

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN! We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

SERVING TODAY - Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dave, Dan, Bob, Todd; 10:45 – Chris, Nick, Matt, John. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Jack & Charlie; 10:45 – Jordan & Peter.

ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER: Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Rick & Rita in honor of granddaughter Maelynn’s 2nd birthday. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Lindsey, Judy, Jim, Roger-father of Stephanie, Jim, Rick, Lois, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Karla, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Sophie, Connor, Jaclyn; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Mavis, Geneice.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>Church & School Closed</i>
Tuesday	<i>School Resumes</i> ; 10:00 Adult Bible Class, 5:15 Fellowship; 6:00 Trustees; 6:30 School Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek
Thursday	<i>Epiphany</i> ; 7:15 Holy Communion
Saturday	9:00 Church Undecorating; 5:00 Ice Skating @ UI Ice Arena
Sunday	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class will resume this Tuesday, January 4th.

Epiphany – Please join us for our Epiphany Service, Thursday, January 6th at 7:15pm. There will be no Wednesday night service.

Ice Skating Party – Everyone is welcome to attend this free event at the UI Ice Arena on Saturday January 8, 5-7pm. Whether you are a skating pro or a beginner, come out for a great night of fun and fellowship. Admission and skate rental are included.

January E.A.T. Night – E.A.T Night @ Panera - The January E.A.T. Night will be at Panera on Monday, January 10, 4-8pm. Panera is giving back 20% of our purchases. Bring in the flyer or show it on your phone to make sure that the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Don't forget to get your \$25 Panera Gift Card from Ram Rebate. Cards are available in the school office and in between services on Sunday, January 9th.

Save the Date – Trivia Night 2022 will be February 5th at 6pm in the St. John gym. The evening's trivia theme will be "All Things TV". Participants will get to compete in nine rounds of trivia with fun categories that delve into various aspects of TV pop culture from the last 60 years. Tickets are \$15/person or \$120/table of 8. It will be a fun night – plan to join us.

Sacred Music & Talk for the Christmas Season – You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs Room 4C

4th-5th

Room 1C

K-1st Room 4A

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 2C

High School Youth Room

The Church and School Offices will be through January 3rd.

Please help us undecorated the church, Saturday, January 8th at 9am. Many hands will make the tasks go quickly. Thank you.

2022 Contribution Envelopes are available on the table in the hallway near the fellowship hall, please stop by and pick yours up. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the church office.

2022 Altar Flower Chart – The Altar Flower Chart is available in the overflow. Please print your name and leave a number for the Altar Guild Ladies to contact you. Thank you.

LWML Meeting Notice – LWML will be meeting on the third Tuesday of the month beginning with the January meeting on Tuesday, January 18th, 2022, 6:30pm in the Overflow. Please note that our January meeting is traditionally a soup supper and business meeting. However, in lieu of the soup supper, we plan to have a brown bag (bring a meal of your choice) meeting due to precautions regarding Covid-19. Coffee, hot tea, and water will be provided. Please contact either Linda or Donna for further information.

Lifelight is back – Join us for Ruth/Esther, a 9-week Bible study of faithfulness, courage, and God's hand at work for His people. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:00. Classes start January 26th and 27th. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow (in January) or contact Neil, Matt or Donna.

The Church Office email is churchoffice - at - stjohn-lcms.org.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Lord's Prayer

The Seventh Petition – But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion – For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Bible Passage: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29

Hymn 370 *What Child Is This* (st. 1)

Psalm 147:1-7

Bible Readings for the Week:

The House of Rehoboam and the Southern Kingdom – 1 Kings 14:21 -31

King Ahab and the Drought – 1 Kings 16:29-17:7

The Prophet Elijah Goes to the Widow of Zarephath – 1 Kings 17:8- 24