

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 2021  
8:00am & 10:45am



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**  
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
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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 – Bob, Dan, Todd, Rex; 10:45 – Bob, Chris Matthews, Matt, John, **Ushers:** 8:00 – Charlie & Jack; 10:45 – Noah & Bryce. **Greeter:** 8:00– Joanie.

**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 & Allison in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* The family of Opal following her death; *for upcoming surgery:* Susan; *for healing and recovery:* Cynthia, Sherry, 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:* Connor, Ben, Rachel; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Alice.

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

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

**Installation of Officers** - Today in both services we will have the installation of new and returning officers of the congregation. Our congregation thanks everyone for their service current and past. For officers whose terms have concluded we ask that you return your fobs and keys to the church office so we have enough for the upcoming officers. Thank you.

**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>Special Voter’s Meeting</b> – There will be a special Voter’s Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss a call for teaching positions immediately following the 10:45 service.</p>
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## OUR WEEK AHEAD

<b>Today</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Meet & Greet Reception, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion		
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 Finance Board		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council		
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:15 Holy Communion		
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion		

**Adult Bible Class** – There will be no Adult Bible Class today. Please join us for a Meet and Greet Reception for Mr. Sato in the Fellowship Hall.

**Summer Sunday School** – All classes including 3's, 4's, and K will meet in the Sanctuary 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 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 - Limited space is still available in some classes. Register online at [www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign](http://www.vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign) now to reserve your spot. E-mail vbs - at - [stjohnls.com](http://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 a few leader roles to be filled for Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in serving as one of these, please speak with Sara

**Tuesday Adult Bible Class** will be cancelled June 22<sup>nd</sup> for the week of VBS.

**Old Testament Reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup> And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup> And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**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 Lord's Prayer

The Introduction – Our Father who art in heaven.

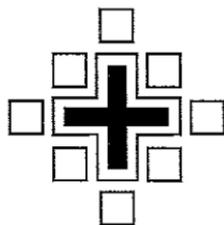
*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Bible Passage: Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

Psalm 119:153-160

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**INTROIT**      *Ps. 92:12–15; antiphon: Ps. 92:1*

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
The righteous flourish like the | palm tree\*  
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house | of the LORD;\*  
they flourish in the courts | of our God.  
They still bear fruit in | old age;\*  
they are ever full of | sap and green,  
to declare that the LORD is | upright;\*  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

**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.**

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 13:** Prov. 13:1–25; John 14:18–31; **14:** Prov. 14:1–27; John 15:1–11; **15:** Prov. 15:1–29; John 15:12–27; **16:** Prov. 16:1–24; John 16:1–16; **17:** Prov. 17:1–28; John 16:17–33; **18:** Prov. 20:5–25; John 17:1–26; **19:** Prov. 22:1–21; John 18:1–14.

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