



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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Divine Service III with Holy Communion

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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 – Mike, Nick, Dan, Andy;

10:45 – John., Harold, Mark, Chris. **Ushers:**

8:00 – Henry & Jack; 10:45 – Noah & Jordan.

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 in celebration of all January birthdays and anniversaries. 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 Hagler, Larry Riffel, Teresa Newbold, Barbara Hamblin, John Lynch, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Ben, Lexie, Noah; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gilbert, Betty.

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

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

Baptism – Liesl Mae was baptized on Sunday, January 8th during the 10:45 service. Liesl was born on November 14, 2022 to Nicholas & Alayna. Her sponsors are Hayden and Shelby. We welcome Liesl into the Lord’s Family!

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany;</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; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	9:30 Lighthouse
Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

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.

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.

National Lutheran School Week - January 22-28 – NLSW provides our network of more than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

National Lutheran School Week Theme and Verse – "Making Disciples for Life" "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20

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.

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

K-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

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.

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

Witness and Outreach – John 1:29-42a: John simply said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” What would the world stop and take notice of today? The word, “Behold,” means to stop everything you’re doing and take notice of something. For John, and for each of us, this Jesus would serve as the Lamb who would give His life as the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life. Who or what is worthy of you stopping everything in your life and pointing out that this ONE person or thing is worthy of all your praise and the one for whom you have life? If it is anyone other than Jesus Christ, then they cannot give forgiveness and life that lasts for eternity. That’s why John said “Behold,” and pointed everyone to Jesus. And that’s why we live our lives in faith every day, because true life is found only in the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. The world around us needs to hear us proclaim, “Behold,” with our thoughts, words and deeds and needs to point to Jesus.

Premier Conference for Lutheran Laity – You’re invited to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 & Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: LCMS President Matt Harrison, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. Early bird registration is \$140 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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 384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Psalm 1

Bible Readings for the Week:

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams – Genesis 41:1-36

Joseph Becomes the Prince of Egypt – Genesis 41:37-57

Joseph's Brothers Journey to Egypt to Buy Food – Genesis 42:1-24