



St. John Lutheran Church and School
 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
 Reverend Jeff Caithamer

Interim School Principal: Faith Block

Divine Service III with Holy Communion Page

**stand as you are able*

Prelude- " <i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i> "	piano/organ	
Hymn <i>Jesus, Refuge of the Weary</i>		423
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution		184
*Introit	dated insert	
*Kyrie		186
*Salutation & Collect		189
First Reading		
Gradual	dated insert	
Epistle Reading		
*Gospel Reading		
*Nicene Creed		191
(10:45) Children's Devotion		
Hymn <i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i>		430
(sts. 2 men, 4 women, 6 organ alone)		
Sermon " <i>The Greatest High Priest</i> "		
*Offertory		192
Gathering of Tithes and Offering		
(8:00) " <i>The Holy City</i> "	violin	
(10:45) " <i>Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted</i> "	horn/organ	
*Prayers		193
*Service of the Sacrament		194
(8:00) " <i>Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted</i> "	horn/organ	
Communion Hymns – 683, 756, 440		
*Hymn <i>On My Heart Imprint Your Image</i>		422
*Thanksgiving		200
*Prayer and Benediction		201

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Dave, John, Kurt, Kendall; 10:45 - Matt, Dan, John, Jeremy. **Acolytes:** 8:00 - Jack; 10:45 - Alexa & Angel. **Violin:** Lois, **horn:** Kai, **piano:** Randy.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Rochelle in celebration of parents Russell and Judy 62nd wedding anniversary. We remember the following people in our prayers: *for strength, hope, and peace:* Anna -mother of Bill; *upcoming surgery:* Bob, Norm; *for healing and recovery:* Lucille, Kevin, Pam, Mary, Earl, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan -brother of Bonnie; Brandon -nephew of Brenda, Bruce, Lorelai, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Ellie, Stephen -son of Ken, Dale -brother in law of Ellie, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for successful treatments:* Philip -son of Starley, Judy, Johnny -son in law of Letty, Joan, Jeannette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, Avis, LaVonne, Helen.

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

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

Introit – With the start of the new church year, we introduce a new (old) way of singing our Introit. The Pastor and congregation will sing in alternation. The Pastor will sing the first verse, the congregation will sing the second verse, etc. All will sing the *Gloria Patri* together at the end.

During Lent – We traditionally mark the Penitential nature of the season by omitting the Hymn of Praise, and by not singing “Alleluia.” This year we will also do so by singing the Introit without accompaniment.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary for 1st Grade - 8th Grade. 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten meet in room 4C. We begin at 9:30. Come and join us!

1 st & 2 nd	Room 4A	7 th & 8 th	Room 2B
3 rd & 4 th	Room 1C	High School	Youth Room
5 th & 6 th	Room 4B		

Choirs - Looking ahead to Holy Week, there will be a change in our usual rehearsal schedule.

Sunday, 3.25 - Noon - Brass rehearsal; Wednesday, 3.28 - 6:00 Men's Choir, 6:45 Mixed Choir; Maundy Thursday, 3.29, Alleluia Ringers at 6:00 (and ring for 7:15 service); Good Friday, 3.30 Both Men's and Mixed Choir will gather at 6:15 to warmup together (and sing for 7:15 service); Saturday, 3.31 - Brass and Handbells - time t.b.d.

Thank You - We would like to thank our St. Johns' family for their prayers, cards, visits and treats while Earl was in the hospital and at rehab. You helped us get through that LONG month of February when Earl was so ill. We feel blessed to be members of St. John Lutheran Church. Sincerely, Earl and Barb

We need your help - We are still in need of greeters. You can sign up on the Greeters/Ushers sheet in the overflow area in the back of the church. Thank you from the Evangelism Board.

The Church Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. We are looking for volunteers to help our youth with this event. Volunteers will be needed for various tasks and times starting April 15th going through April 21st. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office showing what help is needed. Please consider volunteering to help with this very popular community event. Questions? Contact Vanessa.

Easter Breakfast Volunteer Sign-Up - We are in need of volunteers to help with Easter Breakfast this year. Help needed includes set-up on Saturday, March 31st from 1-3pm as well as help Easter morning from 6-9am. There are sign-up sheets for this on the bulletin board next to the church office as well as the sign-up sheet for food items. Please consider volunteering your help or donating food for the breakfast. Any questions contact Vanessa.

Fire Alarm/Security System Update - The new fire alarm installation has been completed, is in service, and the removal of the old system has begun. The process has begun to secure final proposal quotes for the upgrade to the security system. The congregation has raised in excess of \$24,000 thus far, which is approximately 25% of the total cost. The trustees and finance would like to see at least 50% of the total cost financed through the ongoing fundraising. Thank you to anyone who has donated their time or financially to this major project.

Grant Funding From Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program can help support organizations you care about. From this program, \$2,130 has already been directed to St. John Lutheran School during 2017. Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31, 2018 to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars to hundreds of worthy organizations. Simply call 800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice after the prompt or go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Please don't let your Choice Dollars expire. Ronda, Congregational Advocate

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	5 th Sunday in Lent; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class
Monday	6:30 LWML; <i>Newsletter Deadline; Day School Spring Break</i>
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
Wednesday	3:30 Lenten Service; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday	6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 12:00 Brass Rehearsal; 1:00 Adult Information Class

LWML - Tomorrow night at 6:30 we will be showing *The First Rosa*, a movie funded by LCMS about Dr. Rosa J Young, often referred to as the Mother of Black Lutheranism. She helped to found 35 Lutheran churches and 30 schools to serve some of the poorest people in Alabama. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend this opportunity to see Lutheran missions in action.

Faith & Family Night - Our next Faith & Family Night will be held Friday, April 6, 5:30-7:00pm. Dinner will be provided, followed by a brief devotion and a family activity. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. Families with children of all ages are invited. We hope you'll join us.

Sunday School on Easter - All children's classes will combine on Easter Sunday to hear the Easter story and do special activities to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Please plan to join us.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool: March 12-18: No School – Spring Break; Saturday - St. John Track Invite at UI Armory, 10a

Coming Up Next Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool: Yankee Candle Sale begins and Ram Rebate Orders on Monday, Yearbook Committee Meeting on Tuesday, PTF Meeting on Wednesday, Ram Rebate Order pickup on Thursday, No School on Good Friday; St. John Athletics: Track practices, no meets

Easter Lilies - If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter, order forms for lilies can be found on the narthex table. Plants are \$8 each; please make checks payable to the church. Orders will be accepted through next Sunday.

Registration is Open at www.cilca.org for the Camp CILCA summer program. There is programming for everyone from 3 years old through high school. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to unplug from technology, study God's word out in His creation, and make friends from all across the United States. The Early Bird discount ends March 31.

Premier Conference For Lutheran Laity - You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 in Collinsville, IL, about 15 miles east of St. Louis. Topics include: Islam, The Prosperity Gospel, Godliness, Religious Truth Claims, The Centrality of Justification, Abortion and Scientism. Speakers include: Hank Hanegraaff, Rev. Hans Fiene, Rev. Will Weedon, Scott Klusendorf, Dr. Angus Menuge, Rev. Jonathan Fisk and Craig Parton. Attendance is limited to 400. For more information, visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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 the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 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. Gal. 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 Tim. 5:17-18

Hymn 450 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (st. 3-4)

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