

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16, 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 III with Holy Communion Page

**stand as you are able*

Prelude- "Just as I Am"	oboe, clarinet, piano	
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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 & Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Joe, Todd, Andy & Dave; 10:45 - John, Mark, Bob & Jeremy. **Acolytes:** 8:00 - Judah; 10:45 - Mariah. **Ushers:** 8:00 - Nicholas & Ethan; 10:45 - David & Jordan. Instrumentalists: Lou Ann, Randy, Ann, Eli, Chuck, Kai, Terry, Lois.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given to the glory of God. We remember the following people in our prayers: Tony & Jill who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today; *for peace and comfort:* Millie and family at the death of father Leo; *upcoming surgery:* Cindy; *for healing and recovery:* Dorothy, Pastor Don Ehlers, Opal, Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Alex, Jill, 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:* Margaret, Billy, Kyle; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, Esther, Mavis, Walt.

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

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

There is a Voter's Meeting next Sunday, February 23rd, at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall.

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

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.

Volunteer Sign-up – March and April are very busy months with several events: Lenten Dinners (four), Easter Breakfast, and the Annual Garage Sale. Volunteers are needed to help at each event. Sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Sign-up now to ensure all events are held. (If volunteers are not secured, events will be canceled.)

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: April 12, 19 & 26. 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.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *6th Sunday after Epiphany*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday *Church and School closed*
Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 1:00 Reading Buddies; 6:00 Council; *Newsletter Deadline*
Wednesday 8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday 9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lifelight; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Saturday 9:00 VBS Meeting
Sunday *Transfiguration*; 8:00 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 1:00 Voter's Meeting

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

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 17-23: Monday – No School—Presidents' Day; Tuesday – Reading Buddies, VB - Cornerstone Christian, 6p. PTF Meeting, 6:30pm; Wednesday – Chapel - Offering for Ministry to the Armed Forces; Thursday – VB - Countryside, 6p

Abby's Journey: March 8 from 2-3:30 at St. John gym showing of former Planned Parenthood Director, Abby Johnson's Journey out of Planned Parenthood. This video is from the Living Alternatives banquet 2019 Keynote presentation by Abby. To clarify, it is not the movie "Unplanned". Everyone is welcome. Our hope is to have many of our Teen and College students in these communities attend to gain awareness of Planned Parenthood and the issue of Life. Invite your children that are teen or college students and come with them or come and bring a friend. We will need volunteers from St. John to help set up and clean up and usher the event. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank you for your help.

Where Doctrine Is Life - 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: Raising a Strong Daughter in a Toxic Culture, Confession & Absolution, Pornography, Desecularizing the Church and more. You can listen live or at your convenience 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:

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Bible Passage: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Hymn 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* (sts. 3-5)

Psalm 142

Bible Readings for the Week:

Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-17

Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany – Matthew 26:2-16

Jesus Celebrates the Passover – Matthew 26:17-35

In the Garden of Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-56