

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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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. Robert Frank. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Todd, Dave, Dan, Kendall; 10:45 – Bob, Nick, Harold, Jim. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Makenzie & Bill; 10:45 – Kai & Peter.

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 Ron & Carol in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 7th. We remember the following people in our prayers: *in thanksgiving:* Norman & Patricia 60th wedding anniversary (parents of Rick); *for peace and comfort:* The family of Paul Kerkhoff following his death; *following surgery:* Sherry; *for healing and recovery:* Leslie, Gilbert, Joyce, Rick, Brian, 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:* Isabelle, Erin, Sophie; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Gaylord, Geneice.

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>Voter’s Meeting Today – There will be a special Voter’s Meeting to discuss a call for the Principal Position immediately following the 10:45 service.</p>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sunday	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Summer Sunday School begins today. All classes including 3's, 4's, and K will meet in the Sanctuary June 6th and June 13th for opening before class.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	6 th -7 th	Conference Room
K-2 nd	Room 6B (Art Room)	High School	Youth Room
3 rd -5 th	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.

Office Hours – The Church Office's summer hours will be 10am-2pm. 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 5th 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. E-mail vbs - at - 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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,

 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel.”

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of

glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ^{5:1} For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—
³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³ And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”
³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

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 Second Article – Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

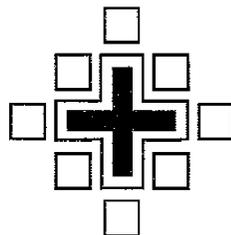
What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Bible Passage: For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Galatians 3:26-27

Psalm 91

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INTROIT *Ps. 28:7–9; antiphon: Ps. 28:6*

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,
and | I am helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your | heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

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 LORD!*

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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

June 6: Prov. 3:5–24; John 11:38–57; **7:** Prov. 4:1–27; John 12:1–19; **8:** Prov. 5:1–23; John 12:20–36a; **9:** Prov. 8:1–21; John 12:36b–50; **10:** Prov. 8:22–36; John 13:1–20; **11:** Prov. 9:1–18; John 13:21–38; **12:** Prov. 10:1–23; John 14:1–17.

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