

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Confirmation

May 14, 2023

8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
Prelude – (8:00) <i>“It is Well with My Soul”</i>	Alleluia Ringers
(10:45) <i>Prelude on “Bachofen”</i>	
Hymn <i>God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It</i>	594
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	167
*Introit	dated insert
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Hymn <i>Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice</i>	556
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Sermon <i>“Unshakeable”</i> John 14:15-21	
*Apostles’ Creed	175
(8:00) Rite of Confirmation	272
*Prayers	175
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
(8:00) <i>“The King of Love”</i>	Alleluia Ringers
(10:45) <i>“Dear Christians, One and All”</i>	Buxtehude
*Offertory	176
*Service of the Sacrament	177
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*Post Communion Hymn (<i>Good Christian Friends</i>) sts. 1 & 4	475
*Collect and Benediction	183
Postlude – <i>“Nun freut euch”</i>	Bach

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 – Bryce, Kurt, Jeremy, Todd; 10:45 – Jim, Mark, Mike, Harold. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Jack; 10:45 – Eli & Peter. **Instrumentalists:** Karen, Kyle & Kelsey, Sara.

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 Linda in memory of her husband Fred. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for strength, hope and peace:* Earl; *upcoming procedures:* Ellie-daughter of Laran & Erin; *for healing and recovery:* Randy, Lydia, 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 those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Betty, Lavina.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>6th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion/Confirmation; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council; 6:30 LWML
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School
Thursday	<i>Ascension;</i> 6:00 Mixed Choir; 7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday	<i>7th Sunday of Easter;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; Parish Ed

Ascension Service – You are welcome to join us for our Ascension service with Holy Communion on Thursday, May 18th at 7:15pm. There will be no Wednesday service this week.

The LWML Meeting is May 16, 2023, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bible Study/Devotion, Installation of Officers, report of the 2023 LWML CID Convention with photos. Please join us for fun and fellowship in the Lord's Work. Questions contact Cindy

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

Parking Lot Access – On Wednesday, May 24th, 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 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 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 Jones at (217) 369-2568 or c-jones45@hotmail.com.

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. Gift cards should be delivered to the office and available for pick up this week. Stop in the school office and get your cards for your spring planting needs.

SJL Youth Lock-In – All kids entering 6-12th (current 5th graders, that's you) are welcome to join us for a Youth Group Lock-In on Friday, June 2 starting at 6pm. Pickup is Saturday morning at 7am. To signup, use the QR code on the flyer in the hallway or contact Karen. There is no cost for this event. Meals will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Karen Beadle at: Karenjbeadle@yahoo.com or 217-372-6433.

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 th -5 th	Room 3C
K-1 st	Room 5B	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

May Newsletter – The network server for our building crashed earlier this week. Many of our files and documents are inaccessible at this time. Because of this, we were not able to access the files to print out the newsletter labels for mailing. Hard copies of the newsletter can be found on the narthex table. Extras are located in the church office. Pastor Caithamer has also emailed a copy of the

newsletter to his email list. If you are not on his email list and would like to be, please contact the church office.

Network Server – With the server being down, we have limited access to files. This includes all membership information (addresses, phone numbers, etc.) We are working on a solution but will do our best to assist you in the meantime. Thank you for your patience.

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 5th grade at vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign. If you have any questions, email [vbs - at - stjohlns.com](mailto:vbs-at-stjohnls.com).

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 - stjohlns.com](mailto: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 & Outreach – John 14:15-21: At the time that Peter wrote today’s Epistle, Rome was in great need for Jesus Christ. Rome needed people who were truly committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord in their hearts, in their minds, and in their daily lifestyles. Our world needs such people today. Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit to teach our hearts and equip us to defend that which we love. Have you set apart your heart for Jesus Christ and Him alone because He first loved you? Ask the Holy Spirit to create a clean heart in you and then prepare that heart by setting it aside, consecrating it for Jesus Christ as your Lord. Spend time in prayer asking for God to prepare you to share the hope that you have in Christ. And then look out, because God will answer that prayer with people and opportunities. So be bold. Be ready. Be prepared. In this hope, you have the forgiveness of your sin, your future secured, and your love unconditionally realized: Because He lives, you live.

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 691 *Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing* (sts. 1-2)
Psalm 4

Bible Readings for the Week:

Confess Christ: Take Up Your Cross and Follow Him – Matthew
10:32-39

The Rich Young Ruler – Mark 10:17-31

Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty – Luke 23:13-25

Confirmation Class of 2023

Elijah Beadle

Born: July 1, 2009
Baptized: July 12, 2009

Parents: Mike & Karen Beadle
Sponsors: Rev. Josh & Elizabeth Ball

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Nicolas Brauer

Born: August 8, 2008
Baptized: September 14, 2008

Parents: David & Kendra Brauer
Sponsors: Robert & Rebecca Mitchell
Michelle Pinciario

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Lucas Camacho

Born: January 29, 2009
Baptized: May 12, 2012

Parents: Frank & Elizabeth Camacho
Sponsors: Cynthia & Zadok Camacho

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Keegan Ladage

Born: December 13, 2008

Parents: Brent & Christina Ladage
Sponsors: Kelly Hamblin, Kevin Clark
Brandi & Troy Shott

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10c

Donaven Taylor

Born: January 6, 2009
Baptized: July 8, 2009

Parents: Michael & Marissa Taylor
Sponsors: Kwame & Amanda Thomas

But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me. 2 Timothy 4:17a

In Memoriam

Finnegan Brokish

Born: January 8, 2009
Baptized: March 15, 2009

Parents: Jeffrey & Jessica Brokish
Sponsors: Christopher & Margaret Seubert

Prayer in Remembrance of Confirmation

Lutheran Book of Prayer, page 84

O Lord God and Father in heaven, I rejoice that through the waters of Baptism You made me Your own child and by Your grace You have brought me to faith in Christ Jesus. As I remember the day of my confirmation, I rejoice in Your gifts: You have made me Your own, You made me a member of the body of Christ, and by Your grace You have sustained me in the faith with Your Gospel and Sacraments. It is by Your grace that I am able to profess this faith. I pray that You will keep me faithful to my vows to the Church and help me to stand strong in the faith. Help me to receive Your gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation with humility and gratitude. Help me to always rely on the words of Your beloved Son and on His body and blood to sustain me in the faith. Grant all this, so that I may stand before Your throne on the Last Day, redeemed and sanctified, ready to forever feast at the marriage banquet of the Lamb. Amen.