



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

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**Divine Service III with Holy Communion**

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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.

**SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Bryce, Dan, Nick, Jeremy; 10:45 – Phil, John., Harold, Mark. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Henry & Ethan; 10:45 – Peter & Noah.

**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 flowers today are given by John & Bonnie in thanks for our church, Pastor Caithamer and his family. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *for healing and recovery:* Greg-brother of Joyce, Mike, Mimi, David, Bentley, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* John, Brian, Charlie; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gilbert, Geneice.

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

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

There will be a Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>Transfiguration</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
<b>Monday</b>	<i>No School</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> ; 8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Holy Communion; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 Lifelight; 6:00 Mixed Choir; 6:30 Men's Choir
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 Young Adults Group
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

**You're Invited** to join us for our Lenten midweek services starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. We will have services at 3:30pm and 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. A Lenten theme will be announced soon. There is a sign-up sheet for the March 8<sup>th</sup> Lenten dinner (Tacos) on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**Fellowship Board** will be hosting a Lenten dinner March 1<sup>st</sup> after the 3:30 service. The menu will be lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. We are looking forward to fellowship with our church family.

**Young Adults Group** will be meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, games and a devotion. Please bring food to share. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Sara.

**Open House** – We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and St. John Lutheran School on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00pm. 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.

**E.A.T. Night** for March will be at Texas Roadhouse on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month (This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday because of Spring Break). More information will be available soon.

**Show Me Dough Fundraiser** – Order forms are available on the narthex table. Return order forms to the school office by Tuesday, March 7. Dough-livery date is Wednesday, March 22. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the middle school class trip taken in next school year (2023-2024).

### **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

**Sunday School** – All classes will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 3C
K-1 <sup>st</sup>	Room 5B	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Room
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

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

**2023 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, please contact the church office.

**New Member Class** – New Member Class will meet Sundays 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.

**Witness and Outreach** – Matthew 17:1-9: Jesus was flesh and blood like you and me and each one of the disciples. In many of their day to day situations that was all they could see; they couldn't begin to comprehend that He was at the same time the perfect and holy Son of God. As His outward appearance changed (transfigured) before them, they were given a glimpse of the full glory of who Jesus is as both God and Man. During the ups and downs of our daily lives, we can see Jesus, only Jesus when we are in the Word – as Peter tells us in his Epistle – which is even better than seeing the transfigured Jesus – because the Word is the Living Jesus for us to see every single day. Share Him. Listen to Him in His Word. And share the power of His Word and presence by sharing a verse from His Word today.

**Solid, Serious, Substantive** – 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: The Season of Lent, The Hymn “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee,” The Movie “Living,” Witnessing to Homosexuals and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

## **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 benefit of this eating and drinking?* These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?* Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Bible Passage: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8–9

Hymn 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (st. 1)

Psalm 139:1–10

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Plagues – Exodus 8:1-4, 13-25, 32; 9:1-4, 7-35; 10:3-6, 20-29

The Death of the Firstborn is Announced – Exodus 11:1-10

The Passover is Instituted – Exodus 12:1-14