

THE HOLY TRINITY



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8:00am & 10:45am

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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 – Dan, Jeremy, Dan, Nick; 10:45 – Mike, Harold, Chris, Steve. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & Everett; 10:45 – Eli & Eli. **Instrumentalists:** Eli, Everett, Terry, Kelsey, Kyle, 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 Dan & Joanie in Glory to God for their 42nd wedding anniversary on May 29th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *following surgery:* Cindy; *for healing and recovery:* Mark, Robin, 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 those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Gilbert.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>The Holy Trinity</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>Memorial Day; Church & School Closed</i>
Tuesday	6:00 Parish Ed
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion
Friday	6:00 Youth Group
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 4:00 Young Adults Group

The Church & School Offices will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Youth Group will meet on Friday, May 31st beginning at 6:00pm. All students 6th-12th grades, including those that recently completed 5th grade, are welcome to join. Please contact Karen for any questions.

Summer Sunday School begins June 2nd. We want to give our teachers a break for the summer. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall if you would like to volunteer for one or more Sundays. The material will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy

Young Adults Group will be having a summer party on June 2nd at 4:00pm. All between the ages of 18-40 (including college students returning home) are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Sara.

VBS Snack Donations – Donations in the form of snacks and related supplies are needed. Donation request slips have been posted by the Fellowship Hall to assist in obtaining the necessary items for this June's Vacation Bible School. Donated items should be placed in the coat room by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14th. Should you have any questions, please contact Donna E. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School – Clues to Christ – June 17-21 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 5th grade. Email vbs - at - stjohlns.com with any questions.

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-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

VBS Volunteers – 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. We also need help with set up on the Saturday before (June 15th), 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.

LWML Update – Recently, LWML has been able to share donated items, as well as money, to the following places. First, our Cookie Walk of last December brought in \$1,221 dollars in sales. This money was distributed at \$600 each to our school and to the Lutheran Hour Ministries Booth at the State Fair. In addition, a total of 51 boxes of donated items and \$1622 were given to Pregnancy Resources of which you were a part. LWML thanks you for continuing to contribute in these important causes.

Midweek—We are looking for a 6th/7th 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.stjohlns.com, or contact Mrs. Black at [cblack - at - stjohlns.com](mailto:cblack@stjohlns.com). You are welcome to share these open positions with qualified individuals that you may know as well.

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 2nd, 9:30 a.m. Following the service, a dinner will be served in his honor at 11:30 a.m.

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:

Review: Apostle's Creed

The First Article – Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article – Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Bible Passage: But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." Mark 10:14–15

Psalm 100