

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service I with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

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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, Dave, Bob, Rex; 10:45 – John, Matt, Harold, Nick. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Everett; 10:45 – Jordan & Kai.

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 Jim & Karen in celebration of Mason’s baptism and in thanksgiving for all their grandchildren. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Ellie and family at the death of Whitney; *for healing, peace, and comfort:* Karl-brother of Judy; *for healing and recovery:* Byron, Judy, Lindsey, Roger- father of Stephanie, Jim, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Karla, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Sophie, Connor, Jaclyn; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Glenda, Linda.

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

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

Baptism – Mason Matthew will be baptized during the 10:45 service today. Mason was born on August 2, 2021 to Matthew & Sondra. His sponsors are Mitchell & Kristen. We welcome Mason into the Lord’s Family!

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter; New Member Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:15 Fellowship Board, 6:00 Trustees, Evangelism; 6:30 School Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday	<i>4th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Sunday School – We are looking for volunteers to teach in the summer. Please consider signing up for a few Sundays. This would also be a great opportunity for your college students who are home for the summer. Materials are provided. There will be a sheet to leave your name and contact information so that Cindy Jones can contact you with more information as the time gets closer. That sheet will be posted by the Fellowship Hall.

Mary Martha will meet at 1:30p.m. on Thursday, May 12th in the church overflow. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us. We will have fellowship, a devotion, dessert and coffee.

Church Garage Sale, June 10th& 11th – Volunteers are needed to help with the garage sale. Duties included: setting up tables on Sunday, sorting and pricing items during the week, working the sale Friday night and Saturday, packing up unsold items, and cleaning up/putting tables away after the sale. Sign-up sheets are posted on the youth bulletin board by the church office. If there are not enough volunteers by Sunday, May 22nd, the garage sale will be canceled. Please contact Kim with any questions.

Round Barn Manor Food Pantry Program – A volunteer is needed to serve as the administrator for this program. (Another church used to run this program but they are no longer able to) Responsibilities include ordering groceries from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank and bringing them to Round Barn once a month. Middle Schoolers from St. John would help set up food products and assist the residents. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school office for more information.

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – Before you start your spring planting, get your \$20 gift card from St. John PTF. Gifts cards can be used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens, do not expire, and will carry a balance if you spend less than \$20. PTF gets 20% from each card sold. 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.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Sunday School – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs Room 4C

4th-5th

Room 1C

K-1st Room 4A

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 2C

High School

Youth Room

New Member Sunday – Today at both services we will have a Reception of New Members who have joined our church through Transfer of Membership & Affirmation of Faith. Our new members are: Christopher, Sandy, Brian, and Jonathan & Amanda with children Madelynn, Sophia, Olivia, Aaron & Noah. Our adult confirmands are Rachel and Tyler. We welcome our new members! Please join us after the 8am service for cake and refreshments.

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and well wishes. It was greatly appreciated.
Mark and Sherry Pettegrew.

Thank you for all of the prayers for Whitney during this time. Ellie and family.

VBS News – We are in need of group leaders for VBS this summer. In this position, they lead the children from one site to the next. Also, we are in need of two preschool teachers. We will be having a VBS planning meeting on May 14th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finalizing plans and seeing what still needs to be ordered. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Sara.

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@stjohns.com if you have any questions. Also, if you do not feel comfortable volunteering 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.

Parking Lot Access – On Tuesday, May 17th, our 2nd -3rd grade students will enjoy a Bike Day at school. To allow a safe place to ride, the entrances from Mattis Ave. and Round Barn Rd. will be closed from 9:30-3:00. The entrance from John St. will remain open, as well as the parking lot in front of the church and school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 Workers of All Kinds –

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (Eph. 6:5–8)

Bible Passage: And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of you sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

Hymn 735 *Have No Fear Little Flock* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 134

Bible Readings for the Week:

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

The Feast of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-13

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

Peter Calls the Crowd to Repentance – Acts 2:22-36

The Life of the Church – Acts 2:37-47