

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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8:00am & 10:45am



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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 & Music Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Jim, Mike, Nick, Dan; 10:45 – Mark, John, Chuck, Jim. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Ethan; 10:45 – Noah & Peter. **Instrumentalists:** Eli, Karen, Terry, Kyle & Kelsey, Sara, Lou Ann, Randy.

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 Lois in honor and remembrance of her husband’s death on March 4, 2020. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *following surgery:* Nancy; *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, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Charlie, Billy, Joshua; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, 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>4th Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
Monday	4:00 E.A.T. Night @ Texas Roadhouse
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council; 6:30 LWML
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Lenten Service; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday	9:30 Lifelight; 6:00 Mixed Choir; 6:30 Men's Choir
Friday	5:30 Young Adults Group
Sunday	<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 1:00 New Member Class

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

LWML – The monthly LWML meeting will be this Tuesday, March 21st, at 6:30pm. Serving the Lenten meal this coming Wednesday, making plans for the salad supper next month, and electing next year's officers are important items on the agenda.

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. There will be a dinner after the 3:30 service hosted by the LWML. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office.

Show Me Dough Fundraiser – Thank you to everyone who ordered items and supported the Middle School Class Trip. Dough-livery date is Wednesday, March 22nd. As freezer space is limited, please make arrangements to pick up your order.

Time & Talent Sheets are located on the narthex table. They have also been sent out in the March Newsletter. Please return to the church office by Sunday, March 26th.

Easter Lilies - If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter, order forms for lilies can be found on the narthex table. Lilies are \$10 each; please make checks payable to the church. Orders will be accepted through Monday, March 27th.

Young Adults Group will meet March 24th at 5:30pm. We will start in the Fellowship Hall for food and devotions, and then head down to the gym for some fun. Our food theme this meeting is 'breakfast for dinner'. Please bring a favorite breakfast food to share. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Sara.

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.

3/4yrs Room 4C

4th-5th

Room 3C

K-1st Room 5B

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 2C

High School

Youth Room

Witness and Outreach – John 9:1-41: Jesus is the Light of the world. Paul gives you your life story in a nutshell – once you were in darkness, but now you are to walk as children of Light (Eph. 5:8). You are salt. You are light. God has no plan B if we fail. You are His A plan to share the Good News of salvation with the world. You are His means for bringing His Kingdom of life to a dying world. And the One who calls you to be salt and light makes you this promise: I will be with you to the very end of the age. His presence is LIGHT. While we remain distinct from the ways of the world, we dare not lose sight of the fact that we are called to permeate that very same culture with the grace and love of Jesus. How? By being who we are: God's people through and through where we live and living as Light because we live in Christ. That's Christ's mission – and because it's His mission, it is our mission. He lives in us and His light shines through us in our thoughts, words and deeds. May God bless you as children of the Light. Go shine.

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.

Sacred Christmas Music – In observation of The Annunciation of Our Lord, You can listen to sacred Christmas music on Saturday, March 25. Listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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

What the 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 428 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* (sts. 1-2)
Psalm 104:31-35

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest – John 18:1-27

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilate – Matthew 26:57-

27:26