



# November 2024

## **Sundays**

Worship Service 9:30 am  
Sunday School/ Bible study 10:30 am

## **Mondays**

Spanish Class 4pm

## **Tuesdays**

Celebrate Recovery meetings 5-8pm

## **Wednesdays**

Confirmation class &  
Woman's Bible study 5pm

## **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

Men's Bible study

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

Bible study at Hickory Creek 10:30 am

## **Meetings**

11/2/24	Trustees	9 am
11/4/24	Elders	6pm
11/6/24	Lutherans & Altar guild	3:30 pm
11/11/24	Education	6pm
	Finance	6:30pm
	Tech & Comm	7pm
11/18/24	Voters/ Election	7pm

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN**

**Daylight Savings time ends  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Remember to  
change your clocks.**

**11/10/24 Congregation Holiday dinner**

**11/17/24 Prayer Walk/Vigil  
After Bible classes**

**11/27/24 Thanksgiving eve  
service 7pm**

## **Birthdays**

Justice Kieninger 11/1  
Joshua Price 11/8  
Lois White 11/8  
Gail Karas 11/21/  
Juston Kieninger 11/27  
Tammy Murray-Looker 11/27

## **Anniversaries**

Ray & Marilyn Bagley 11/2  
Robert & Sandra Sutton 11/14

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# Why we practice closed communion.

## What God says about Communion/Lord's Supper

### **John 6:52–56 ESV**

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.** <sup>56</sup> **Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.** <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. **Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.**"

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-32 ESV**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This **is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This **cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**" <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> **Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.** <sup>28</sup> **Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.** <sup>29</sup> **For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.** <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> **But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.** <sup>32</sup> **But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.**

### **Matthew 26:28 ESV**

<sup>28</sup> **for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

Most people think that the Lord's Supper is sharing a meal with our Lord Jesus. After you have read "What God says about communion," I hope you now believe you are having a meal of our Lord Jesus who gave His Body and Blood to be food of forgiveness and remembrance of how and why Jesus Christ gave up His Body and Blood for us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not die on the cross to just give us food and drink. Christ gave Himself up to suffering and dying on the cross to forgive all of our sins. And this, Christ did out of the love of our God who brings salvation to all whom He calls. Though God calls all to be His adopted children, only those who listen to the Holy Spirit and believe will inherit eternal life. One also has to realize that eternal life is also eternal relationship with our benevolent and loving God.

The question that most people have is, "Why cannot everybody take communion?" First realize that one does not need communion to be saved and have eternal life and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. There are serious qualifications in God's word before one can take the Lord's Supper. Again Read "What God says about communion."

These qualifications are why we (LCMS) have Catechism for our youth, new members who do not know Christ, and new members who come from different denominations. Not all denominations teach correctly the seriousness of taking the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior.

Without the proper knowledge and teaching of the Lord's Supper we would be allowing people to take it to their judgement. This is not in our hearts to see one be judged. This also brings judgement upon the pastor serving the Lord's Supper.

**James 3:1 ESV** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that **we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.**

This is not about us or you, but rather about what our God wants for all believers.

**John 3:17 ESV** <sup>17</sup> **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

## PASTOR'S PAGE

**Romans 3:19–28** <sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

How truthful a statement, “*through the law comes knowledge of sin.*” Look at our world who looks at the law to point out someone else’s sin. It has become open season to witch hunt anyone whom we want to ruin their lives. The world shows no grace or mercy as it looks for past sins that might date back to the beginning of our country if not thirty years in someone’s living past.

These same people who are looking to destroy anyone’s life through any accusation, also cry out to God and wonder where He has gone. Let me refresh your mind. This is the same God of mercy and grace, who forgives those who forgive others. Yes, God clearly states that forgiveness is given to those who forgive and not to those who do not forgive.

I hope that those who look to ruin others see the roadblock they have built that makes it harder for them to enter heaven. One cannot enter heaven if they are not forgiven! Understand no one can enter eternal life through works of the law, and no one can be prevented from going to heaven through other’s, who try to use the law to ruin people’s lives. You might want to review the statement, “what comes around goes around”. Please read Matthew 6:14-15.

**Romans 3:19–28** <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

This is the celebration of Reformation and All Saint’s Day. If you have listened or read the first three paragraphs you not only see what is going on today, but also what has gone on at the time of Luther. Some of

us think that everything is getting worse, and it might well be. On the other hand, it most certainly has not gotten any better.

If you want to see something really bad, study the thirty-year war that was fought after Luther had died. It was mankind at its worse and many things un-imaginable to us today. Rape, pillage, murder, and genocide. A filth that came out of both sides of the war and finally ended by the Catholic church surrendering to the knowledge of true salvation and who receives it.

As wars go, the thirty-year war may have been bloodier than the civil war of our United States. What a time to look at the savior. What a time in need of forgiveness, grace, and mercy. There is a lot of people who want to blame the past on the people of the present. However, these people only look back as far as the Revolutionary War. The world in all of its history has sinned and has grievously sinned. Healing does not come out of blame, but out of forgiveness.

Luther pointed to God's forgiveness through mercy and grace as he realized he did not have to whip himself to pay penitents. Indeed, the righteousness of God came to give us forgiveness for all our sin and teach us to do the same.

***Romans 3:19–28*** *For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

There are no perfect people, there are no non-sinners. All fall short of the glory of God and the glory of God is Jesus Christ who died on the cross for everyone's sins, past, present, and future. We therefore receive God's grace as a gift not earned, but given to us from God's great love for Jesus Christ and for us.



WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

**Home**

**GOD'S LOVE**

**Family**

*Freedom of religion*

**FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

**Health**

*Nature's beauty*

**GOOD FOOD**

*Warm clothes*

*Friends*

*God's forgiveness*

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><i>C-Communion</i></p> <p><i>+Sacrificial Sun- Extra giving opportunity</i></p>					1	2 Trustees 9am Men's Bible study 9am
3 C-Worship 9:30 Sun school 10:30	4 Spanish 4pm Elders 6pm	5 CR 5-8pm	6 Lutheranns 3:30 Altar Guild 4:30 Conf class 5pm Women's Bible study 5pm	7	8	9
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24 Worship 9:30 Sun school 10:30 <i>+Sacrificial Sun</i>	25 Spanish 4pm	26 CR 5-8pm	27 Thanksgiving Eve service 7pm	28 Thanksgiving day	29	30
				<b>Office closed</b>		