

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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8:00 & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
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*Prayers	207
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
(8:00) “ <i>Bread of the World</i> ”	Mixed Choir
(10:45) “ <i>Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing</i> ”	Bender
*Service of the Sacrament	208
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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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Dan, Nick, Jeremy; 10:45 – Phil, Chuck, Mike, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & Bill; 10:45 – Eli & 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 altar flowers are given today by Dorothy in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather Elden. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Susan; *for healing and recovery:* David-grandfather of Sara & Ryan; 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:* Jack, Lexie; *for those in the military:* Nick DI, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Linda.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 Bylaws Committee
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:00 School Open House
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
Friday	5:00 School Ice Skating Party
Sunday	<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

The Bylaws Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, January 29th, at 6:00pm.

The February E.A.T. Night will be at Hickory River on Monday, February 12, 4-8pm. Bring in the flyer to make sure that 15% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Includes dine in, carry out and drive thru. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website. *Hickory River-Fields South Dr., Champaign

Community Open House – St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool will be hosting a Community Open House on Tuesday, January 30th, 5:00-7:00pm. 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 school office: (217) 359-1714.

SJL Youth – Join us on Saturday, February 10th for a ski trip to Sundown Mountain in Dubuque, IA. We will leave at 6am from the St. John parking lot and return by 10pm. The cost, which includes ski and helmet rental, lift ticket, a lesson, and transportation, is \$50 for all youth (17 and younger) and \$75 for adults. All St. John members are welcome to join our group rate but must sign up ahead of time. To sign up, go to this link or email Karen: <https://gforms.app/GcOkt8O>.

CID LLL Convention – The LLL District Convention will take place on Saturday, March 9th at 9am. The convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, IL. Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Michael Zeigler will be the main speaker. Registration is \$25/person. More information can be found on the narthex table. Anyone interested in carpooling to the event can contact Bill.

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	4 th -5 th	Band Room
K-1 st	Art Room	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 4B	High School	Youth Room

New Member Class – New Member Class is starting Sunday, February 4th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This class is intended for those who would like to know more about Lutheranism and are interested in becoming members of St. John. All of our current members are invited and encouraged to attend this class as a refresher course in the Lutheran faith. It also is a blessing to new members to get to meet and know current members. Please email Pastor Caithamer with any questions.

2023 Contribution Statements will be mailed out by the end of this month. If you did not receive yours or have any questions, please contact the church office.

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 18th, and March 17th, 24th. Thank you.

Ice Skating Party – Everyone is welcome to attend this free event at the UI Ice Arena on Friday, February 2nd, 5-7pm. Whether you are a skating pro or a beginner, come out for a great night of fun and fellowship. Admission and skate rental are included.

Pasta Dinner and Talent Show – Thanks to everyone who came out on Friday to enjoy a delicious meal, bid on delectable desserts, and watch all the talented performers. Special thanks to everyone who made a dessert for the Dessert Auction. The 7th-8th grade families appreciate your support of their class trip fundraiser.

To Pastor Caithamer and our Church Family – Thank you for all of the love, support, and most especially, the prayers you faithfully offered up for my beloved Rod and for

our family during Rod's illness. Although we miss him dearly, it brings us joy in knowing that he is at home, and in peace, with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that we will see him again. John 14:1-6. In Christ, Anne, John, James

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:

Confession

What is Confession? Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these? Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Bible Passage: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Hymn 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 32

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Miraculous Catch of Fish – Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Heals the Paralytic – Matthew 9:1-13

Jesus Sends out the Twelve – Matthew 9:35-10:20, 40

Absolution for the Erring Brother – Matthew 18:14-35