



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service I with Holy Communion

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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.

SERVING TODAY – Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Todd, Dave, Andy & Bob; 10:45 – Joe, Jeremy, Mark & John **Ushers:** 8:00 – Ethan & Nicholas; 10:45 – Heath & David. **Greeter:** 10:45 – Lynn.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Bill & Kathy in honor of the baptism of grandson William Roland yesterday. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Karla, Tom - brother of Alex, Jill, Linda, Huck –Joyce’s nephew’s son, Chad, Alex, Lorene, Kim and Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica -granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca -daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy -father of Anne, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for successful treatments:* Earl, Roger -father of Stephanie, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Philip -son of Starley, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Shawn -sister of Maxine; *for our college students:* Margaret, Billy, Kyle; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, Mary, Lavina, Mavis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

Baptism – William Roland, son of Will & Olivia was baptized yesterday. William was born December 13, 2019. His sponsors are Amy & Aaron. We welcome him into the Lord’s Family!

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.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Fellowship Hall – Pastor Caithamer
Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary for K-8th grade at 9:30. Preschool (3/4yrs) will have their opening in Room 4C. Come and join us!

3/4yrs	Room 4C	3 rd -5 th	Room 1B
Kindergarten	Room 4A	6 th -8 th	Room 4B
1 st & 2 nd	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

2020 Contribution Envelopes are available on the table in the overflow. Please stop by and pick yours up. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the church office.

Security – For the safety and security of the congregation, the Elders have begun locking the front and back main entrances to the church after the sermon during the 10:45am service.

Little Lamb is collecting lids and caps for their Buddy Bench Project. Examples include milk jug caps, deodorant caps, yogurt lids, peanut butter lids, etc. Please pick up a flier on the narthex table for more examples of acceptable donations. Donations can be placed in the plastic tub found in the coat room. Thank you.

St. John Trivia Night – Come out and join us for our first-ever trivia night where you can have fun while raising money for our school on Saturday, February 1st. Doors open at 5pm and Trivia starts at 6pm. The evening's trivia theme will be *“Through the Decades”*. Participants will get to compete in nine rounds of trivia as well as other events like a Gift-Card Bidding Frenzy, Heads-or-Tails game, and a Dessert Auction. Individual and Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Levels begin at Ram-Shout Out for \$25 and go to Premier Sponsor for \$2500. Registration and Sponsorship Forms are now available by the school office. Please contact the school office or email with any questions. Make Your Reservations Now.

Ram Rebate Gifts Cards – Instead of running all over town, buying a gift card at this store and that restaurant, buy gift cards from Ram Rebate and earn a rebate for the church or school account of your choice. Many cards are available in stock in the school office.

St. John Webstore – There are many new designs and styles –personalization and text options are available on many items. Orders are processed as they are received and are ready in 10-15 days. The school office will contact you when items are ready for pickup. Visit <https://stjohnstore.martinonesource.com/> to select your items.

A Daily, 15 Minute, Verse-by-Verse Bible Study – Do you want to spend more time in God's Word, but your tight schedule doesn't permit you to sit down with your Bible? Do you sometimes find the Bible confusing? The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon is leading a study on the Gospel of John. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>Epiphany Obs.</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	<i>Day School Resumes</i> ; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Fellowship Board, Evangelism, Trustees; 6:30 School Board
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Saturday	6:00 PTF Ice Skating Party
Sunday	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Ice Skating Party – Do you love to ice skate, or would you like to give it a try? Join us for the annual St. John Ice Skating Party on Saturday, January 11th from 4:30-6:30pm at the U of I Ice Arena. There is no charge for this family fellowship event.

The January E.A.T. Night will be at Panera on Kirby Ave. on Monday, January 13th from 4-8pm. Bring in the flyer or show it on your smart phone to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Spread the word to your friends and family. Don't forget to get your Panera Gift Card from Ram Rebate.

Mary Martha will not be meeting in January.

Coming Up at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool: PTF Ice Skating party, UI Ice Arena, Saturday January 11th, 6-8p; E.A.T. @ Panera, Monday January 13th, 4:00-8:00p; Pasta Dinner and Talent Show, Friday January 24th, 5:30p-8p

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser & PTF Talent Show – The Pasta Dinner will be held on Friday, January 24th from 5:30-7pm. The full menu and ticket prices will be announced soon. There will a Dessert Auction. Please consider donating a dessert. A sign-up will be posted by the school office. The PTF Talent Show will immediately follow the dinner. This is a fundraiser for the class trip Washington, D.C.

Lifelight is Back – Join us for 2 Corinthians, a 9-week Bible study. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:30. Classes start January 29th-30th. Look for our table in the overflow to sign up or contact Neil, Matt or Eunice.

LWML Soup Supper – Monday, January 27th, 2020 which will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30p.m. Immediately following the soup supper will be a devotion and a business meeting. During this January meeting, decisions will be made as to how the money raised from the Cookie Walk will be distributed for local and global mission projects.

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 sins of the world!” John 1:29

Hymn 384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 92:1-5

Bible Readings for the Week:

Esau Does Not Receive the Blessing – Genesis 27:30-45

Jacob Searches for a Wife; Heaven Is Opened at Bethel – Genesis
27:46-28:22