

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 Lucille Perley.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Flo Moore, in memory of Jacob.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Romans 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”* That's the order: God's mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God's mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God's service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

BIBLES, BRATS AND BEVERAGES All men in the congregation (and their male friends/family) are invited to the next BBB event 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 SIGN UP by August 23rd so we can plan accordingly.

HEAVENLY RINGERS We are looking for two new people for the ensemble. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Steve Braddy at 309/235-7985. Music reading skills are preferred and the Ringers rehearse on Monday nights at 6:30. Making music is a beautiful way to contribute to our worship services. We'd love to see you in the balcony.

PASTORAL CALL UPDATE After much prayerful deliberation, Rev. Kru-
semark has declined the call extended by St. John's. The call committee will schedule a meeting in the near future to discuss our next steps.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... therefore honor God with your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) This Biblical instruction isn't just for young people! No matter what your age, take time this week to do something that will make your body stronger or healthier. Fix a healthy snack, go for a walk, and invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Shared activity makes it more fun, and creates an open door for conversation about wellbeing, including the importance of faith and spiritual wellness. Thank God for and honor Him by taking care of your body, no matter how many years it's been around! www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

RALLY DAY 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.

CIRCUIT YOUTH PICNIC The annual picnic hosted by Zion, Taylor Ridge will be Sunday, September 13, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All Circuit Youth are welcome to attend this fun annual event. Zion will provide pulled chicken and drinks. If you are able, bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is no need to RSVP – just come and enjoy the afternoon of food, friends, and fun activities including sand volleyball, kick ball, corn hole and more ! Friends are welcome. Come rain or shine.

August 22nd and 23rd, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Prayer and Preaching

Prelude– The Guitars Group
The congregation is invited to join:
“Seek Ye First” 712
“The Lamb” 547
“Precious Lord...” 739

Opening Hymn
“The Church’s One...” 644

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Postlude

The Lord's Week

Sunday, August 23rd

9:00am– Worship

10:15am– Bible study/ Sunday school

Monday, August 24th

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes

Tuesday, August 25th

10:00am– Food Pantry

6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, August 26th

1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

Saturday, August 29th

5:00pm– Worship w/Communion

Sunday, August 30th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion

10:15am– Bible study

10:15am– Sunday School Rally Day

10:15am– Pre-confirmation meeting (5th & 6th grade)

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.)

(Sun.)

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

(Sun.)

Altar Guild (August): Dawn & Stevee Antolik

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am

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 Melanchthon 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

Classes will resume on Sept. 9th. Topic TBA

Saturdays, 8am– Men’s Bible study:

On Summer break. We will resume Saturday, September 12th



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Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the 51st chapter.

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.” (*Is. 51:1-6*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Romans, the 11th and 12th chapters.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches,

in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (*Rom. 11:33-12:8*)

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (*Matt. 16:13-20*)

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ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD
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Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Members

Ralph & Norma Grotelueschen
Mark Grotelueschen
Bali Guerrero

Anniversaries

Pam & Larry Sims
Richard & Jessica Dobbeleare
Clinton & Martha Merritt

Ill and Hospitalized

Nancy Bratton- sister of Margie
(Stroke)
Bev Brokaw- hospice

Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

Missionaries Serving

Sharoa Osiro

Sister Congregation

Rev. Jonathan Sharp
Trinity Lutheran Church
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Prolonged Illness & Special Needs

Joan Britton
Chuck Brokaw
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Bill Green
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

Homebound Members

Nancy Bonow
Ann Bowman
Don, Wanda, & Jason Cass
Darlene Dopson
MaryAnn Eckert
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer
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