

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon:	5:30 PM	Sunday School Teacher Session
Wed:	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Thurs:	9:00 AM	Bible Study
Fri:	1:15 PM	Chapel
Sun:	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service Bible Study/Catechesis/SS Divine Service

SERVING TODAY

ELDERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u> Joe Pehl Harold Blanchette	<u>10:30 AM</u> Dean Koosman Jeff Diers
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USHERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u> Paul Lindahl	<u>10:30 AM</u> Derek Nikko
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Organist:	Molly Loder
Choir: 8:00 10:30	"Children of the Heavenly Father" "There Is One Lord"
	Worship Choir 3rd & 4th Grade Choir

Trinity 17 – Humility is the posture of the Christian (Luke 14:1-11). The lower place is our preference. After all, we are the creatures. Yet, pride is the great prize of our old man. Pride kills the humble new man. Therefore, our pride must be put to death. The One who fulfilled the Law does just that. Humility was on full display in Jesus on the cross. He took our lower place, a place we deserved, that we might be moved up to rejoice in the presence of our Creator Host, our Triune God. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Attendance Sunday, September 20: 148 & 79 Communion: 142



St. James Lutheran Church

Christ at the Center. Truth in All Things

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Worship Information: September 27, 2026, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service p. 151 411, 557 (631, 637, 643) 698

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY... we remember LaVonne Burkett, Arnold Hechsel, Blake Peterson (Deployed on the USS Mason), Nora Wurm, protection of the blessing of all life from conception to grave that God has preciously created. Missionaries: Rev. James May and Family, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad; those serving in the Armed Forces: Isaac Cain, Christena Dickens, Justin Hassa, Kelsey Hasz, Alex Hennen, Andrew Horsch, Brandon Maas, Blake Peterson, Alex Pettit, and Jacob Young.

TODAY'S SERMON...can be found in the information cart in the choir room.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER...daily devotion guide can be found next to the bulletins.

ST. JAMES HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP...The Lord's service to you through His gifts of Word and Sacrament are the means through which He offers the forgiveness of sin and nourishes your soul. Welcome! Thank you for being here. Please let us know how we may serve you. If you'd like to chat with Pastor Loder, consider giving him a call at 320-526-5245 or send him a message at revloder@gmail.com.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS...If you are a member of St. James, review p. 329 or the Ten Commandments in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins. If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at St. James is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Loder about Communion before participating. If you know you will be visiting, it is best to call during the week before. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, come forward with your hands crossed on your chest. **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Loder know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail. Please fill out a communion registration card and hand it to an Usher or put in the offering plate..

OFFERING AND EXPENSES...as of the end of August total receipts \$66,549, total expenses \$96,327 with a balance of (29,778).

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE...Jesus said, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). We spend countless hours consuming information and entertainment, yet the one thing we truly need is often neglected: the Word of God. This September, let us intentionally make room for Christ. Reduce the noise. Turn off the distractions. Open the Scriptures. Pray. Sing. Hear the Word preached. Rejoice in Christ crucified for you. A life less consumed by media can become a life more attentive to Jesus.

THE LWML...will be meeting at the home of Norma Koosman on Monday, October 5 at 2:00 PM. She is welcoming the group to visit her at 497 County Road 6 SW, Howard Lake for an afternoon of friendly fellowship as they finalize plans for the upcoming Chicken Dinner. And as always guests and visitors are welcome.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED...to enjoy the ever-popular LWML baked Chicken Dinner with all the fixings of mashed potatoes/gravy, stuffing, cranberries, vegetables, coleslaw, buns, beverage, and apple or pumpkin pie in the school on Sunday, October 11. Dinner will be served from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Drive-thru and Take-outs will also be available. A donation of \$15 or more will be gratefully accepted to support mission projects and Christmas gifts. Shop the Country Store too for some goodies and hand-crafted items. The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) welcomes you!

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS...Men who would be interested in being involved in assisting during the Divine Service, but not serve as an elder, consider serving as a Communion Assistant. The Elders are introducing a new opportunity. If you are interested, let Pastor know, and we will get some training set up.

REGULAR EMAILS...are sent throughout the week, including Daily Devotions and announcements for various things happening at church. Some have shared that they aren't getting them. If you have given your email address to the church and aren't receiving emails, please check your spam folder to see if they are ending up there.

BIBLE STUDY...is the second part of your Sunday morning. A congregation studying the Word together is vital to its overall health. Consider staying or coming early for Bible Study, which starts between 9:20 and 9:30.