

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (Obs.)

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8:00 & 10:45am



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Communion Hymns in Parentheses will be sung if time allows.

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 – Kurt, Dan, Jeremy, Nick; 10:45 – Bryce, Jim, Mike, Matt. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Ethan; 10:45 – Eli & Nic.

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 – We remember the following people in our prayers: *following surgery:* Susan; *for healing and recovery:* Gary, Judy, Jim, Kaylianna, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Kevin, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Noah, Olivia; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, SGT Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Betty, Gilbert.

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord (Obs.);</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>No School</i>
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council; 6:30 LWML Soup Supper
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	10:00 Lighthouse; 6:00 Mixed & Men's Choirs
Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany; National Lutheran Schools Week Begins;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

LWML will be holding their annual Soup Supper on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. You are invited to join us for a devotion, short business meeting, plus food, fun, and fellowship. Mark your calendars now and do plan to attend. For further information, please contact Donna E or Linda T. Looking forward to seeing you at this event.

Lighthouse is back. Join us as we study the Gospel of Mark, a 9-week Bible study that take us into Lent. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm or Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Classes start January 17th and 18th. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow or contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

Community Open House - St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool will be hosting a Community Open House on Tuesday, January 30th, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Prospective school families will have an opportunity to meet our teachers, visit the classrooms, and ask questions. If you know a family interested in the school for 2024-2025, please encourage them to attend this event. School tours may be scheduled by contacting the main office at 217-359-1714.

Stewardship Corner – God blesses us as we faithfully give to and serve others. *“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered”* (Proverbs 11:24 – 25). We not only share God's love by helping those whom we serve, but we are blessed in the process. Our motivation to give and to serve is the love we have from Christ and for Him, rather than to receive the blessings that come from serving. However, God has ordained that blessings will come from faithful acts of generosity and service.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten-High School will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms. Preschool will have opening in their own classroom.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1st Art Room

2nd-3rd Room 4B

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Band Room

Conference Room

Youth Room

2024 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 or would like envelopes and do not have them, please contact the church office.

2024 Altar Flower Chart – The Altar Flower Chart is available in the overflow. Please print your name and leave a phone number for the Altar Guild ladies to contact you. Upcoming available dates include: February 4th, 18th, and March 10th, 17th, 24th. Thank you.

The Bylaws Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22nd at 6:00pm.

National Lutheran School Week – Mark your calendars for NLSW, scheduled for January 21-28. More information about the exciting celebration will be coming soon.

Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction - The 7th and 8th grade classes are hosting a Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction on Friday, January 26th, 5:30-7:00pm in the gymnasium, to raise funds for their class trip in April 2024. Join us for a great evening of food and fellowship while supporting our students. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or at the door.

Desserts for Pasta Dinner - Interested in donating a dessert for the auction to be held during the Pasta Dinner? Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

St. John Lutheran School Talent Show - Our Parent Teacher Fellowship is organizing a talent show planned for Friday, January 26th. The event will follow the Pasta Dinner and begin at approximately 7:00pm. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there.

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

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” [Titus 3:5–8]

Bible Passage: Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” John 6:28-29

Hymn 367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Psalm 2

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jonah is Swallowed by the Great Fish – Jonah 1:1-2:10

The Sign of Jonah – Matthew 12:38-45

Jesus Walks on Water – Matthew 14:22-36

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet – John 13:1-15