



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Reverend Jeff Caithamer

School Principal: Tim Gabbert

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<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
Prelude – “ <i>St. Columba</i> ”	
(10:45) Prelude – “ <i>I Am Jesus' Little Lamb</i> ”	
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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.

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.

SERVING TODAY – Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Steve, Kurt, Stephen, Bob; 10:45 – Terry, Dan, John & Larry. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Olivia & Joel; 10:45 – Angel. **Greeters:** 10:45 – Linda. **Day School Choir Director:** Sal Percoco.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Barb and family in loving memory of Bud, husband, dad and grandpa. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *following surgery:* Dan -father of Beth; *for healing and recovery:* Leona, Cindy -daughter in law of Bob & Joan, Michael -son of Karen, Bob, Lucille, Kevin, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan -brother of Bonnie; Bruce, Lorelai, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Ellie, Stephen -son of Ken, Dale - brother in law of Ellie, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for strength, hope, and peace:* Anna -mother of Bill, Marlene -sister in law of Joan; *for successful treatments:* Philip -son of Starley, Judy, Johnny -son in law of Letty, Joan, Jeannette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Nick, Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, LT Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lavina, Frank, and Walt.

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

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

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary for 1st Grade - 8th Grade. 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten meet in room 4C. We begin at 9:30. Come and join us!

1 st & 2 nd	Room 4A	7 th & 8 th	Room 2B
3 rd & 4 th	Room 1C	High School	Youth Room
5 th & 6 th	Room 4B		

We need your help – We are still in need of greeters. You can sign up on the Greeters & Ushers sheet in the overflow area in the back of the church. Thank you from the Evangelism Board.

Noah Video at St. John – The Lutheran Hour video *Noah: the Man, the Ark, the Flood* will be shown in four parts on Wednesdays at 5:45pm, running through the end of the month. It will be held in room 3B downstairs in the school (the same room where Wednesday night Lifelight had been meeting). There will be discussion with each session, but no "homework." All are welcome.

Volunteers Needed – We are in need of people to be wedding coordinators for our church. Basic responsibilities would be to answer questions for the bride and groom regarding the use of our facilities, run through the rehearsal, and be present for the wedding. Having wedding coordinators takes much responsibility off of the Pastor and church office, so having this service is very much appreciated. Our previous coordinators created a wonderful manual with all of the needed information readily available.

Fire Alarm Update – The system is fully functional but requires some minor changes to get a final approval by the city inspector. Trustees hope to have those revisions completed soon by the contractor. The fundraising efforts have collected just over \$29,000 to pay for the anticipated cost of approximately \$95,000. The remainder is being paid with existing funds. The Trustees and Finance Board hope to raise at least 50% or more of the total cost. We would like to continue to thank those who have donated time and finances to this project.

2018 Flower Chart is in the overflow if you would like to reserve a date to purchase flowers in memory or honor of someone, or an occasion. A couple of upcoming available dates are May 6th and July 1st.

Real Reformation Radio – You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on subjects like: Martin Luther's "Heidelberg Disputation," 2 Chronicles, The Number & Use of the Sacraments, Isaac & Rebekah, The First Lutheran Composer of Church Music Johann Walter and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Adult Information Class
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 6:30 Stewardship; 7:00 Youth Board
Wednesday	8:05 Chapel; 5:30 PTF; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Sunday	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Men's Choir); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

St John 6th-12th Graders – Please join us at Old Orchard Lanes Savoy Sunday April 29th from 1-3pm for our youth group bowling. Meet at Old Orchard. Games/shoe rental are included just bring money for concessions if you'd like. Please sign up outside church office.

Organ Recital – On, April 28th, at 3:00pm, Nicholas, a student of Dr. Robinson at the U of IL, will present a recital in partial fulfillment for the Bachelor's Degree in Organ Performance. This recital will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, on the corner of Prospect and Springfield. The recital will consist of works by Bach, Buxtehude and Mendelssohn, and will last no more than 40 minutes.

Faith & Family Night – Please join us for our year-end Faith & Family Night on Friday, May 4th, at 5:30pm. We'll have a light supper together, followed by a devotion led by Pastor. Weather permitting; we'll then head out to the playground. Kids are invited to bring their bikes to ride around the parking lot. This is also your chance to meet an LCMS comfort dog, who will be our special guest for the evening. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. All are invited.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – April 23-29:
Monday – Ram Rebate Orders Due, 3p, Field Trip to Springfield, IL for 4th-5th grades, Track Meet at Clinton (6th-8th grade), 4:15p: Tuesday – Yearbook Committee Pizza Party, 3:30p: Wednesday – Chapel, 8:10a - bring offering for Living Alternatives; Friday – Ram Rebate order Pickup, Littler lambs Playgroup, 8:10a

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – Before you start your spring planting, purchase \$10 Prairie Gardens Gift Cards sold by PTF. PTF gets 20% from each card sold. Gift cards may be used on any purchase (not just plants and flowers). The cards do not expire and will carry a balance if you spend less than \$10. The money earned from this fundraiser goes towards items that the teachers or school need to purchase, family fun events throughout the school year, and special requests from the teachers for classroom items. Gift cards are available now in the school office.

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:

The 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 464 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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