

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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| <i>*stand as you are able</i> | |
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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 – Jeremy, Bryce, Todd, Nick; 10:45 – Harold, Mike, Chris, Jim. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Henry; 10:45 – Eli & 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 – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *for healing and recovery:* Joyce, Eunice, Robin, 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:* Lexie, Noah, Nadia; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Linda.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

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| Today | <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class |
| Tuesday | 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:15 Fellowship Board; 5:30 Evangelism; 6:00 Trustees, School Board |
| Wednesday | 8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Holy Communion; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Sammy's; 9:30 Lifelight; 6:00 Mixed Choir; 6:30 Men's Choir |
| Sunday | <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion |

Lenten Dinners – The March 8th Lenten Dinner will be tacos hosted by the Evangelism board. There will not be a dinner on March 15th (Spring Break). We are looking forward to fellowship with our church family.

You're Invited to join us for our Lenten midweek services. We will have services at 3:30pm and 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. Lenten Dinners will follow the 3:30 services.

Handbells will not meet this week (Wednesday, March 8th).

Tuesday/Wednesday Adult Bible Class will not meet Wednesday, March 15th due to Spring Break. We will resume on Tuesday, March 21st.

Spring Break – The church office will be closed March 13th and 14th. The school office will be closed the entire week.

March E.A.T. Night – Join us at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, March 20th, 4-10pm. Texas Roadhouse is giving back at least 10% of our purchases. We will receive a larger percentage with more Dine to Donate patrons, so spread the word. Bring in the flyer or show it on your phone to make sure that the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website www.stjohnls.com. This fundraiser applies to dine-in and carry out purchases. Thank you for your continued support of these events. Gift cards are available from Ram Rebate in the school office.

Show Me Dough Fundraiser – Order forms are available on the narthex table and in the Fellowship Hall. Return order forms to the school office by Tuesday, March 7th. Dough-livery date is Wednesday, March 22nd. 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.

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

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.

Witness and Outreach – John 3:1-17: Do you ever have questions about what you hear in worship, in a Bible reading or in a sermon? Is there something that we can teach as a church that you're just not absolutely crystal clear on? Do you think you're alone? Nicodemus was a highly trained Pharisee and a teacher of the Law. But he had questions. Instead of ignoring his questions and leaving it alone, he came forward and asked them. There is no place to properly raise your hand and ask questions during the worship service. That's why time spent together in Bible study is so critical. And here's the key point: Once you have the question resolved, you're more likely to share this Good News truth with someone else. And that's what we are called to do as the people of God. Step out. Ask a question. Get the truth resolved in your heart so you can reach out with the truth to the world around you.

St. John's School Art Class is seeking donations for used Legos (regular sized) for their end of year Art Show on April 28th. Please drop off donations to the church or school office. Thank you.

Clear, Concise, Consistent – 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 teachings include: God's Word in the Christian home, the hymn "Lord of Our Life," the Religiously Unaffiliated Spiritual Nones, Witchcraft and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Enrollment for 2023-2024 – St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool offer a Christ-centered education for students age three through eighth grade. Our caring, skilled teachers use a variety of strategies to engage students' minds in a safe learning environment, with the focus on teaching every subject with a Biblical worldview. Little Lamb Preschool offers morning and full day classes. Two-day (T/TH), three-day (M/W/F), and five-day options are available. Tell everyone about our wonderful school. Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. For more information, please contact the school office at (217) 359-1714.

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:

Table of Duties

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers – The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Timothy 3:2–4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Timothy 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

Bible Passage: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Hymn 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 92:10-15

Bible Readings for the Week:

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

Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany – John 12:1–11

Palm Sunday – John 12:12–26