the Lord this Week:
Organist: Christine Engebrecht
Greeters: *(Sat.)*
(Sun.) Antolik family
Ushers: *(Sat.)* Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller & Larry Ripka
(Sun.) Evan Antolik and family
Communion Assistants: Jim Homann & Jonathan Schmidt
Altar Guild *(August):* Dawn & Steeve Antolik

Sundays, 10:15am-To begin August 9th
The Lutheran Confessions: Pope vs. Pastor. Paul Timothy McCain the editor of Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions introduces the “Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope” with these words: How do Christians receive pastors? How is the Church organized, structured, and governed? The Roman Catholic answer is that everything depends on the pope, the “vicar of Christ,” the one who is said to be the immediate successor to the Apostle Peter. Through the pope, so it is thought, flows Christ’s authority to His Church on earth. This is not the Bible’s answer. In this document Philip Melancthon provides the Lutheran view of authority in the Church and the basis on which the Church is founded and continued. In this class, we will learn how the sixteenth century reformation returned the office of the pastor back to its Biblical roots using the “Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope.”

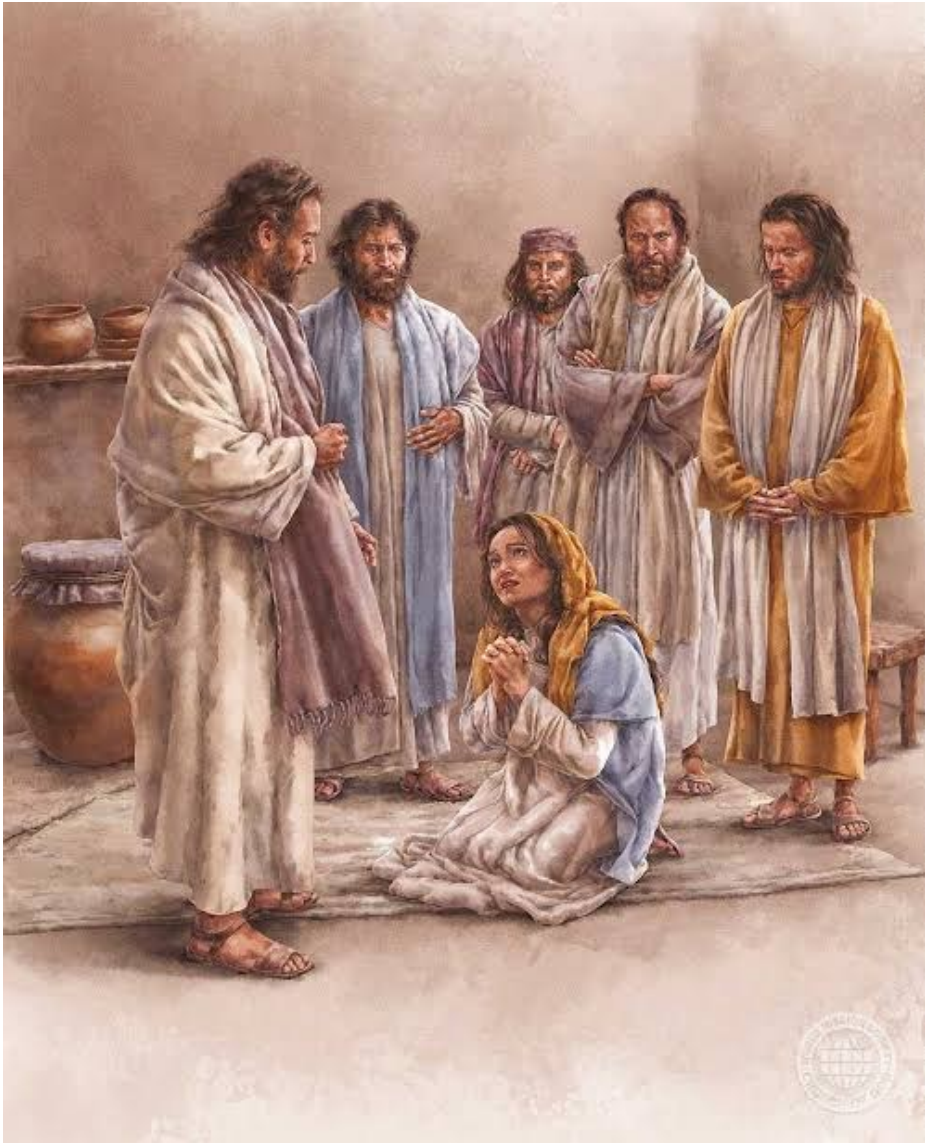
Holy Land Geography, Customs & History
Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith? On summer break. We will resume Sunday, September 13th.

Wednesdays, 10am- Women’s Bible study
We are on summer break. Class will resume after Labor Day

Saturdays, 8am- Men’s Bible study: On Summer break. We will resume Saturday, September 12th

MEMORY BENCH FOR ED WACHS There is a John Deere (green and yellow) bench on the bike path in East Moline. It is located behind John Deere Harvester; you can park by the pond. We live on the other side of the fence- you can call Theresa (309) 235-0679 if you need a shorter distance and we can open the gate. It is a beautiful bench and a beautiful view. Stop by and see it! Thank you, Theresa and Jan
Thank you to Rhea Oakes for communicating with the City of East Moline Maintenance, to move the process along.



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Introit

P The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

C **To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go
down | to the pit.**

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for
help,* when I lift up my hands toward your most holy
sanctu- | ary.

C **Blessèd | be the LORD!***

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

P The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,
and | I am helped;* my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks
to him. The

LORD is the strength of his | people;* he is the saving refuge of his a-
- | nointed.

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-sixth chapter.

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .
“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.” (*Is. 56:1, 6-8*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Epistle reading is from Romans the eleventh chapter.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection

means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. (*Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LSB 190– ♪ Alleluia

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly. (*Matt. 15:21-28*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
August 15th and 16th, 2026
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Members
Duane & Nancy Gosa
Chad Gosa
Bill & Donna Green

Anniversaries
Dave & Esther Cashion
Ken & Ann Cobb
Willy & Shirley Schlotfeldt

Ill and Hospitalized
Nancy Bratton– sister of
Margie (stroke)
Bev Brokaw-hospice

Military Deployment
Elijah Medina– Iran

Missionaries Serving
Rev. Dr. Tom Park

Sister Congregation
Rev. Jonah Schultz
Salem Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, IL

Prolonged Illness & Special Needs:
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Chuck Brokaw
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
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Jerry Hill
Dale Johnson
Melinda Loete
Merle Loete
Reid McDonald
RaeJean Murphy
Tom Nielsen
Robin Passman
Brenda Roggendorf
Earl Schaefer
Karen Schmidt
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Ken Weidenbach
Cora Whipple

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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
Terry Tipsword
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