

THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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Divine Service I with Holy Communion

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**stand as you are able*

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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 – Dave, Joe, Kendall & Bob; 10:45 – Mark, Terry, John. & Jeremy. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Anna; 10:45 – Mariah. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Makenzie & Nicholas; 10:45 – Heath & David. **Greeter:** 10:45 – Lynn.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Stephen & Donna in memory of Donna’s father George. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *following surgery:* Chris; *for healing and recovery:* Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Alex, Karla, Jill, 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 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:* Makenzie, Terra, Sierra; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Walt, Opal, Alice, Mary.

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

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

There will be a Voter’s Meeting February 23rd at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 have been mailed out. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

New Member Class has begun. 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.

Pasta Dinner Thank You – The 7th grade class would like to give a big thank you to everyone who came out to support their class trip by dining at the pasta dinner and/or bidding on desserts. We hope you had a good time.

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 flyer on the narthex table for more information. Collection baskets are located by the school office, in the Fellowship Hall and in the coatroom by the church office. Friday, April 3rd is the last day to bring in items.

VBS Save the Date – VBS has been set for June 22nd-26th. Our first planning meeting will be Saturday, February 22nd at 9am.

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.

More Topics, More Guests, More Jesus – 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 topics include: A Post-Christian View of the Body, The Book of Colossians, The Baptismal Rite, The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Fellowship Board, Evangelism, Trustees; 6:30 School Board

Wednesday 8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek, Lifelight; 7:15 Holy Communion

Thursday 9:00 Lifelight; 12:00 Senior Women's Lunch; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lifelight; 6:45 Mixed Choir

Sunday *5th Sunday after Epiphany*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 1:00 New Member Class

Music Notes – There will be no Handbell Rehearsal this Wednesday, February 5th.

Senior Women's Lunch will meet this Thursday, February 6th, at 12:00pm at Arby's on Springfield Ave.

E.A.T. @ Monical's – The February E.A.T. night will be at Monical's on Mattis Ave. February 10th, all day. Bring in the flyer to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Flyers are available on the narthex table. Don't forget to get your Monical's Gift Card from Ram Rebate.

Lifelight Has Begun – 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. Please contact Neil, Matt or Eunice to sign up.

Men's Prayer Breakfast has moved their meeting location back to the Original Pancake House for the foreseeable future. Please join us Thursday, February 13th at 7:00am.

This Week at SJ and LL – Jan. 27-Feb. 2: Monday - Ram Rebate Orders Due, VB Home vs. St. Mary's, Bloomington, 6p; Tuesday - VB @ Trinity, Danville, 6p; Wednesday - Chapel & Food Offering for St. John Food Pantry, Yearbook Group Pictures Day; Thursday - Round Barn Service Event, VB Home vs. Cornerstone Christian, 6p; Sunday - 4th-8th grade Choir, 8am service

Preschool & Kindergarten Open House – We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and Kindergarten on Tuesday, February 25th from 5:00-6:30pm. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members, or anyone else who may be interested in sending their child to St. John. All classrooms will be open and all teachers will be available.

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 412 *The People That in Darkness Sat* (sts. 4-6)

Psalm 131

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father – Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29

Joseph's Dream – His Brothers Sell Him into Slavery – Genesis 37:1-36

Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt – Genesis 39:1-23

Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison – Genesis 40:1-23