

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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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 – Jim, Andy, Jeremy, Dan; 10:45 – Mike, Phil, Jim, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Henry & Jack; 10:45 – Eli & 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 Elton in memory of Lea’s birthday. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* the family of Glenda at her death; *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *for healing and recovery:* Lydia, John, Joyce, Robin, Greg-brother of Joyce, 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:* Noah, Nadia (Beadle), Kai; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gaylord, Gilbert.

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 30th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>3rd 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	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	6:00 Mixed Choir; 6:30 Men's Choir
Friday	6:30 Fine Arts Night
Sunday	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Confirmation Questioning, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

St. John Fine Arts Night – Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, April 28th, 6:30-7:30p. Come see the amazing artwork of our students as well as listen to several students sing and play instruments. There will be activity tables as well as free raffles (for students only). Please park in the back parking lot and enter through the gym lobby. Hope to see you there.

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 tomorrow, April 24. 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.

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 10am -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.

Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday, May 10th at 12:00. Please join us for food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office to help us prepare. Thank you and we hope to see you there.

Summer Sunday School begins June 4th. We want to give our teachers a break for the summer. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office if you would like to volunteer for one or more Sundays. The material will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy.

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

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 or speak to a school board member.

VBS – Volunteers make our VBS a success. Youth (completed 6th grade - 12th grade) and adult volunteers are needed. If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule needs or interests. A sign-up sheet is posted by the Fellowship Hall. Email vbs@stjohnls.com if you have any questions. Also, if you are not able to volunteer in person while VBS is going on, but would still like to help, keep on the lookout for ways you can donate items or supplies that we may need.

Witness and Outreach – Luke 24:13-35: Once again, today, we celebrate the blessings of Easter with one another, focusing on Jesus' resurrection appearances. Did you notice that none of the resurrection were marked by dramatic settings? Jesus was mistaken for a gardener. He showed up on a dusty road. He walked along the shoreline watching His disciples fish. We notice the common, every day sights and sounds of Jesus' appearances and the ordinary routines which He blessed with His abiding presence. The resurrected Jesus comes to us in Word and Sacrament, ordinary means, and He appears to us at meal times, in fun times, amid our work and in the face of our worries. He comes to people of faith and to those plagued by doubt and worry. Did you miss Christ's presence with you today? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the eyes to see Jesus' abiding presence on your walk of life today, and then celebrate it, but also boldly share this truth with others. Jesus is alive. He is present with and for you. And He is alive for the world around you.

Luke Bible Study – The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study this week in Luke 22 on The Institution of the Lord's Supper, Who Is the Greatest?, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial, Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus, Jesus Prays in the Mount of Olives and The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.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 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 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Psalm 133

Bible Readings for the Week:

Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas’ Office – Acts 1:12-26

The Feast of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-13

Peter’s Sermon on the Prophet Joel – Acts 2:14-21