

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service III 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 – Todd, Dave, Rex, Bob; 10:45 – Nick, Matt, Jim, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Jack; 10:45 – Colin & Kai.

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 celebration and thanksgiving to God for their 40th wedding anniversary today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace, hope, and comfort:* Kenneth-father of Jill, Bill-brother of Jim; *for healing and recovery:* Charlene, Karl-brother of Judy, Judy, Lindsey, Roger- father of Stephanie, Jim, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Karla, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Betty, Lavina.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</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	10:00 Adult Bible Class
Wednesday	7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday	<i>Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

The Church and School Offices will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

Garage Sale, June 10-11 is Canceled – Sincerest thank you's to everyone who volunteered. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated. The event is a very large undertaking, requiring a lot of help and there wasn't enough people signed up for set up/clean up.

Sunday School News – We would like to acknowledge and thank our faithful Sunday School Teachers for the year. Pam, Sara, Stephanie, Katie, Karen, Bill, and Don. Their willingness and flexibility were a blessing.

Office Hours – The Church Office's summer hours will be 10am-2pm starting May 31st. The School Office will not have regular office hours. If you need to get in touch with the School Office staff for any reason over the summer, please call the school office at (217) 359-1714. Messages will be checked regularly. You may also reach them through email at [kschmidt - at - stjohnls.com](mailto:kschmidt-at-stjohnls.com).

Round Barn Manor Food Pantry Program Update – An administrator has been found. We are in need of extra helpers to pick up the order at the food bank once a month. In the past, the order would fill two minivans or similar size vehicles. Please consider helping on a monthly or on a rotating basis. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school office for more information.

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – There are only a few cards left. Gift 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. Gift cards are available now in the school office.

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 at [jkamin - at - stjohlns.com](mailto:jkamin@stjohnls.com).

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 5B

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 2C

High School

Youth Room

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.

Housing Sponsor – One of our former members, Clara (daughter of John & Jennie) will be interning with Keith Williams at Buzard Pipe Organ Builders in June. She is seeking a place to stay in Champaign during the last week of June. Clara is asking if any St. John family might be able to offer a place to stay.

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 5th grade at <https://vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign>. Any questions, please email [vbs - at - stjohlns.com](mailto:vbs@stjohnls.com).

VBS Donation Requests have now been posted on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. Various items are needed to provide snacks for each day of VBS during the week of June 20th. Please use the donation slips provided for requests and return your donated items to the coat room by June 17th, 2022. Please contact Donna, with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Solid, Serious, Substantive – 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 Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Southern Baptist Convention; Harold Frank's WWII Story of Faith & Courage; Rep. Nancy Pelosi Denied Communion by an Archbishop; The Mind of Christ and more. You can listen at your convenience at 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:

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: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:17

Psalm 8