

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

National Lutheran Schools Week

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8:00am & 10:45am



## St. John Lutheran Church and School

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*\*stand as you are able*

Prelude – “Once a Long, Long Time Ago”	Day School Choir
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i>	<b>849</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	203
*Introit	dated insert
*Kyrie	204
*Gloria in Excelsis	204
*Salutation & Collect	205
First Reading	
Gradual	dated insert
Epistle Reading	
*Alleluia and Verse	205
*Holy Gospel Reading	
*Apostles’ Creed	207
<b>Hymn</b> <i>O Christ, Our True and Only Light</i>	<b>839</b>
Sermon “ <i>Light of Light</i> ” Matthew 4:12-25	
*Prayers	207
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
“ <i>Blessed are Those Who Hear the Word of God</i> ”	Day School Choir
*Service of the Sacrament	208
<b>Communion Hymns – 691, 412, 644</b>	
*Nunc Dimittis	211
*Post-Communion Collect	212
*Benedicamus and Benediction	212

**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 – Bryce, Jim, Dan, Nick; 10:45 – Chris, Matt, Chuck, Jeremy. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Ethan & Nicholas; 10:45 – Jordan & Noah. **Instrumentalist:** Eli, piano. **Day School Choir Director:** Alicia Haggin.

**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 Donna in memory of her husband, Phil. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Norma and family at the death of sister Marlene; *hospitalized:* Mike; *for healing and recovery:* Mimi, David-grandfather of Sara and Ryan, Linda, Bentley-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, 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:* Nadia, Kai, John; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lola.

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

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Parish Ed
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 Lighthouse; 6:00 Mixed & Men's Choirs
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 Pasta Dinner; 7:00 School Talent Show
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**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

**Lighthouse** Our Bible Study on Proverbs, a 9-week study of God's words of wisdom has started. If you would like to join us, contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

**Singing Choirs** will resume this Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join us.

**Pasta Dinner** – Join us for a great evening of food and fellowship on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00. The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 3C
K-1 <sup>st</sup>	Room 5B	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Room
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	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.

**St. John Lutheran School Talent Show** – Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, (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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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** – Matthew 4:12-25: God keeps calling and our calling is to keep witnessing. God called to Adam and Eve in the cool of the afternoon; Ezekiel by the river Chebar; Isaiah in the temple; Samuel while he slept; and Peter, James and John while they were fishing. From God's call comes His direction, guidance, correction, instruction, enlightenment, loving relationships, new missions, acts of car and fellowship bearing His name. So we pray: God, keep calling. Help me to hear your call. Please don't ever quit calling just because I don't answer, or when I'm slow to respond or when obedience to Your call involves discomfort or trouble. God's call means so much to our witness in this life and for eternity. We belong to Him. We have life now and for eternity through Him. And because of His calling, our life and witness have significance. So, God keep calling – and we'll witness always.

**Theology for White Collar, Blue Collar, and Clerical Collar** – 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 teachings include: I Am the Resurrection & the Life; Pastoral Visitation; The Nicene Creed; Pastoral Sabbaticals and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**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 does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” [Rom. 6:4]

Bible Passage: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16

Hymn 412 *The People that in Darkness Sat* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 2:6-12

Bible Readings for the Week:

Benjamin Returns with His Brothers to Egypt – Genesis 43:1-34

Joseph’s Cup Is Found in Benjamin’s Sack – Genesis 44:1-17

Judah Intercedes for Benjamin before Joseph – Genesis 44:18-45:3

Joseph Forgives His Brothers – Genesis 45:4-28