

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt, Jeremy, Dan, Jim; 10:45 – Steve, Nick, Bryce, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Lucas; 10:45 – Jordan & Peter.

**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 Barb and family in memory of Bud. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Robin, Mark, Elena-granddaughter of Steve & Susie, Gary, Grace-mother of Gary, Patty, Jim, Kaylianna, 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:* Charlie, Margaret; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Gilbert.

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>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
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Middle School Class Trip (4/17–4/19)</i> ; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b>	5:45 Young Adults Group
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 LL & K/1 Meet & Greet; 11:30 LWML Salad Luncheon
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>4<sup>th</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

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

**Middle School Class Trip** – Please pray for our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their chaperones as they travel to Cincinnati this week. Thank you to everyone who has supported their fundraising efforts the last two years. Without you, their trip would not be possible.

**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 McPike.

**LWML Salad Luncheon** – St. John LWML are hosting their annual Salad Luncheon on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Keith Williams will be sharing about Bach and his life, career and how Bach's music is used in the Lutheran Hymnal. Please bring your favorite salad to share. To RSVP contact Donna E or Linda T.

**E.A.T Night Update** – Thank you to all who came out to Culver's last week. It was a busy night and we raised over \$500. We will be taking a break for the next couple of months for summer but E.A.T Nights will return in August.

**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 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

**April Newsletters** have been sent out. If you have requested for it to be emailed to you but do not see it in your Inbox, please check your spam folder. Please fill out the pink newsletter form indicating how you would like to receive your newsletters in the future. They can be placed in the envelope on the narthex table or returned to the church office. Thank you.

**Vacation Bible School News** – 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. If you have any questions, please contact Sara.

**Trivia Night Auction Baskets** - Although the Trivia Night event was cancelled for this year, PTF will still hold an online auction for the three baskets: Family Beach Day, Family Road Trip, Car Detailing. See the link below. The auction will begin Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am and conclude Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am. The baskets will be on display in the school to view all the goodies in person. St. John PTF wants to thank everyone for their support and donations to these amazing baskets. If you have any questions regarding the auction, you can contact Donica <https://www.32auctions.com/AREWETHEREYETTRIVIA2024>

**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 Scott at 217-643-7472 for reservations by April 21<sup>st</sup>. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door for a charity of our choice.

**Parent-Teacher Fellowship Allocations Requests** – Is there something you would like our school and church to have? Fill out a PTF Allocated Funds Request form and return it to the PTF mailbox in the school office by Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. PTF, along with the principal, will consider all requests. Forms are available in the school office. Previous allocated funds have included microscopes, computer and technology funds, playground equipment and mulch, books for the school library and Jr. High classrooms, new equipment for P.E and recess, and classroom funds for each teacher.

**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 Wives – Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.  
Ephesians 5:22

They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5–6

Bible Passage: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.  
Matthew 6:33

Hymn 464 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* (sts. 4-5)  
Psalm 139:1–12

Bible Readings for the Week:

Othniel, Israel's First Judge – Judges 3:7–11

Ehud, Israel's Left-Handed Judge – Judges 3:12–30

Deborah, the Prophetess Judges Israel – Judges 4:1–24