

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

New Member Sunday

May 12, 2024

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

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*\*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 – Mike, Kurt, Mike, Nick; 10:45 – Bryce, Steve, Mike, Matt. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Ethan & Everett; 10:45 – Eli & Nic. **Instrumentalist:** Judy-recorder.

**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 Barb and family in loving memory of Earl, who went to his heavenly home on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Gary & Tricia and family at the death of Gary’s mother Grace; *upcoming surgery:* Cindy; *for healing and recovery:* Mark, Robin, Elena-granddaughter of Steve & Susie, Patty, Jim, Kaylianna, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lavina.

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>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; New Member Sunday; Mother's Day;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Elders
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	1:00 Young Adults Group
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Young Adults Group** will meet on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. All between the ages of 18-40 are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Sara. Also, we are planning on having a summer party on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm in Philo.

**VBS News** – We are in need of a third lead preschool teacher for our Vacation Bible School this summer. All material is provided. If you are interested, please contact Sara

**LWML meeting** Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm in the Church Conference Room. Devotion, Installation of Officers, reports from the 2024 LWML CID Convention, updated LWML CID Missions (Mites) with bookmark, LWML Salad Suppers, Bylaws Update, summer and service opportunities. Please come join us for fun and fellowship in the Lord's Work. Questions contact Linda.

**Parking Lot Access** – On Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**St. John Lutheran School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation** – Everyone is invited to celebrate the Class of Joy as the 2024 graduating class at SJL. The ceremony is on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, with a reception following.

**Dan Yagow Retirement** – After 43 years in the teaching ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Mr. Dan Yagow is retiring at the conclusion of this school year. Members of your church and school community are invited to join us at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Danville, Illinois to mark the occasion. Mr. Yagow will be recognized for his service in the Divine Service on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m. Following the service, a dinner will be served in his honor at 11:30 a.m.

## **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-1<sup>st</sup> Room 5B

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Room 2C

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

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

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

**New Member Sunday** – Today we will have Acknowledgement of our new members who have joined through Transfer of Membership and Affirmation of Faith.

Transfer of Membership – Neal & Alma, Ron & Kathy, Lily w/ children Leo & Evie, Leslie w/ children Stetson & Annalise, Gary & Janet

Affirmation of Faith – Chris

**May Newsletters** have been sent out. If you have requested for it to be emailed to you but do not see it in your Inbox, please check your spam folder. Please fill out the pink newsletter form found on the narthex table indicating how you would like to receive your newsletters in the future. Thank you.

**Midweek**—We are looking for a 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for our Midweek school for the upcoming year. Midweek meets each Wednesday beginning with opening at 5:45pm in the sanctuary, and then meets until 7:00pm. Material would be provided. If you are interested or have questions please contact the church office.

**Open Positions** – St. John has open positions for the 2024-2025 school year posted on our school website under the Employment tab. For more information, please visit our website, [www.stjohnls.com](http://www.stjohnls.com), or contact Mrs. Black at [cblack - at - stjohlns.com](mailto:cblack@stjohnls.com). You are welcome to share these open positions with qualified individuals that you may know as well.

**Vacation Bible School – Clues to Christ – June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 9:00-11:30am** – Come join the case. Just as a detective puts clues together to solve a mystery, we will be looking through various 'clues' in the Bible to see and prove that Jesus is in fact our Savior. Students will do this as well as sing songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. Registration is now available at <https://vbsmate.com/events/stjohnchampaign/28907> for students 3 years old (potty trained) through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Email vbs - at - stjohlns.com with any questions.

**VBS Volunteers** – 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. We also need help with set up on the Saturday before (June 15<sup>th</sup>), as well as tear down on the Friday of the week, following the closing program. There are sign-up sheets for these days as well. Email vbs - at - stjohlns.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.

**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 Widows – The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 1 Timothy 5:5-6

To Everyone – The commandments...are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Romans 13:9

I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Timothy 2:1

Bible Passage: Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. Galatians 2:16

Hymn 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 4

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Plagues – Exodus 8:1–4, 13–25, 32; 9:1–4, 7–35; 10:3–6, 20–29

The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced – Exodus 11:1–10

The Passover Is Instituted – Exodus 12:1–14