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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 – Dave, Dan, Rex & Todd; 10:45 – John, Harold, Bob & Jim. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Makenzie & Charlie; 10:45 – Peter & Chris.

**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 thanksgiving for their many blessings during 39 years of marriage on May 29<sup>th</sup>. We remember the following people in our prayers: *upcoming surgery:* Sherry; *for healing and recovery:* Leslie, Gilbert, Joyce, Rick, Brian, Paul, Larry, Teresa, Cindy, Barbara, Maelynn, Lilly, Karla, Pastor Ehlers, Aidan, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Billy, Kyle, Joshua; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick Finke/ Army/ NY, CPT Taylor Carmichael/Army/ South Korea, LCDR Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Mavis, Esther.

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

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

**Introit** – Everyone will sing the Antiphon together, and then Pastor will sing the first Psalm verse. The congregation will sing the second Psalm verse and we will continue in alternation until all the Psalm verses have been sung. Everyone then sings the *Gloria Patri* and Antiphon together.

<p><b>Voter’s Meeting</b> – There will be a special Voter’s Meeting to discuss a call for the Principal position on June 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:45 service.</p>
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### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>Holy Trinity;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Memorial Day; Church &amp; School Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:15 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees, Evangelism; 6:30 School Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after 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 31<sup>st</sup> for Memorial Day.

**Office Hours** – The Church Office’s summer hours will be 10am-2pm starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. The School Office will be closed for the summer. Please call the school and leave a message (217) 359-1714 or email Kim for any questions. Messages will be checked regularly.

**Greeters** – The greeters are returning. If you would like to be a greeter before either service, please sign-up. The sign-up is located in the overflow by the flower chart.

**Vacation Bible School 2021** – God’s Wonder Lab - June 21-25, 9-11:30am - A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus’ ministry, He did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. At God’s Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. This year, registration will be limited. Register early to reserve your spot. Registration is open for children 3 years old (and toilet trained) to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*. At this time, masks will be optional for all participants. Cannot wait to see you there. Register online at [www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign](http://www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign). E-mail vbs -at- [stjohnls.com](mailto:stjohnls.com), if you have any questions.

**VBS Donation Sheets** are on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall. Please consider grabbing one or more to help out. Email Sara or call Donna. Thank you.

**VBS Volunteers** – We are still in need of three leader roles to be filled for Vacation Bible School. Those are: two group leaders for the K-5th grade groups, and then a preschool teacher. If you are interested in serving as one of these, please speak with Sara.

**Summer Sunday School** begins Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. All classes including 3’s, 4’s, and K will meet in the Sanctuary June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> for opening before class.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Room
K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 6B (Art Room)	High School	Youth Room
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 5B (Computer Lab)		

We look forward to seeing everyone. We are still looking for teachers. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. Materials for the lessons are supplied. Questions call or email Cindy.

### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

### **Epistle Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." <sup>29</sup> "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.'" <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

### **Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> 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.

## **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 Apostles' 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.

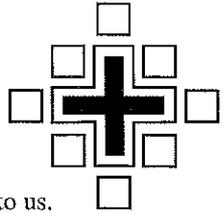
*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies 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

# The Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.  
I have set the Lord always be- | fore me;\*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;\*  
my flesh also | dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\*  
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;\*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures  
for- | evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL**      *Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.

## DAILY READINGS

**May 30:** Num. 35:9–30; Luke 24:28–53; **31:** Eccl. 8:1–17; John 9:1–23; **June 1:** Eccl. 9:1–17; John 9:24–41; 2: Eccl. 10:1–20; John 10:1–21; **3:** Eccl. 11:1–10; John 10:22–42; **4:** Eccl. 12:1–14; John 11:1–16; **5:** Prov. 1:8–33; John 11:17–37.

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