

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Tony. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Kurt, Dan, Nick; 10:45 – Harold, Phil, Mike, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Henry & Bill; 10:45 – Jordan & Keegan.

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 Sara and Ryan in honor and remembrance of their grandparents. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Lavina and family at the death of granddaughter Hannah; *for healing and recovery:* Nina, Ellie, Lydia, Robin, Greg, David, Bentley, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Betty, 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>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
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 has begun. We want to give our teachers a break for the summer. We are in need of teachers for June 18th (3-5) and June 25th (Preschool). The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office. The material will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy

Office Hours – The Church Office’s summer hours are 10am-2pm. 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 - stjohlns.com](mailto:kschmidt@stjohnls.com).

VBS – God’s Living Water – June 19-23 9:00-11:30am – 1 Timothy 1:14 says, "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." This is the starting place for 'God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace'. Each of the lessons focuses on biblical accounts that emphasize the Living Water, Jesus Christ. Kids will learn about Jesus using all their senses at different sites. These sites provide yummy snacks, energetic games, inquisitive science experiments, clever crafts, and theatric Bible stories. All work together to speak the truth of overflowing grace. Registration is now available for students 3 years old (and potty-trained) through completed 5th grade at vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign. If you have any questions, email [vbs - at - stjohlns.com](mailto:vbs@stjohnls.com).

VBS Donations – Donation slips have been posted requesting a variety of items needed for this year’s VBS. Items are to be placed in the coat room by June 15th. Should you require further information or have any questions regarding the requests, please contact Sara. Thank you.

VBS – 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. 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.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Sunday School – Summer Sunday School has begun. Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. Preschool will meet in their room for opening. Parents, please note the room changes.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-2nd Room 2C

3rd-5th Room 1C

6th&7th

High School

Help with Younger Grades

Youth Room

Network Server – With our server being down, we have limited access to files. This includes all membership information (addresses, phone numbers, etc.) We are working on a solution and will do our best to assist you in the meantime. Thank you for your patience.

June Newsletter – Due to our server being down, the June newsletter will not be mailed out. The Newsletter can be found on our website stjohlns.org and hard copies are available on the narthex table. If you are included in Pastor’s email list, the newsletter has been emailed as well. If you are not on Pastor’s email list but would like to be, please let the church office know. Thank you.

Keys & Fobs – Those who are no longer on a board or in need of their keys or fobs, please return them to the church office. Thank you.

Open School Positions - St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool are seeking a Middle School Math/Science Teacher, Classroom Aides, and After School Care Assistants for the 2023-2024 school year. These are wonderful opportunities for qualified individuals to be a part of a team impacting the lives of students for Christ through education. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Cheryl Black, Principal, at cblack - at stjohlns.com. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.

Witness & Outreach – Matthew 9:9-13: Who doesn’t like a test drive? Our Lord would like us to test drive “Mercy.” The Pharisees had it in mind that Jesus came to celebrate the healthy, rather than to seek out the sick. With the calling of Matthew to follow Jesus, we are encouraged that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. We pray for Jesus to give us a heart that breaks for the lost, that yearns for the hurting, that aches for the weak, and that doesn’t seek to give others what they deserve, but instead gives them love and grace. That’s how a new friend, Matthew, was found. How many friends can be found today by test driving “Mercy” rather than giving the world what it deserves? Try mercy today. Have a wonderful week in the Lord answering His call to share mercy in His name.

LWML Convention – The LWML 40th Biennial Convention is to be held in Milwaukee, WI on June 22-25. Linda T and Linda K will be participating in the Mission Pledge Walk. All donations will support the 2023-2025 Mission Grants. Make checks payable to LWML and in the memo line, write WALK. Place your donation in the LWML drop box, located on the narthex table. Thank you for your support.

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: The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction – Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Bible Passage: “For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” Mark 3:35

Psalm 119:153-160