

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)

Monday, August 31st

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes

Tuesday, September 1st

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

Wednesday, September 2nd

1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

Thursday, September 3rd

6:30pm- Board Meetings

Saturday, September 5th

5:00pm– Worship w/Communion

Sunday, September 6th

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

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Tyler Belan

Greeters: *(Sat.)*

(Sun.)

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

(Sun.) Evan Antolik & family

Communion Assistants: Brian Kern & Kevin McAnally

Altar Guild *(August):* Dawn & Stevee Antolik

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.

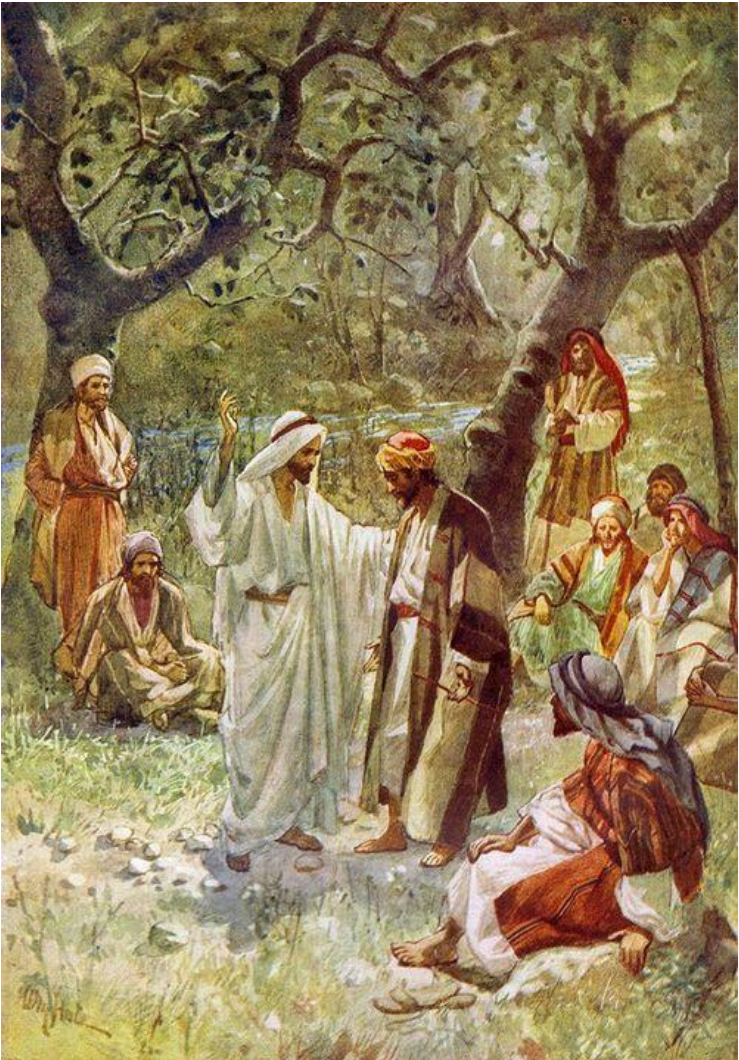
Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith? On summer break. We will resume Sunday, September 13th.

Wednesdays, 10am- Women’s Bible study

Classes will resume on Sept. 9th. We will be studying the book of Romans.

Saturdays, 8am- Men’s Bible study.

Will resume on Sept. 12th; we will be studying 1 Corinthians.



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ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

August 29th and 30th, 2026

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

Members

Don Hakeman

Greg & Cindy Hart

Brian Hart

Tom, Jessica, Gabriel &
Jonah Hart

Anniversaries

Alan & Barbara Buck(40)

Ken & Debby
Weidenbach(26)

Steve & Diana
Lackey(57)

Ill and Hospitalized

Melinda Loete-surgery

Bev Brokaw- hospice

Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

Missionaries Serving

Britt Odemba-Kenya

Sister Congregation

Rev. Andrew Smith

Our Redeemer Lutheran
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Prolonged Illness & Special Needs

Joan Britton

Chuck Brokaw

Steve Fors

Duane Gosa

Nancy Gosa

Bill Green

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, & Jason
Cass

Darlene Dopson

MaryAnn Eckert

Rick & Sylvia Fauser

Angie Fischer

Peg Heitzman

Chris Higgins

Ingrid Hodshire

Lori Hopkins

Mary McGee

Terry Tipsword

Barbara Veskauf



Introit

P Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

G Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the
man who carries out evil devices!

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.

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Jeremiah, the fifteen chapter.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless." (*Jer. 15:15-21*)

P This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (*Rom. 12:9-21*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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

G ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." (*Matt. 16:21-28*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

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 from Todd & Jeri Miller, in honor of their anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Todd & Jeri Miller, in honor of their anniversary.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Matt. 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?”* He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don’t know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God’s kingdom.

BIBLES, BRATS AND BEVERAGES All men in the congregation (and their male friends/family) are invited to the next BBB event TONIGHT 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.

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. Krusemark has declined the call extended by St. John’s. The Call Cmte. has requested a new list of candidates and will meet accordingly.

Fellowship Survey It's been a few years since the Fellowship Committee began and sent out our first survey. Many of the programs we have started are working very well, but we'd like to see what more we can do to continue to help build friendships here at church. Please take the short survey that is in the narthex to let us know what you are interested in doing with your St. John's friends. Drop it in the box when completed.

Building Healthy Families: Research conducted recently with college age students in the Midwest found that most of them reported having an important relationship with grandparents or significant elders who influence their values, goals, and life choices and give them a sense of self, roots, and tradition. *Grandparents and older members of our church family, do you realize how important you are?* Make sure the young adults in your family and congregation who have gone off to college or are returning to high school after summer break continue to hear from you. Now, more than ever, they need your love and support – even if they’re not asking for it!
www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

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.

FOOD PANTRY/GARDEN BOUNTY We are in dire need for plastic grocery bags to help in food pantry, and also for taking home produce that is generously donated by Clark Stojan.

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service IV

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