

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

October 17th and 18th, 2026

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

Members

Kaityln Israel

John & Kay Iwen

Craig & Jill Johanson

Anniversaries

Bill & Debbie Girard(45)

Ill and Hospitalized

Susan Bowman-surgery

Bev Brokaw- hospice

Dale Bundy- Cancer (Ken Weidenbach's friend)

Marce McAnally (Kevin's dad)

Missionaries Serving

Rev. Gustavo and Ruth
Maita-Puerto Rico

Sister Congregation

Rev. Brandon Sullivan

Christ Lutheran
Mason City, IL



Prolonged Illness & Special Needs

Marsha Boarts

Joan Britton

Chuck Brokaw

Steve Fors

Duane Gosa

Nancy Gosa

Bill Green

Cindy Hart

Jerry Hill

Dale Johnson

Melinda Loete

Merle Loete

Reid McDonald

RaeJean Murphy

Tom Nielsen

Robin Passman

Brenda Roggendorf

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, Hailey, & Jordan
Fischer

Peg Heitzman

Chris Higgins

Ingrid Hodshire

Lori Hopkins

Mary McGee

Terry Tipsword

Earl Schaefer

Barbara Veskauf

Introit



The Lord is your | keeper,*
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.
I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the Lord,*
who made | heaven and earth.
He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.
Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
The Lord will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
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.
The Lord is your | keeper,*
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.

Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the forty-fifth chapter.
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the

Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things."
(*Is. 45:1-7*)

P This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from 1 Thessalonians, the first chapter.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (*1 Thess. 1:1-10*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

G *J* Glory to You, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. (*Matt. 22:15-22*)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G *J* Praise to You, O Christ.

The Lord’s Week

Sunday, October 18th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday School
10:15am- 5th/6th grade Confirmation class
2-4:00pm- Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 19th

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes
6:30pm- Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, October 20th

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

Wednesday, October 21st

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

Saturday, September 24th

8:00am- Men’s Bible study
9:00am- Choir rehearsal
2:00pm- Antolik/Pritchard Wedding
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Reformation Observed)

Sunday, September 25th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
(Reformation Observed)
10:15am– Bible study/Sunday School
10:15am- 5th/6th grade Confirmation class
5:00pm- Bibles, Brats, and Beverages

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht
Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller & Larry Ripka
(Sun.) Esther Cashion
Communion Assistants: Jim Homann & Jonathan Schmidt
Altar Guild (Oct.): Diana Lackey & Margie Schaefer

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am

The Lutheran Confessions: The Smalcald Articles
In December of 1536, John Frederick commissioned Martin Luther to prepare articles for the meeting of the Smalcaldic League. During the preparation of those articles, Luther became deathly ill. Because Luther thought that death was near, he considered these articles to be his theological last will and testament. This is an opportunity to study not only an official confession of the faith but also get a sense of Luther’s heart for the church.

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?

Meet in the Yellow room in the Education wing; each week we will discuss 3 common 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?

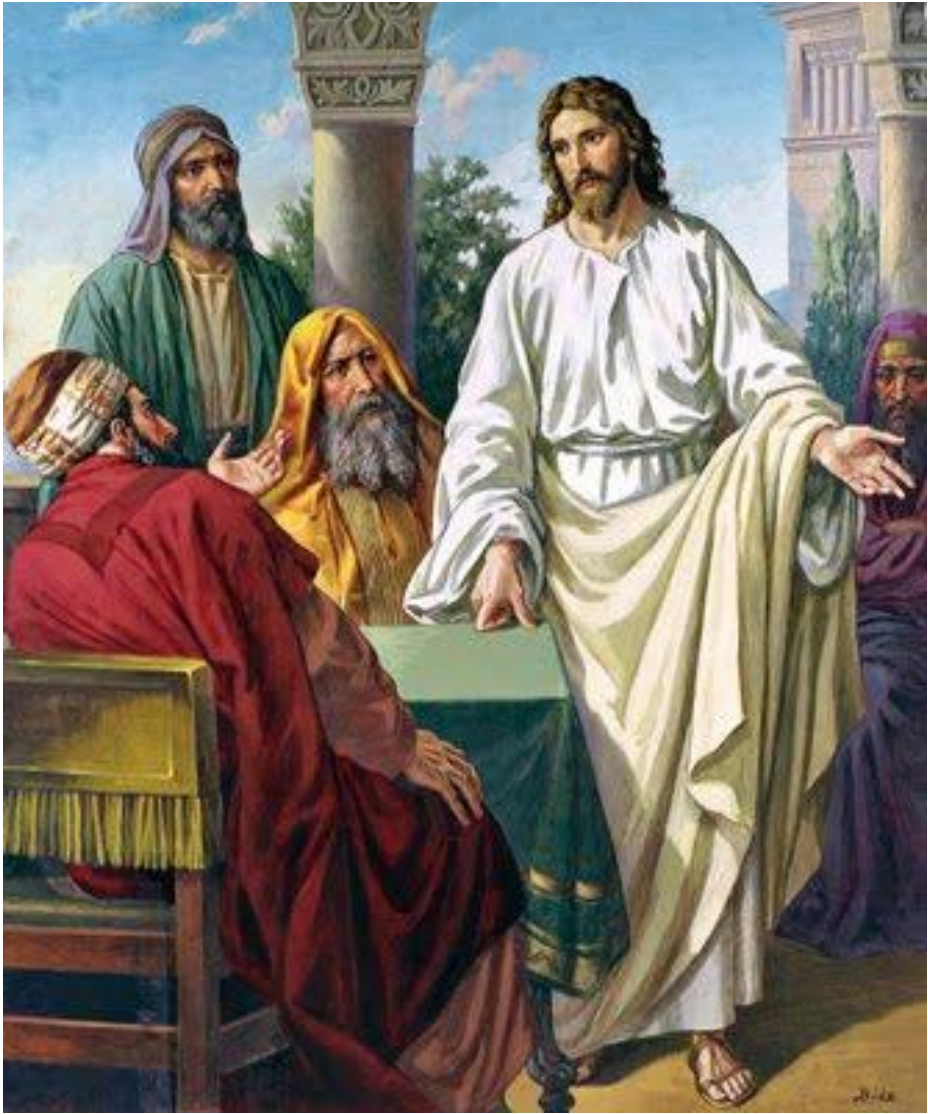
Wednesdays, 10am- Women’s Bible study

We are studying the book of Romans.

Saturdays, 8am- Men’s Bible study.

We are studying 1 Corinthians

BIBLES, BRATS, AND BEVERAGES Our next BBB men’s fellowship evening is scheduled for October 25th at 5pm. If the weather cooperates, we plan on being outdoors in the new courtyard around the new firepit. Please sign-up or call Annie in the office to let us know if you will be attending so we can purchase adequate food.



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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 Craig and Annie Churchill, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Lucille Perley, for Alan and Melody.

PASTOR APPRECIATION- October is church worker appreciation month. If you would like to give a card to Pastor Batchelor, there will be a basket set out in the office, and Annie will get them to him.

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS Your "A Dollar for Missions" (DFM) donations are currently funding \$7,000 for deaf ministry technology and instruction resources for Central IL Deaf Outreach. *Please continue to donate \$1 each week above and beyond your weekly giving.*

THANK YOU In loving memory of Katy Hill, her family has made a generous donation to the St. John’s food pantry. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

GIFT A SHUT-IN Help make the holidays special for a St. John’s shut-in member by providing them with a Mary Kay gift! For every pampering gift bundle purchased, Jill will donate one also. (She will not be taking any profit on this). Her goal is 16 gift bundles. See the sign-up station for the flyer and to sign-up.

FOOD PANTRY As the weather finally (hopefully!) begins to turn colder, we prayerfully ask for donations of canned soups. There is a table set up in the hallway by the gym for your blessings.

NOVEMBER CRAFT Come to the Crafting Room (2nd Ed Wing room) on Monday, November 9th at 1:30pm to paint your own nativity set. All the wood pieces for the people and the creche, and the painting supplies will be available. There is no charge for this craft. Sign up at the sign-up station.

THANK YOU The family of Elijah Medina is thrilled to announce that he has returned home safely from his military deployment to the Middle East. They wish to thank everyone for their prayers during this stressful time.

CIRCUIT EVENT INVITE: A Mexican Dinner and Talent Show will be held **Saturday, November 14** from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (doors open at 4:30) at Immanuel Lutheran Church, [3300 24th Street, Rock Island](#). Dinner is at 5:00 pm, with the talent show following. *Please RSVP for dinner by November 1st with number attending – call/text [309-781-9627](tel:309-781-9627).*

The Mexican dinner includes: enchiladas (chicken or chorizo and potato), chips and salsa, rice and beans, drinks, dessert, and piñata fun for the kids. There will be a free will offering. Dinner will be served by members of Cristo Rey and proceeds will benefit members of the congregation who were affected by the closure of the Tyson plant.

The talent show will be family friendly and all entries will be approved by Pastor. Contact Helen Vogel if you want to participate (call/text [309-781-9627](tel:309-781-9627)).

The Antolik and Pritchard families request the honor of your presence at the wedding of Allison and Ethan. The ceremony is on Saturday, October 24th at 2pm. *“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” Col. 3:14*

October 17th and 18th, 2026
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
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