



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

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**Divine Service III with Holy Communion**

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*\*stand as you are able*

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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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Dave, Kendall, Rex; 10:45 – Harold, Mark, Jim, Mike. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Everett; 10:45– Bryce & 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 in thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Merv and family at the death of Merv’s sister Myra, Sara and family at the death of her grandmother Sharon, Jim & Jennifer and family at the death of Jennifer’s grandmother Connie; *for healing and recovery:* Lindermann, Lola, Roger-father of Stephanie, Jim, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Karla, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Jacob, Ben, Nadia; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Glenda, Dot .

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

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

<p><b>Voter’s Meeting</b> – There will be a Voter’s Meeting Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.</p>
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## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>7<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>Monday</b>	<i>No School</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:00 School Open House; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Lifelight
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Transfiguration</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

**School Open House** – Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm our school and preschool will be having an open house. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members, and anyone else to come meet our teachers, see our classrooms, and ask questions about our school. Enrollment for 2022-2023 begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to meeting everyone.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun evening filled with trivia, snacks, friends, and lots of laughs. In the midst of this, \$10,190 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.

**March E.A.T. Night** will be at Billy Barooz on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, all day (11am-10pm). Billy Barooz will donate 10% of your bill to our school. We hope to see you there for another fun time together.

**Donations for C-U at Home** – A fifth grade student at St. John is organizing a fundraiser as part of her Taekwondo training to earn her black belt. She is collecting prepackaged good and sport drinks (Gatorade, Propel, Body Armour, water, etc.) to bring to C-U at Home, a faith-based homeless ministry in Champaign. A donation box is located by the school office this month.

**2022 Altar Flower Chart** – The Altar Flower Chart is available in the overflow. Please print your name and leave a number for the Altar Guild Ladies to contact you. Thank you.

### **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

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

**Sunday School** – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1<sup>st</sup> Room 4A

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Room 2C

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

High School

Room 1C

Conference Room

Youth Room

**New Member Class** has begun. 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. We will meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday at 1pm. Please email Pastor Caithamer with any questions.

**VBS Planning Meeting** – the VBS planning meeting has been postponed. The VBS meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**2022 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.

**2 Corinthians Bible Study** – *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on 2 Corinthians. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**Stewardship Corner** – In 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, the Apostle Paul writes that we are “*servants of Christ...entrusted with the secret things of God.*” How God honors us! It is not, however, honor without responsibility, for he continues, “*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*” Scripture is clear about what God’s will for us is. He has given us gifts to be used for building up the Church and for reaching out to the lost. It is our task, as His hands, feet, and mouth to be using all our gifts in order to share the secret things of God with a lost world.

**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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Hymn 409 *Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*

Psalm 127

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

The Triumphal Entry – Luke 19:29-48

The Preparation of the Passover – Luke 22:1-13

Jesus Celebrates the Passover – Luke 22:14-30

In the Garden of Gethsemane – Luke 22:31-46