

**Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Office Closed- Labor Day**  
1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am- Women’s Bible study  
1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes  
3:30pm- Fellowship Committee

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm- Parish Planning

**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Fellowship

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am- Men’s Bible study  
5:00pm– Worship

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

***Serving the Lord this Week:***

**Organist:** Christine Engebrecht  
**Ushers: (Sat.)** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller & Larry Ripka  
**(Sun.)** Clinton & Jackson Merritt, Joel Duffy, and Tim & Tamee Stone  
**Communion Assistants:** Glen McMillin & Ralph Grotelueschen  
**Altar Guild (Sept.):**Jill Schofield & Flo Moore

**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?***

**Wednesdays, 10am- Women’s Bible study**

We will be studying the book of Romans.

**Saturdays, 8am- Men’s Bible study.**

We will be studying 1 Corinthians.



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## ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

### Members

Alyssa & Otto Hartweg

Karen Hatfield

Tara, Owen, & Mallory  
Hawkins

### Anniversaries

Tony & Laura  
Frankowski(17)

Todd & Jeri Miller(2)

David & Michelle  
Rogers(35)

Shane & Susan  
Parvin(14)

Bill & Becky Johnson(58)

Troy & Val McDonald(20)

### Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

### Ill and Hospitalized

Marsha Boarts- infection|

Melinda Loete-surgery

Bev Brokaw- hospice

Peyton Dodge-(Larry's  
granddaughter;in Iowa  
City for testing)

### Missionaries Serving

James & Christel  
Neuendorf- Puerto Rico

### Chaplain Birthdays

LCDR Merlin Stephan

CPT Chris Knepper

LT Kevin Sharp

### Sister Congregation

Rev. Daniel Smith

Grace Lutheran Church  
Paris, IL

### 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** How great are your works, | O LORD!\*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

**C** It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*

to the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

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.

How great are your works, | O LORD!\*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

## Readings

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the thirty-third chapter.

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel.

Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.” (*Ezekiel 33:7-9*)

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Epistle reading is from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers

of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (*Rom. 13:1-10*)

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**C** ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (*Matt. 18:1-20*)

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

**C** ♪ 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** *Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”* What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish* — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

**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.

**YOU ARE INVITED** The congregation is invited to attend a Bridal Shower for Allison Antolik at St. John’s on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in the Janssen rooms. Allison and Ethan are registered at Target and Zola. Please sign-up so we can plan 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](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

**COMING SOON!** 2027 is the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CID and the first 5 Circuits (ours being the Peoria-Rock Island Circuit). It is also the 70<sup>th</sup> 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. We would be very grateful for any extras you could bring in!

*September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Divine Service I*

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