

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



## St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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### Divine Service II 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 – Bob, Andy, Dan, Todd; 10:45 – John, Mark, Jim, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Jack; 10:45 – Colin & Peter. **Instrumentalists:** Oboe – Lou Ann; Cello – Michael.

**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 in thanksgiving to God for 39 years of marriage on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing, peace, and comfort:* Karl-brother of Judy; *for healing and recovery:* 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:* Allie, Jacob, Ben; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Dot, Esther.

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>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 Finance Board
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Elders; 6:30 School Spring Concert
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's; 1:30 Mary Martha
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 VBS Planning Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

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

**School Spring Concert** – Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm come see our K-8<sup>th</sup> graders perform. Invite your friends and family to hear how musically talented our students are.

**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 number so that Cindy Jones can contact you with more information as the time gets closer. The sign-up sheet will be posted by the Fellowship Hall.

**Parking Lot Access** – On Tuesday, May 17<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 9:30am-3:00pm. 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.

**LWML** will be meeting May 17, 2021, 6:30pm in the Teacher's Lounge with a Bible Study and reports from the LWML CID Convention, Orphan Grain Train, Mission Grant Goals for 2022-2023 and planning for the LWML CID Campaign Zone Fall Rally September 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by St. John Lutheran Church LWML. For information contact Linda.

**Church Garage Sale, June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** – After a two-year hiatus, the Garage Sale is back. Get ready to clean out that closet, clear out the attic, of your unwanted but still in good condition items for the sale. Volunteers are needed to help. To ensure the success of the event, please sign up by Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

## **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

**Vacation Bible School - Friends of Luther June 20-24 9:00-11:30am** – The name Martin Luther may ring a bell, but do you know Elisabeth Cruciger? Phillip Melancthon? And what did they all believe? Come learn as these and other friends of Luther teach the basics of the Christian faith, five of the six chief parts of the Catechism. Students will hear Bible stories, as well as sing songs, make crafts, play games and eat snacks. They will do this while learning about our one true God, and how He is our fortress. Registration is open for children 3 years old (and potty-trained) to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade at <https://vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign>. Any questions, please email vbs - at - stjohlns.com.

**VBS News** – We are in need of two preschool teachers. Please contact Sara if interested. We will also be having a VBS planning meeting on May 14<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.

**Thank you all who donated** to the Orphan Grain Train for Ukrainian People. 47 complete Hygiene Kits, 96 other supplies for the Hygiene Kits, 500 diapers, 25 training panties, 22 medical supply items, and 126 dry foods packages. The items and kits were taken to the LWML CID Convention and loaded on an Orphan Grain Train truck to be shipped to Ukraine.

**St. John Lutheran School** is seeking a part-time music teacher as well as a part-time Spanish teacher for our school. Any interested candidates, please contact Principal Jonathan Kamin.

**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.

**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 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 735 *Have No Fear Little Flock* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 112

Bible Readings for the Week:

Gideon and the Sign of the Fleece – Judges 6:28-40

The Lord Gives Victory to Gideon with 300 Men – Judges 7:1-23