

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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8:00am & 10:45am



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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:** Tony. **Elders:** 8:00 – Jim, Bryce, Nick, Todd; 10:45 – Mark, Chuck, Jeremy, Matt. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Charlie & Everett; 10:45 – Peter & Noah.

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 flowers today are given by Reba in memory of her mother, Margaret birthday. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Mimi, David- grandfather of Sara and Ryan, Linda, Bentley- great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Alex, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Charlie, Billy, Joshua; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gaylord, Dot.

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	4:00 E.A.T. Night @ Hickory River
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's; 6:00 Men's Choir & Mixed Choir
Friday	<i>No School</i> ; 6:00 Young Adults Group
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

E.A.T. Night @ Hickory River – The next E.A.T Night will be tomorrow from 4-8pm. Hickory River (3514 Fields S. Dr., Champaign) is donating 15% of total sales back to the St. John Lutheran School PTF. Dine-In, carry out, and drive thru are all included. Flyers are needed and available on the narthex table and on the school website www.stjohnls.com. Thank you for your continued support of these events.

Young Adults – The first meeting of the young adults group will take place Friday, January 13th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Come and join in fellowship. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 who is interested please contact Sara if you have not done so already.

LWML – All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the January 17th, 2023 LWML soup supper at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will also consist of a devotion and short business meeting. A signup sheet may be posted by the main office. Further information will be made available as the actual meeting date approaches.

Pasta Dinner – Join us for a great evening of food and fellowship on Friday, January 27th, 5:30-7:00. The 6th & 7th grade classes are hosting the dinner to raise funds for their class trip taken next year. Desserts will be available at the Live and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or at the door.

Desserts for Pasta Dinner – If you would like to donate a dessert for the dessert auction during the Pasta Dinner, there is a sign-up sheet on the donation board by the fellowship hall. You can also contact the school office.

St. John Lutheran School Talent Show – Friday, January 27th, (following the Pasta Dinner) Do you have a special talent? Want to sing a song, perform a silly skit, or play a musical instrument? If you would like to perform in the talent show, please fill out a form (one per act) and return it to the school office no later than Tuesday, January 26th. Registration forms are available in the school office. Acts should run no longer than 3-4 minutes and must be approved by the Talent Show Committee.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

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

Sunday School – All classes will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms.

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

2023 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.

2023 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.

E.A.T. Night Update – Your support of these events is truly amazing. So far this year (with only five events), we have raised over \$2300 for our school, including \$560 last month at El Rancho Grande. We look forward to the rest of the year and enjoying dining at Panera, Billy Barooz, Culver's and one more. Your support is very much appreciated.

Lifelight – Join us for Proverbs, a 9-week Bible study of God's words of wisdom—and how those words contrast with the foolishness of the world. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45 or Thursday mornings at 9:30. Classes start January 18 and 19. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow or contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

Witness and Outreach – Matthew 3:13-17: Jesus came to fully carry out the will of His Father. This included being baptized to fulfill all righteousness and take our place under the Holy Law of God. He lived in perfect obedience to that Law in our place, so that we might be the redeemed children of God who now have God's Good News to share with others who need to hear it. Don't deprive your friends, co-workers, or neighbors of the blessing of hearing from God, "You are Mine. By the grace of God, you walk now in the newness of life in Christ." God makes all things new: the new day, the new start, and the grace that makes things new, and this is exactly the news you can't just get anywhere. This News is found only in Christ – so share it boldly.

Educating a New Generation of Lutherans – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Biblical Archeology's Top Discoveries of 2022, The Secularization of the West, The Wedding at Cana, Jesus Calls the First Disciples and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:16

Bible Passage: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Hymn 384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten (sts. 3-5)*

Psalm 27:9-14

Bible Readings for the Week:

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way of the Lord – Matthew 3:1-12

The Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus is Tempted by the Devil – Matthew 4:1-11