

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024  
8:00am & 10:45am



## St. John Lutheran Church and School

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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:** Eli Beadle. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Dan, Nick, Mike; 10:45 – Steve, Chuck, Chris, Harold. **Ushers:** 8:00 – AJ & Everett; 10:45 – Peter & Noah.

**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 Elton in memory of son Lucas birthday on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Mark; *for healing and recovery:* Elena-granddaughter of Steve & Susie, Gary, Grace-mother of Gary, Patty, Jim, Kaylianna, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Nick D, 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**

<b>Today</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 E.A.T. Night @ Culver's
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Elders
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 VBS Planning Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

**Music Rehearsals** – Mixed & Men's Choirs will rehearse Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Handbells will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**April E.A.T. Night @ Culvers** – Join us at Culver's on S. Neil St. tomorrow, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Culver's is giving back a portion of all sales from 5-8pm. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website. (This will be the last E.A.T Night of the school year. They will return in August.)

**Vacation Bible School News** – We will be having a Planning Meeting on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall for VBS, which will be happening June 17-21. We will be going over the Bible lessons, plans for the week of VBS, and what will need to be ordered. If you have any questions, please contact Sara. Also, please see the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for ways to sign up to help, or for future donation tags. Registration will open for participants in early May.

**LWML** is now collecting donations for Pregnancy Resources, which aids moms in need, via the LWML Illinois District Convention. A collection box will be available in the coat room for your donations from now until 4pm on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Items needed are: diapers (newborn to size 5-6), diaper wipes, new baby bottles, new pacifiers, baby shampoo and lotion (no powders or oils), baby bath towels and washcloths, newborn clothing (boy and girl), larger toddler clothing (2T and 3T, boy and girl), burp cloths, receiving blankets, small baby toys (teethers, etc.). Thank you in advance for joining LWML in participating in this worthy endeavor. Please contact Donna E or Jan for any additional information needed.

## **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

K-1<sup>st</sup> Room 5B

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Room 2C

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

**Sunday School Egg Hunt Donations** – Thank you to all who donated to our Easter Egg hunt. Your many donations helped make this event run smoothly. Thank you also to the Youth Group for filling the eggs for the event.

**PTF Update; Trivia Night** – PTF has decided to cancel the Trivia Night event scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> due to lack of interest. Stay tuned for more information about the Trivia Night auction baskets. We are grateful to PTF for supporting the school and for the time and effort put into planning this event.

**Young Adults Group** will be meeting Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, devotions, and games in the gym. Anyone between the ages of 18-40 are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Sara.

**Mother–Daughter Supper** – The LWML of Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro will be sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Salad Supper on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:00pm (Doors open at 3:00pm) at Peace Lutheran Church, Thomasboro, IL. Our speaker is Grace Khachaturian – Miss Illinois 2018 and competed in Miss America. Also is TV talk host, speaker, podcast host, and author of *“It’s OK”*. Grace will be available for a book signing after the program. So, bring your mother, daughter, sister, best friend, etc. and join us for good food, fun, and fellowship. There is limited seating so please call Ronda for reservations by April 21<sup>st</sup>. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door for a charity of our choice.

**Stewardship Corner** – If God’s grace is our power source to live as God-pleasing stewards, love is the basis. *“We love because He first loved us”* (1 John 4:19). Love begins with God. We can love Him and others because He first loved us. God is love, and He loves us more than our minds can imagine. *“for God so loved the world, that He*

*gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16). What greater love can be received than that Jesus laid down His life for sinful people like us? God’s love for us compels us to use our time, talents, and money in service for the Lord.

**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**

To Husbands – Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.  
Colossians 3:19

Bible Passage: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

Hymn 464 *The Strive is O’er, the Battle Done* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 148

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Death of Joshua – Joshua 24:13–31

The Conquest of Canaan Continues – Judges 1:1–9, 27–33, 2:1–6

Israel’s Unfaithfulness and the Judges – Judges 2:7–23