

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 2024

8:00 & 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*

Prelude – “Azmon”	Bingham
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(10:45) “ <i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright</i> ”	Men’s Choir
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*Alleluia and Verse	156
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*Nicene Creed	158
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*Post Communion Canticle ( <i>Thank the Lord</i> )	164
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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 – Kurt, Dan, Jeremy, Nick; 10:45 – Chuck, Mike, Mike, Matt. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & Ethan; 10:45 – Eli & Eli.

**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 Lois Miller to the glory of God. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Ron and family at the death of wife Susan, Gail and son Ray at the death of wife and mother, Beverly Renken; *for healing and recovery:* Gilbert, David, Gary, 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:* John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Betty.

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>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:30 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees, School Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's; 10:00 Lighthouse
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

**New Member Class** – New Member Class is starting today 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.

**Adult Choirs** will not be rehearsing this week.

**SJL Youth** – Join us on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**The February E.A.T. Night** will be at Hickory River on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Young Adults Group** will be meeting Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy food, fun, and fellowship together. Anyone between the ages of 18-40 is welcome to join. Any questions, please contact Sara.

**Thank You** – Parish Ed would like to thank the youth group for all of their help with our various events and activities during the Advent/Christmas season. There are too many to name individually, but we are so grateful to everyone who helped make things run smoothly.

### **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 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Band Room
K-1 <sup>st</sup>	Art Room	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Room
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Room 4B	High School	Youth Room

**2023 Contribution Statements** have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours or have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Music Notes** – Next Sunday is Transfiguration, which marks the end of the Epiphany season. Our Alleluia Ringers and instrumentalists will help lead us in worship for this festive Sunday.

**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: March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Community Open House** - St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool will be hosting a Community Open House on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm. Prospective school families will have an opportunity to meet our principal, tour the building, 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 at (217) 359-1714.

**CID LLL Convention** – The LLL District Convention will take place on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Gray.

**Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt** – We are planning an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday School hour. Donation tags will be available after Ash Wednesday (2.14.24) to help with this event. Donation needs will include plastic eggs and treats to go inside them.

## **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 the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” John 20:22–23

*What do you believe according to these words?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Bible Passage: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Hymn 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (sts. 5-6)

Psalm 128

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life – Genesis 2:4-17

Man Eats the Forbidden Fruit – Genesis 3:1-24

The Passover – Exodus 12:1-14, 17

The Wedding of Cana in Galilee – John 2:1-11