

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 26, 2020

8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Reverend Jeff Caithamer

School Principal: Tim Gabbert

Divine Service IV with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

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(8:00) “ <i>Beach Spring</i> ”	piano & organ	
(10:45) “ <i>Word of God, Come Down on Earth</i> ”	Mixed Choir	
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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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt, Todd, Rex & Dan; 10:45 – Jim, Joe, Bob & Mark. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Zoe; 10:45 – Mariah. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Kai & Jack; 10:45 – Bryce & Chris. **Day School Choir Director:** Sal Percoco.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Dorothy in memory of the 6th anniversary of Elden’s death. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *upcoming surgery:* Chris; *for healing and recovery:* Alex, Karla, Jill, Huck –Joyce’s great nephew, 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 Johnson-father of Anne, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd;*for peace, hope, and comfort:* Philip -son of Starley;*for successful treatments:* Earl, Roger -father of Stephanie, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Shawn -sister of Maxine; *for our college students:* Rachel, Allie, Jaclyn; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, , Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzanna, Ben, Allyson Army, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Mavis, Phyllis, Mary, Esther.

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

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

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottles: In honor of Life Sunday (January 19th), 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

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.

Contribution Statements were mailed out last week. If you do not receive yours this week, or you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

New Member Class is starting on Sunday, February 2nd, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining St. John Lutheran Church, if you know of anybody who is interested in joining, or if you would like to refresh your own Lutheran catechesis, then this class is for you. Pastor Caithamer will teach this class on Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 2:30pm through the end of April. If you have any questions, please let pastor know. And, if you would like to attend, please sign up on Pastor Caithamer's door.

National Lutheran Schools Week – Jan. 26-Feb. 1: NLWS provides nearly 2,000 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. 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.

Lifelight is Back this Week– Join us for 2 Corinthians, a 9-week Bible study. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm, Thursday mornings at 9:00am, or Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Classes start January 29th-30th. Look for our table in the overflow to sign up or contact Neil Andron, Matt or Eunice.

Little Lamb Buddy Bench Project – Plastic lids and caps are being collected for the Buddy Bench Project. Acceptable items include milk jug caps, deodorant caps, yogurt lids, peanut butter lids, etc. Please pick up a flier on the narthex table for more information. Collection baskets are located by the school office and in the coatroom by the church office. Friday, April 3rd is the last day to bring in items.

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.

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 teachings include: A Lutheran Response to a Post Christian Culture, The Words of Scripture: Love, Eternal Punishment, A Disney+ Miniseries "The Mandalorian" and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today 3rd Sunday after Epiphany; Start of National Lutheran Schools Week; 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 9:15 MOPS; 6:30 LWML

Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 6:30 PTF Meeting; 7:00 Youth Board

Wednesday 8:05 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion

Thursday 9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lifelight; 6:45 Mixed Choir

Saturday 5:00 St. John Trivia Night

Sunday 4th Sunday after Epiphany; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

University Lutheran Church, Champaign, IL invites all CID to the Installation Service of the Rev. Michael Schuermann Today at 3pm. Following the service, you are invited to a reception meal in the church basement. We give thanks to God for His provision of a faithful undershepherd for our congregation.

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.

St. John Trivia Night – ****Space is filling up but there are tables still available****
Registration and Sponsorship Forms are available by the school office and on the narthex table. Make your reservations by Monday, January 27th. Doors open at 5pm and Trivia begins at 6pm.

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 31st or Saturday, February 1st 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – The February Men's Prayer breakfast will move back to The Original Pancake House on Springfield Ave.

This Week at SJ and LL – Jan. 27-Feb. 2: Monday - Deadline to order Chick-fil-A Nugget Trays (orders due by 9am), Deadline to register for Trivia Night; Tuesday - VB @ Calvary, Normal, 6p, PTF Meeting, 6:30pm; Wednesday - Chapel - Offering for the Ministry to the Armed Forces; VB HOME vs. Next Generation, 6p; Saturday – Trivia Night, doors open at 5p, trivia begins at 6p

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

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:

Esau Comes to Meet Jacob – Genesis 32:1-21

Jacob Wrestles with God – Genesis 32:22-32

Jacob and Esau Meet – Genesis 33:1-11

Jacob Returns to Bethel – Genesis 35:1-15