



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
(8:00) Prelude – “ <i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i> ”	Oboe & Organ
(10:45) Prelude – “ <i>Komm, susser Tod</i> ”	English Horn & Organ
Hymn <i>Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won</i>	490
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	203
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(8:00) Gradual	dated insert
(10:45) “ <i>Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God</i> ”	Men’s Choir
Epistle Reading	
*Holy Gospel Reading	
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Hymn <i>My Song is Love Unknown</i> (st. 3-women, st. 5-men)	430
Sermon “ <i>Easter Preview</i> ” John 11:1–41	
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Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
(8:00) “ <i>God So Loved the World</i> ”	Day School 2/3 Choir
(10:45) “ <i>Beautiful Savior</i> ”	Men’s Choir
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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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Andy, Kurt, Jeremy, Nick; 10:45 – Chris, Harold, Phil, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Jack & Everett; 10:45 – Jordan & Noah. **Day School Choir Director:** Alicia Haggin.

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 Mark & Sherry in thanksgiving for Mark’s successful kidney transplant 28 years ago. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Rochelle and family at the death of her mother Judy; *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *for healing and recovery:* Eunice, Robin, Greg-brother of Joyce, Mike, Mimi, David, Bentley, Herb, Karla, Charlene, 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:* Ben, Lexie, Noah; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gilbert, Glenda.

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; 1:00 New Member Class
Tuesday	6:00 Parish Ed
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 3:30 Lenten Service; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday	6:00 Mixed Choir; 6:30 Men's Choir
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

You're Invited to join us for our Lenten midweek service on Wednesday, March 29th. We will have services at 3:30pm and 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. Fellowship Board will be hosting the dinner in between services. The menu is goulash, salad, cornbread and dessert. Come join us for dinner and fellowship.

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 today.

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 tomorrow.

Holy Week Service Schedule – *Palm Sunday Services* (4/2/23): Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, 8:00am & 10:45am. *Maundy Thursday* (4/6/23): 7:15pm Holy Communion; *Good Friday* (4/7/23): 7:15pm Tenebrae Vespers; *Easter Sunday* (4/9/23): 6:00am Sunrise Service, 8:00am & 10:45am Divine Service.

Easter Morning after the sunrise service, Fellowship Board will be hosting a coffee cake breakfast, with coffee and apple juice. Then, in between the 8:00 and 10:45 services, donuts, coffee and apple juice will be served.

Call Committee – The School Board is in the process of searching for a principal and a middle school teacher. First, we ask that you pray that God will guide the direction of the call committee, and that we are able to find the best people to fill these positions. We are also asking if you know someone who might be interested in being a principal or teacher at St. John Lutheran School, please share their names with the school board at schoolboard@stjohnls.com or speak to a school board member.

March E.A.T. Night Update – It was another successful night at Texas Roadhouse. Here are the results: Total food sales of \$2,256.20. With an amount that high, we earned 18%, making our donation over \$400. Save the Date for Culver's on Neil St on April 10.

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	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

Witness and Outreach – John 11:1-45: Do you know anyone who is facing a time of despair, a feeling of hopelessness or some struggle in the flesh? You have a word of resurrection for them. Dry bones live. God calls what was dead to life. God has the power to bring change to your circumstances. God's Word of resurrection life breathes new life into every situation and circumstance of life and gives renewed hope. That's why you are a light-bearer; you are salt; you are living, breathing hope and a ray of Good News. Pray for someone today who is weighed down by the things of death in this world and the struggles that leaves one feeling like a bunch of dry, lifeless bones. God has given you a Word of resurrection to share with them, both in this life and for the next. Jesus is the I AM. He is a personal God. He is the Resurrection and the Life. May God send you to someone with this Word to be a breath of resurrection Good News.

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.

Premier Conference for Lutheran Laity – You're invited to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: LCMS President Matt Harrison, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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

Of Civil Government – Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:1-4)

Bible Passage: ...And without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:22b

Hymn 428 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 16

Bible Readings for the Week:

The King of the Jews is Mocked – Matthew 27:27-44

Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – John 18:28-40