

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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Divine Service III with Holy Communion

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**stand as you are able*

Prelude – (10:45) <i>“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”</i>	K/1 School 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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Mike, Kurt, Nick, Dan; 10:45 – Matt, Chris, Phil, Harold. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & AJ; 10:45 – Eli & Noah. **Day School Choir Directors:** Sara and Amanda.

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 and family in memory of his wife Lea’s birthday on April 25th. 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:* Jack, Lexie; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lavina.

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 28th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 3:00 SJLS Book Fair; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	3:00 SJLS Book Fair
Friday	<i>No School</i>
Sunday	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Confirmation Questioning, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

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 22nd, 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.

Blue Ribbon Book Fair coming to St. John Lutheran School April 24 and 25. If you would like to shop at the book fair, come Wednesday or Thursday between 3-4pm. The Book Fair will also be open during the Grand Event on April 25, 6-7:30pm. The book fair will be located in the gym lobby. If you would like to donate money for a teacher to purchase books, take a slip from the donation bulletin board by the fellowship hall and turn it into the school office. Money raised from the book fair will be used to purchase additional books for classrooms and the library.

Mother–Daughter Supper – The LWML of Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro will be sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Salad Supper on Sunday, April 28th, 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 today. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door for a charity of our choice.

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-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

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 volunteer, or for future donation tags. We also need people to help with set up and tear down. Registration will open for participants next week. 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 concludes Monday, April 22, 9 am. The baskets are on display in the school to view all of 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 Online link to the auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/>
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Stewardship Corner – The Apostle Paul wrote the Corinthians about the unity we find in the Lord's Supper, "*Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread*" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Jesus receives us in this meal with forgiveness and, in His love, we receive each other. We live in a time when partisanship and suspicion increasingly become a wedge between true relationships. By faith in Jesus, we have an honest and true relationship with God and with each other. Jesus lived life together with us as the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1). As we live together in unity as the body of the church, we use our gifts to support the body of believers and work through this body to reach out to others.

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 Parents – Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4

To Children – Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” —which is the first commandment with a promise— “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Ephesians 6:1–3

Bible Passage: They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Acts 2:42

Hymn 464 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* (sts. 1-2)
Psalm 23

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Angel of the Lord Appears to Gideon – Judges 6:1, 6, 11–27