

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023  
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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Jeremy, Dan, Andy, Nick; 10:45 – Chuck, Phil, Mark, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Henry & Ethan; 10:45 – Noah & Jordan.

**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 Bill & Kathy Gay in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *for healing and recovery:* Randy, Lydia, Joyce, Robin, Greg-brother of Joyce, David, Bentley, Herb, Karla, Charlene, 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:* Billy, Joshua, Ben; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lola.

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

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

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; New Member Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Elders; 6:30 School Spring Concert
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 12:00 Ladies Luncheon; 5:45 Midweek School; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 VBS Planning Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion/Confirmation; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Spring Concert** – Join us on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the gym to hear performances by our St. John students.

**Ladies Luncheon** on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. 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.

**VBS Meeting** – We will be having a VBS planning meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**End of the School Year Ceremonies** – Everyone is invited to attend the special programs at the school: K/1 Torch Passing, Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm, Little Lamb Promotion, Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, 8th Grade Graduation, Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. All ceremonies are in the sanctuary.

**Parking Lot Access** – On Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Street will remain open, as well as the parking lot in front of the church and school. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Summer Sunday School** begins June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Room 3C

K-1<sup>st</sup> Room 5B

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Conference Room

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Augie Fuelberth, Amanda Justice, Louis Karosas, and Jeff Schroeder. Our adult confirmands are Jordan Fuelberth and Sam Smith. We welcome our new members!

**Thank You** to Dan W for facilitating the installation of our new coffee machine. We are thankful for your efforts in this project.

**VBS – God’s Living Water – June 19-23 9:00-11:30am** – 1 Timothy 1:14 says, "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." This is the starting place for 'God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace'. Each of the lessons focuses on biblical accounts that emphasize the Living Water, Jesus Christ. Kids will learn about Jesus using all their senses at different sites. These sites provide yummy snacks, energetic games, inquisitive science experiments, clever crafts, and theatric Bible stories. All work together to speak the truth of overflowing grace. Registration is now available for students 3 years old (and potty-trained) through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade at [vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign](http://vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign). If you have any questions, email vbs - at [stjohnls.com](mailto:stjohnls.com).

**VBS** – Volunteers make our VBS a success. Youth (completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 - at - [stjohnls.com](mailto: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.

**Prairie Gardens Gift Cards** – Gift cards will be available this week, in \$25 or \$100 denominations. The gift cards will be sold through the Ram Rebate program so the rebate of 20% can go towards PTF or any church or school account. Stop in the school office and get your cards for your spring planting needs.

**Truth, Goodness and Beauty** – 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 topics include: The Vocation of Elder; The U.S. Constitution & Natural Law; C.F.W. Walther’s Law & Gospel Theses; The Marks of the Church and more. You can listen at your convenience 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 Employers and Supervisors – Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. Eph. 6:9

To Youth – Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6

Bible Passage: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

Hymn 472 *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 134

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus’s House – Luke 19:1-10

Bless Those Who Curse – Matthew 5:33-45

The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37