

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023  
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 – Andy, Jim, Todd, Dan; 10:45 – Jim, Matt, Chris, John, **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Everett; 10:45 – Jordan & 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 Barb and family in memory of Bud. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Kurt & Satomi and family at the death of Kurt’s father Harold; *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *following surgery:* Randy; *for healing and recovery:* John, Joyce, Susan, Robin, Greg-brother of Joyce, Mimi, David, Bentley, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, 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:* Joshua, Ben, Lexie; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Betty.

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

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

**Voter’s Meeting –** There will be a Voter’s Meeting Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## **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 Council; 6:30 LWML Salad Supper
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</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

**Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class** will meet on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**April E.A.T. Night @ Culvers** – Join us at Culver's on S. Neil St. tomorrow. Culver's is giving back a portion of all sales from 5-8pm. Flyers will be available on the narthex table and on the school website. We will be providing Food Runners. Come out and see who will be delivering your food.

LWML is inviting the LWML and all women and friends to join the LWML from neighboring LCMS LWML's to our Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> LWML Salad Supper at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite salad if you like. Our speaker is Katie Schuermann -Lutheran author of "He Remember the Barren", "He Restores My Soul", and the acclaimed Anthems of Zion fiction series: House of Living Stones, The Choir Immortal and the Harvest Raise." She will be speaking on "Pew Sisters in Christ", caring for each other in Christ. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship. Please contact Donna or Linda to RSVP or if you need further information.

**St. John Fine Arts Night** – Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm. There will be activities, free raffles, art displays and more in the gym lobby, music room and gym. Come see what our St. John students have been creating.

LWML is collecting items for Gifts of the Heart for LWML District Convention in Quincy, IL April 28-29, 2023. The items are for the Illinois Veteran's, Home in Quincy. Please any of the items listed below in the labeled box in the Coatroom before April 24, 2023. Men's & Women's body washes (Old Spice, Dove, Dial, etc.), Lotions, Sweatpants & sweatshirts, L-2X, Electric toothbrushes, Croc Shoes (generic), L or XL, Aftershave, Candy bars (miniature/fun size), Individual bags chips or cookies, Little Debbie or Hostess snacks, Hard candies, Sugar free candies, Magazines (outdoor/animals, farming, cars, Reminiscing, Good Old Days), Small, medium & large white boards for communication tools with residents, Universal TV remotes (with big buttons). Thank you for helping our veterans.

## **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

**Witness and Outreach** – John 20:19-31: On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to His disciples when Thomas was absent. In joy, the disciples told Thomas, “We have seen the Lord.” Their witness was true even though Thomas at first doubted. Just because someone does not believe our witness to Jesus as our Lord and Savior should not discourage us from sharing our faith openly and boldly. Sharing is our challenge. Changing hearts is God’s work. And thanks be to God, we have a patient and compassionate Savior who welcomes and encourages us in our doubts to “poke and prod” and says, “Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe.” Pray for the opportunity to share your faith with someone who is doubting and ask the Holy Spirit to work mightily to change their heart. God is faithful and His Word works miracles of faith every day.

**Evangelism Workshop Opportunity** – The CID Office will present The Beyond the Classroom introduction module in five regions within the district. St. John is one of the host sites. The presentation is from 10 am -2pm on Saturday, May 6. These presentations are an introduction to the program that will encourage congregations or associations with schools to reach out to the unchurched dechurched families in their school communities. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Faith.

**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](mailto:schoolboard@stjohnls.com) or speak to a school board member.

**Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ** – Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Putting Children at the Center of Family Policy; Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions; The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible; Lies about Human Nature; The Sacrifice of the Mass and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**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. Eph. 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 457 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 98

Bible Readings for the Week:

Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberius – John 21:1-14

Jesus Restores Peter – John 21:15-25

The Great Commission – Matthew 28:16-20

The Ascension of Our Lord – Acts 1:1-14