



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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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. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Music Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Nick, Dan, Jim; 10:45 – Phil, Harold, Bryce, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & AJ; 10:45 – Keegan & Eli. **Instrumentalist:** Lou Ann-oboe.

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 Anne and family to the glory of God, and in memory of husband Rod’s birthday on March 15th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Marvin & Esther and family at the death of their daughter Rebecca; *for strength, hope, and peace:* Lola; *upcoming surgery:* Mark; *for healing and recovery:* Bob-father of Amanda, Patty, Jim, Kaylianna, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Kevin, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Jack, Lexie; *for those in the military:* Nick D, T Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Linda, Betty.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Instrumentalists Rehearsal; 1:00 New Member Class
Monday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ; 4:00 EAT Night @ Texas Roadhouse
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Lenten Service; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday	10:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 Youth Group
Saturday	11:00 St. John Track Invitational @ U of I Armory
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Instrumentalists Rehearsal; 1:00 New Member Class

March E.A.T. Night – Join us at Texas Roadhouse tomorrow, 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.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.

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 final Lenten dinner following the 3:30pm service on March 20th. The youth group will be serving mac' n cheese & hot dogs. We look forward to seeing you.

Youth Group – On Wednesday, March 20th, all youth and parents are invited to help serve the Lent meal in between services. Join us in the Fellowship Hall two days later on Friday, March 22nd from 6-9pm for a light dinner and Lent/Easter themed activities.

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.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Keith Williams 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	4 th -5 th	Band Room
K-1 st	Art Room	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 4B	High School	Youth Room

Music Notes – This morning's Prelude is one of Bach's grandest chorale settings, based on the tune we sing as "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" (LSB 434.) Just as the hymn and our Agnus Dei in the Divine Service is a threefold repetition, this setting has 3 verses, each more intense than the last, building to a powerful climactic cadence. This morning at the Education hour Keith Williams will be talking about Bach, his life and career, and his St. John Passion, the chorales from which will be part of our upcoming evening Good Friday service.

Easter Lilies – Please consider purchasing an Easter lily in memory or honor of someone. Lilies are \$10 each and are due tomorrow, March 18th.

Palm Sunday Crosses – If you are interested in helping fold Palm Sunday crosses, using palm tree fronds (leaves), please let Ronnie or Bonnie know. We're thinking of a 2-3 hour time frame on Thursday, 3/21, &/or Friday, 3/22. If needed, Saturday, 3/23, a 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 – 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 - stjohn-lcms.church or 217-359-1123).

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt Donations – Today is the final date to drop off Easter Egg donations. Please place them in the box in the coat room. Thank you.

Stewardship Corner – Do you realize that our wonderful and loving God has called you, through faith, to be His steward? “*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last*” (John 15:16). God won’t change His mind about calling you to be His steward. “*For God’s gifts and His call are irrevocable*” (Romans 11:29). Through faith, you are not only called to be His steward, you are empowered to be a God-pleasing steward.

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 –

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. (1 Thessalonians 5:12–13)

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

Bible Passage: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 11:25–26

Hymn 450 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (sts. 4-5)

Psalm 51:10-15

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Resurrection of Our Lord – John 20:1–18

On the Road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13–35

Jesus Eats Broiled Fish – Luke 24:33–49

Jesus Ordains the Apostles – John 20:19–31