



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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Divine Service I

**stand as you are able*

Opening Hymn – *With High Delight Let Us Unite*

- 1 With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, all bear your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free forever, He
Is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first from death has burst forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be like victory
O'er death and grave," saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.
- 3 Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love give us above,
From misery and death set free, All joy and full consolation.

*Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*INTROIT (dated insert)

*KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is spoken.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day “*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*”

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav’nly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry, To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul’s anointing from above.
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold, We God’s almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim To all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev’ry thought impart, And shed Your love in ev’ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- Δ7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

SERMON “*An Essential Teaching*” Matthew 28:16-20

*CREED

The Athanasian Creed (*spoken by whole verse*)

1 Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

2 Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

3 And the catholic faith is this,

4 that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

5 For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

6 But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one; the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

7 Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

8 the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

9 the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

10 the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

11 And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

12 just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

13 In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

14 and yet there are not three Almightyes, but one Almighty.

15 So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

16 and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

17 So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

18 and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

19 Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

20 The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

21 The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

22 The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

23 Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

24 And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

25 but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

26 Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

27 But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the
incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

28 Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

29 He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man,
born from the substance of His mother in this age:

30 perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

31 equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His
humanity.

32 Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

33 one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of
the humanity into God;

34 one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

35 For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

36 who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the
dead,

37 ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from
whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

38 At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account
concerning their own deeds.

39 And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done
evil into eternal fire.

40 This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be
saved.

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Collect

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy*

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory man not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Videographer: Lou Ann

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort*: Starley and family at the death of son Philip; *for healing and recovery*: Tom, Linda, Deb-sister of Pam, Jan, Opal, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jim, John, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett-cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica-granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan-mother of Bill, Judy-mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy-father of Anne, Dan-brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for successful treatments*: Earl, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Phyllis, Mavis, Geneice.

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; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 Finance Board
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday	<i>Second Sunday After Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 10:45 Holy Communion

Offerings – As you have supported St. John with your tithes and offerings before, it is important to continue doing so, even now, as you are able. Your offerings can still be brought directly to the church from 10-2 each day. An offering plate and box are located on the counter in front of you as you enter. You can also mail your offerings to the church, though our treasurer reminds us not to send cash. We are also now able to receive contributions to St. John electronically. PayPal, Venmo, Google Pay, and Amazon Payments are all available. You do need to have an account with the service you choose. When asked, you can send your electronic contributions to this email address: contributions - at - [stjohn-lcms.org](mailto:contributions@stjohn-lcms.org) . And of course you can still have your bank transfer funds directly to St. John for your offering purposes.

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members’ email addresses to communicate with the congregation. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

Online Bible Study Options – Pastor Caithamer recorded a new Bible study. You can listen to it from our website at stjohn-lcms.org, click on “Sunday morning Adult Bible Class”. Or you can go directly to stjohnbibleclass.org. Previous Bible Classes can also be found there.

Note of Thanks – My thanks to Pastor and all in the congregation for their prayers, cards, telephone calls, texts, and support for my son, Phil, during his illness with cancer. We are all members of a beautiful church family who support each other in time of need. Again, my thanks and gratitude to everyone. Your sister in Christ,
Starley

New Church Photo Directory Dates: We have rescheduled the church photo directory for the following dates: August 4 and 5, 18, 19, and 20 and 31; September 1. More information will be shared in future bulletins and newsletters.

Available – If you are in need, several home-made masks have been donated to the church and school and are on the narthex table. Adult and children sizes are available.

Food Pantry – Our food pantry is running low on some items. Donations of the following would be very much appreciated: jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned tuna. Please purchase normal sizes as many who come for food are pedestrians.

Keys and Fobs – Please turn your keys and fobs into the church office if your serving time has concluded so we have enough to distribute to incoming officers.

St. John Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School 2020 – At Rainforest Explorers, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and in life. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He will never leave us. Plans for VBS are being discussed. When a decision is made and a date is set, an announcement will be made.

St. John Arts & Crafts Fair – 2nd Annual, coming October 24th, 2020. More information about reserving booth space and other details will be available soon. Contact the school office with any questions.

St. John Golf Outing – U of I Golf Course, Saturday, September 26th. We will have more information, including registration forms, available in August.

Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused - 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 teachings include: The Person of Christ; The Book of

James; Examination of Communicants & Closed Communion; The Return of Christ; and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Hear God's Word For You Through Worship Anew - Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. Each Sunday WCIX television channel 49 carries the broadcast at 7:30am and Direct TV channel 377 carries it Sundays at 10:30am. On the internet the service is available at any time by visiting WorshipAnew.org.

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 Creed

The Second Article - 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

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Advice of Jethro, the Father-in-Law of Moses – Exodus 18:1-27

Israel Encamps at Mount Sinai – Exodus 19:1-25

The Lord Gives the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20:1-21

The Lord Makes His Covenant with Israel – Exodus 23:20-24:8

Genesis 1:1-2:4 English Standard Version (ESV)

The Creation of the World

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse^[a] in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** And God made^[b] the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse Heaven.^[c] And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth,^[d] and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants^[e] yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons,^[f] and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. **16** And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds^[g] fly above the earth across the expanse of the

heavens." **21** So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. **25** And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man^[h] in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **29** And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **2** And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

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These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Acts 2:14 English Standard Version (ESV)

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

14 But 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.

Acts 2:22-36 English Standard Version (ESV)

22 “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 — **23** this Jesus,[a] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. **25** 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;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

29 “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.

30 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, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

33 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. **34** For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,

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until I make your enemies your footstool.”

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Matthew 28:16-20 ESV

The Great Commission

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Introit

Psalm 16:8-11 read in unison.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity, let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being[a] rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.[b]

11 You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity, let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

