

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:00am & 10:45am



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Post Communion Canticle (*sung to “Hyfrydol”*) –

Praise to God, eternal Father! Praise to Christ our Savior King!

Praise the Spirit sanctifying! Three in One, let praises ring!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Our great Master we adore!

All things from Him, through Him, to Him; His the glory evermore!

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 – Kurt, Dan, Jim, Bob; 10:45 – Chris, Steve, Chuck, Phil. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Louis; 10:45 – Jordan & Noah.

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 Mark & Sherry in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary on June 21st. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Jim, Cindy, Mark, Robin, Patty, Jim, Kaylianna, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, 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>4th Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ; 9:00 Vacation Bible School (6/17-6/21)
Tuesday	6:00 Council
Wednesday	7:15 Holy Communion
Friday	6:00 Youth Group
Sunday	<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class will not meet this week due to VBS. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, June 25th, at 10:00am.

Vacation Bible School – Clues to Christ – June 17-21 9:00-11:30am – Come join the case. Just as a detective puts clues together to solve a mystery, we will be looking through various 'clues' in the Bible to see and prove that Jesus is in fact our Savior. Students will do this as well as sing songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. Registration is now available at <https://vbsmate.com/events/stjohnchampaign/28907> for students 3 years old (potty trained) through completed 5th grade. Please Email vbs - at - stjohlns.com with any questions.

Youth Group – Our next youth event will be Friday, June 21st from 6-9pm at the church. Tons of fun, food, and deep conversation about God's Word. To join our email list for reminders and announcements, email: karen All youth grades 6 and up are welcome. Bring a friend.

LWML Update – Recently, LWML has been able to share donated items, as well as money, to the following places. First, our Cookie Walk of last December brought in \$1,221 dollars in sales. This money was distributed at \$600 each to our school and to the Lutheran Hour Ministries Booth at the State Fair. In addition, a total of 51 boxes of donated items and \$1622 were given to Pregnancy Resources of which you were a part. LWML thanks you for continuing to contribute to these important causes.

Stewardship Corner – 1 Peter 4:10 – "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." The grace, the gifts, the blessings — they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So, we listen to His Word, pray for His wisdom and receive His grace.

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	6 th &7 th	Help with Younger Grades
K-2 nd	Art Room	High School	Youth Room
3 rd -5 th	Room 4B		

Summer Sunday School – We want to give our teachers a break for the summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall if you would like to volunteer for one or more Sundays. The material is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Jones at c-jones45@hotmail.com or (217) 369-2568.

Summer Office Hours – The Church Office summer hours are 10:00am-2:00pm. The school office will not have regular office hours during the summer. 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 us through email at kschmidt - at - stjohlns.com.

Midweek – We are looking for a 6th/7th grade teacher for our Midweek school for the upcoming year. Midweek meets each Wednesday beginning with opening at 5:45pm in the sanctuary, and then meets until 7:00pm. Material would be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the church office.

New Role for Mrs. Block – The school is excited to announce that Mrs. Faith Block will be serving as the Elementary Teacher for grades 4 and 5 for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Block has served in various capacities at St. John, and we are pleased to have her continue to excel in this new role.

Open Positions – St. John Lutheran School has the following part-time, open positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Middle School Math Teacher, After School Care Coordinator, and Athletic Director. We are always in need of Substitute Teachers as well. For details, please visit the Employment tab of our school website (www.stjohlns.com) or contact Mrs. Black at cblack - any - stjohlns.com. You are welcome to share these open positions with qualified individuals that you may know.

Applications for Enrollment – St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb is still accepting applications for the 2024-20205 school year. Please refer any interested families to the school website, www.stjohnls.com, or the school office, 217-359-1714, for more information.

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 First Petition – Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition - Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Bible Passage: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.
Psalm 103:1—3

Psalm 119:137—144