

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 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 II with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

Prelude- (8:00) <i>“Everywhere I Go”</i>	Day School 4-8 th gr. Choir	
(10:45) <i>“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”</i>	Walther	
Hymn <i>Blessed Jesus, at Your Word</i>		904
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution		167
*Introit	dated insert	
*Kyrie		168
*Hymn of Praise (<i>This is the feast...</i>)		171
*Salutation & Collect		172
First Reading		
(8:00) <i>“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”</i>	Men’s Choir	
(10:45) Gradual	dated insert	
Epistle Reading		
*Alleluia and Verse		173
*Gospel Reading		
(8:00) Children’s Devotion		
Hymn <i>Thy Strong Word</i> (sts. 3 men, 5 women)		578
Sermon <i>“Free to Love the Law of the Lord”</i> Matthew 5:13-20		
*Apostles’ Creed		175
*Prayers		175
Gathering of Tithes and Offering		
(8:00) <i>“Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor”</i>	Men’s Choir	
(10:45) <i>“Foundation”</i>	Fedak	
*Offertory		176
*Service of the Sacrament		177
Communion Hymns – 563, 526, 728, 854		
*Post Communion Canticle (<i>Thank the Lord</i>)		181
*Collect and Benediction		183
Postlude- <i>Postlude on “St. Crispin”</i>		

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.

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 - Kendall, Andy, Rex & Todd; 10:45 - Bob, Jeremy, Mark & Jim. **Acolyte:** 10:45 - Elijah. **Ushers:** 8:00 - Charlie & Jack; 10:45 - Jordan & Chris. **Greeters:** 8:00 - Andy & Cindy.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Sara and Ryan in honor of their mother, Jill’s birthday today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *recently hospitalized:* Dorothy; *following surgery:* Pastor Don Ehlers; *for healing and recovery:* Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Alex, Jill, Kim and Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the, 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:* Cole, Jordan, Kate; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Leona, Betty, Geneice, Lavina

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

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.

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.

Trivia Night Thank You - A very heartfelt thank you to all who sponsored, helped with, or participated in the St. John School Trivia Night on February 1. It was a fun evening filled with trivia, snacks, friends, and lots of laughs. In the midst of this, over \$7,000 was raised for the Parent Teacher Fellowship of the school. These funds will be used for updated classroom supplies and technology to advance student learning. Thanks be to God for the generosity and kindness of so many.

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.

Altar Flowers – The following dates are available if you would like to sign up for altar flowers: February 16th, March 1st & 22nd. Please see the chart in the overflow.

Men, the Camp CILCA Woodcutters' Retreat is coming up February 28-29. Bring your ax, chainsaw, log splitter, and work gloves to cut, split, and stack firewood. Bring your Bible to dig into the Sermon on the Mount. A donation of \$30 will cover lodging in the Christian Growth Center' hotel-style rooms, snacks, and 3 meals. Check in is 7pm Friday. We will be done by 6pm Saturday. Contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or camp@cilca.org to register.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<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
Monday	9:15 MOPS; 6:00 Finance Board; <i>E.A.T. @ Monical's (all day)</i>
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	<i>No School</i> ; 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast (@ Pancake House); 9:00 Lighthouse; 1:30 Mary Martha; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lighthouse; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Friday	<i>No School</i>
Sunday	<i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 1:00 New Member Class

The Church will be closed Monday, February 17th, for building maintenance.

E.A.T. @ Monical's - The February E.A.T. night will be at Monical's on Mattis Ave. tomorrow, 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.

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

Mary Martha will meet on Thursday, February 13th, at 1:30pm in the church overflow.

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday, February 18th, at 1:00pm.

Open House - We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and Kindergarten on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:00-6:30pm. Prospective families will have an opportunity to meet our teachers, see the classrooms, and ask questions about our school. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members, or anyone else who may be interested in sending their child to St. John this upcoming school year. All classrooms will be open and all teachers will be available.

This Week at SJ and LL – February 10-16: Monday - E.A.T. @ Monical's, all day; Tuesday - VB HOME vs. St. John's, Buckley, 6p; Wednesday - Chapel - Offering for Ministry to the Armed Forces; Thursday – No School - Parent Teacher Conferences; Friday – No School

Where Christianity Meets Culture - 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: Defending Boyhood, The Academy Awards, The Death of Education, Rebuilding Institutions and more. You can listen live or on-demand at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 104:14-24

Bible Readings for the Week:

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh’s Dreams – Genesis 41:1-36

Joseph Becomes the Prince of Egypt – Genesis 41:37-57

Joseph’s Brothers Journey to Egypt to Buy Food – Genesis 42:1-24