



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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Divine Service II with Holy Communion

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**stand as you are able*

Prelude – (8:00) “ <i>Lenten Chorales</i> ”	Bach
(10:45) “ <i>Two Meditations on the Cross</i> ”	Alleluia Ringers
Hymn <i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	702
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(10:45) “ <i>O Dearest Jesus</i> ”	Alleluia Ringers
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Communion Hymn in Parentheses will be sung if time allows.

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. Bob Frank. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Dan, Kurt, Nick; 10:45 – Harold, Mike, Mike, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Ethan & Everett; 10:45 – Jordan & 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 by Jill, Sara and Ryan in memory of Jill’s mother Mary Jane 90th birthday today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Bob-father of Amanda, Patty, Jan, Jim, Kaylianna, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Kevin, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Charlie, Margaret; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lola.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>4th Sunday in Lent; Daylight Savings Time Begins; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Handbells Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion (Handbells)</i>
Monday	<i>Day School Spring Break (March 11th – March 15th)</i>
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 3:30 Lenten Service; 4:45 LWML; 5:45 Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's; 10:00 Lifelight
Sunday	<i>5th Sunday in Lent; 8:00 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class</i>

Choir & Bell Rehearsals – Handbells will rehearse at 10:00am this morning, so the adult singing choirs will not rehearse today. Handbells will rehearse again this Wednesday at 6:00pm. Next Sunday, the Mixed Choir will sing at the 8:00am service.

You're Invited to join us for our Lenten midweek services. We will have services at 3:30pm & 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. The Lenten theme this year is "*I Am a Worm and Not a Man*". Please also consider joining us for our Lenten dinners following the 3:30pm services. Upcoming meals include: 3/13- hot dog bar hosted by Fellowship. 3/20- mac n' cheese & hot dogs hosted by the Youth Group. We look forward to seeing you.

LWML will be holding a brief, special meeting in the Conference Room on Wednesday, March 13th at 4:45pm, immediately following the Lenten Service that day. This meeting is to discuss pertinent financial decisions in lieu of the cancelled January meeting to decide where the Cookie Walk Funds are to be given along with a collection for the LWML operating fund. Past Cookie Walk funds were given to our school, for confirmation and church banners, equipment for our kitchen, Missionary Kim, Empty Tomb, men's shelter, etc. Please come with your suggestions. Contact Donna Eiskamp, 217-419-6547, for further information.

March E.A.T. Night – Join us at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, March 18th, 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.stjohns.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.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Frank in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten-High School will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms. Preschool will have opening in their own classroom.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1st Art Room

2nd-3rd Room 4B

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Band Room

Conference Room

Youth Room

Music Notes – The organ prelude and Offertory at the 8:00 service this morning are from the Orgelbuchlein, a collection of short chorale preludes by Johann Sebastian Bach. These were written by Bach specifically to illustrate how to introduce a hymn to the congregation that they were about to sing in church. The chorale melodies are all clearly stated, and the accompanying voices are intended to help suggest the meaning of the texts.

Palm Sunday Crosses – If you are interested in helping fold Palm Sunday crosses, using palm tree fronds (leaves), please let Ronnie W or Bonnie L know. We're thinking of a 2-3 hour time frame on Thursday, 3/21, &/or Friday, 3/22. If needed, Saturday, 3/23, some time may be added. Specific times will be set later. (You don't have to already know how to fold these & time commitment is whatever you can give.) This is something special that Susan did each Holy Week & we would like to keep the tradition going, if possible. Thank you.

Newsletters – Due to Bulk Mail updates, we are making some changes on how you can receive the monthly newsletters. You can continue to receive your newsletters through the mail, but we are now offering the option for it to be emailed if that is your preference. Please contact the church office to let us know how you would like to receive newsletters moving forward. If you do not yet receive the newsletters but would like to be added to the list, please let the church office know. (churchoffice - at - stjohns-lcms.church or 217-359-1123). Thank you.

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt – We are planning an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31st during the Sunday School hour. Donations should be placed in the box in the coat room no later than March 17th. Thank you for your support.

St. John Track Invite – Come be a part of our premier event in track & field. This is the only indoor track event all season and is a lot of fun to be a part of. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact the school office if you would like to help and join us on Saturday, March 23rd at the UI Armory. "Shifts" are available for part of the day or the whole day for a variety of jobs at all skill levels.

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 Table of Duties

What Hearers Owe Their Pastors –

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14)

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:6–7)

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.”
(1 Timothy 5:17–18)

Hymn 450 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
Psalm 29

Bible Readings for the Week:

- Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest – John 18:1–27
- Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – John 18:28–40
- Jesus Is Crucified – John 19:1–24
- Jesus’ Side Is Pierced – John 19:25–42