



St. John Lutheran Church and School
 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
 Reverend Jeff Caithamer

Interim School Principal: Faith Block

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<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
(8:00) Prelude – “ <i>Et in terra pax</i> ”	Day School Choir
*Processional Hymn <i>Thy Strong Word</i>	578
(sts. 3-women, 5-men)	
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	167
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(10:45) “ <i>Down From the Mount of Glory</i> ”	Men’s Choir
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“ <i>Jesus on the Mountain Peak</i> ”	insert
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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 & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – John, Kendall, Stephen & Robert. 10:45 – Larry Jacoben, John, Dan, Jeremy. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Byron & Lydia. **Day School Choir Director:** Sal Percoco.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Scott & Katie in celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *following surgery:* LaVonne; *for healing and recovery:* Rollin, Earl, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Glenda, Rick, Brandon -nephew of Brenda, Gladys, Sue, Bruce, Lorelai, Rachel - niece of Judy, Lois, Nicholas -grandson of Tony & Jill, Ellie, Lucille, Stephen -son of Ken, Dale -brother in law of Ellie, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Andy & Kent, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for successful treatments:* Philip -son of Starley, Judy, Johnny -son in law of Letty; Joan, Jeannette, Connie -sister in law of Linda, Nancy, Maxine, Ken; *for those in the military:* Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zackery; *for our homebound:* Floyd, Betty, Avis, Leona.

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

Ash Wednesday is this week. We will have worship services at 3:30 and 7:15pm. This will begin the Lenten season. There will be 5 Lenten midweek services with dinner served in between. Please join us.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary for 1st Grade - 8th Grade. 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten meet in room 4C. We begin at 9:30. Come and join us!

1 st & 2 nd	Room 4A	7 th & 8 th	Room 2B
3 rd & 4 th	Room 1C	High School	Youth Room
5 th & 6 th	Room 4B		

Introit - With the start of the new church year, we introduce a new (old) way of singing our Introit. The Pastor and congregation will sing in alternation. The Pastor will sing the first verse, the congregation will sing the second verse, etc. All will sing the *Gloria Patri* together at the end.

Adult Information Class will be today at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. We are meeting for ten sessions total to study the Bible, to learn the essentials of the Christian faith, and to understand the Lutheran difference. To sign up or if you have any questions, email Pastor Caithamer or call the church office. See you there.

Fire Alarm/Security System Update – The new fire alarm installation has been completed and is in service. The removal of the old system has begun, and we are awaiting final inspection and approval by the city sometime in mid-February. The congregation has raised in excess of \$24,000 thus far, which is approximately 25% of the total cost. The trustees and finance would like to see at least 50% of the total cost financed through the ongoing fundraising. Thank you to anyone who has donated their time or financially to this major project. The trustees are now in the process of securing final proposal quotes for the security system upgrade.

Lenten Dinners – Sign-up sheets for donations of food items are posted on the youth board. Soups and Chili will be served on February 21st, Tacos will be served February 28th, and Sloppy Joes will be served March 7th. Dinner choices for March 14th and 21st are to be announced. Please consider helping by signing up to donate food. Thank you.

We Need Your Help - We are still in need of greeters. You can sign up on the Greeters/Ushers sheet in the overflow area in the back of the church. Thank you from the Evangelism Board.

Winter Season - This time of year, it is common for people to accidentally take the wrong coat home with them. Please check that you are taking the correct coat, and if you have a coat at home that does not belong to you, please bring it back to the coat room. Thank you.

2018 Altar Flower Chart is now available in the overflow if you would like to reserve a date to purchase flowers in memory or in honor of someone or an occasion. A few of the upcoming available dates are: March 4th, 11th and April 29th.

2018 Offering Envelopes are on a table in the overflow. Please discard all envelopes from previous years since many numbers have changed. If you do not have envelopes but would like them, please let the church office know.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class
Monday	9:00 MOPS; 11:00 E.A.T at Monical's Pizza on Mattis Ave. (ends at 10:00pm)
Tuesday	6:00 Elders; 6:00 Finance Board
Wednesday	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> ; 8:05 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 3:30 Holy Communion; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	<i>No School</i> ; 9:00 Lighthouse; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lighthouse; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Friday	<i>No School; Church Office Closed for Building Maintenance</i>
Sunday	<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 1:00 Adult Information Class

LWML will not have their meeting this month.

E.A.T. @ Monical's tomorrow – This month's E.A.T. night will be at Monical's on Mattis Ave. Tomorrow, February 12th, all day. Monical's is giving back 20% of our purchases. 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 and in the school office. Don't forget to get your Monical's Gift Card from Ram Rebate. See you there.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Friday, February 16th, for church and school building maintenance.

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday, February 20th, at 1:00 pm.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Feb. 12-18: Monday – E.A.T. @ Monical's on Mattis, ALL DAY, VB @ Next Generation, 6p; Tuesday – Reading Buddies, 1p, Yearbook Committee Meeting, 3:30p, VB HOME vs. Thomasboro, 6p; Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives, Ash Wednesday, Lent Services, 3:30 & 7:15p; Thursday – No School, Parent – Teacher Conferences, VB (JV) HOME vs. Danville Lutheran, 6p; Friday – No School

Open House – We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and Kindergarten on Tuesday, February 27th at 5:00-6:30pm. This will be an opportunity for prospective families 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.

Cookies Needed – Our school's community Open House is coming up on Tuesday, February 27th. We would love to have six dozen cookies for visitors to the open house to enjoy. Please sign up on the sheet by the church office and bring your dozen to the church kitchen by Tuesday, February 27th at noon. Thank you.

Faith & Family Night – Mark your calendar for Friday, March 2nd, for our next Faith & Family Night. Families with children of all ages are invited. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

Lutheran Layman's League will be holding it's convention in our Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, March 17th titled "The Two Kingdoms and the Role of a Christian in the Political Process". Speakers will include former Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz and Congressman John Shimkus. Registration fee is \$12 for adults, students and children free. Registration is due by March 5th, 2018. Please see Narthex table for registration forms and more information.

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 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* (st. 1)

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