

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Life Sunday



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Reverend Jeff Caithamer
School Principal: Tim Gabbert

January 19, 2020

8:00am & 10:45am

Divine Service III with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

Prelude- <i>“As with Gladness Men of Old”</i>	piano/organ
Hymn <i>All Glory Be to God Alone</i>	948
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*Kyrie	186
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*Alleluia	190
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*Nicene Creed	191
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*Offertory	192
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(10:45) – <i>“Just as I Am”</i>	oboe/clarinet/organ
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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.

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 & Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Andy, Dave, Bob & Kendall; 10:45 - Mark, John, Jim & Terry. **Acolytes:** 8:00 - Peter; 10:45 - Elijah. **Ushers:** 8:00 - Makenzie & Charlie; 10:45 - Jordan & David. **Greeter:** 8:00 - Joanie Whetman. Violin - Lois, English horn & oboe - Lou Ann, clarinet - Randy, trumpets - Chuck, Terry, Eli, French horn - Martha.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today in memory of John & James’ great grandmother Emily. The Radio Ministry is sponsored by Dave & Donna in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *upcoming surgery:* Alex; *for healing and recovery:* Chris, Karla, Jill, Linda, Huck great nephew, Chad, 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:* Connor, Ben, Matthew; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, , Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Leona, Betty, Geneice, Lavina.

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

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

Door Offering - In honor of Life Sunday a door offering will be taken after both services to support Lutherans for Life.

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottles: In honor of Life Sunday, as a fundraiser to support this life saving ministry we will be handing out bottles after each service to collect your loose change and return to a box in the church overflow or the church office in March.

Thank you for praying for and supporting this important ministry.

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

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.

Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil held each year on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, will be hosted by Meadowbrook Community Church on Wed. Jan 22nd at 7pm as we memorialize the unborn that have been lost to abortion and the mothers and fathers wounded by abortion.

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.

St. John Trivia Night - ****Space is filling up but there are tables still available.**** Come out and join us Saturday, February 1st, for our first-ever trivia night where you can have fun while raising money for our school. 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. For details, contact the office. Registration and Sponsorship Forms are available by the school office and on the narthex table. Please email with any questions or contact the office. Make your reservations now.

Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser - Be the hero of your Super Bowl party, Trivia Night, or just dinner, by serving a delicious tray of Chick-Fil-A chicken nuggets. St. John Lutheran School has partnered with Chick-Fil-A for a unique fundraising opportunity. Simply pre-order a tray of 64 nuggets for \$35. Order forms can be found on the narthex table. The nugget trays will be chilled at pick up to be easily reheated for your convenience. Pick up your order at Chick-Fil-A in Champaign on Friday, January 31 or Saturday, February 1 from 2-4pm. Please reach out to family, friends, and co-workers and share this special opportunity with them. Contact the school office with any questions. Orders with payment must be turned into the school office by Monday, January 27th, 9am. Thank you.

Premier Conference For Lutheran Laity - You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway, Will Weedon, Albert Mohler, Robert George, Hans Fiene, and Bryan Wolfmüller. Early bird registration is \$135 and includes three meals. For more information, visit issuesetc.org.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany; Life Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 3:00 Installation of Pastor Michael Schuermann at University Lutheran
Monday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 1:00 Reading Buddies; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Friday	5:30 Pasta Dinner/Talent Show
Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (MxC)

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

University Lutheran Church, Champaign, IL, invites all CID to the Installation Service of the Rev. Michael Schuermann on Sunday, January 26 at 3 pm. Following the service, you are invited to a reception meal in the church basement. If you plan to join us in the meal, please RSVP with the church office so we can get an estimate on how much food to prepare. We give thanks to God for His provision of a faithful undershepherd for our congregation.

Pasta Dinner - Join us for a great evening of food and fellowship on Friday, Jan. 24, 5:30-7:00. The 7th grade class is hosting the dinner to raise funds for their class trip next fall. 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 today in the fellowship hall and all week 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 by the school office or contact the school office.

St. John Lutheran School Talent Show - Friday Jan. 24, 7 pm (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 21. Forms are in the school office. Acts should run no longer than 3-4 minutes and must be approved by the Talent Show Committee.

LWML Soup Supper - Monday, January 27th, 2020 which will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. 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.

This Week at SJ and LL - Jan. 20-26: Monday - No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Tuesday – Deadline to sign-up for the Talent Show, Reading Buddies; Wednesday - Chapel - Offering for Ministry to the Armed Forces; Friday - 7th Grade Pasta Dinner/Talent Show, 5:30-7:00

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:

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:

Jacob Flees from Laban – Genesis 31:1-21

Laban Pursues Jacob – Genesis 31:22-42

Laban's Covenant with Jacob – Genesis 31:43-55