

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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Divine Service IV with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

Prelude – “ <i>In God, my Faithful God</i> ” Berthier, Buxtehude, Pachelbel	
Hymn <i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	717
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	203
*Introit	dated insert
*Kyrie	204
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Epistle Reading	
*Alleluia and Verse	205
*Holy Gospel Reading	
*Apostles’ Creed	207
Hymn <i>Evening and Morning</i>	726
Sermon “ <i>The Patience of God, not Job</i> ” Mark 4:35-41	
*Prayers	207
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
“ <i>Chorale</i> ”	Moore
*Service of the Sacrament	208
Communion Hymns – 745, 718, (714), 722	
* Post Communion Canticle	below
*Post-Communion Collect	212
*Benedicamus and Benediction	212

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 – Bob, Dan, Mike, Nick; 10:45 – Chuck, Phil, Mike, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett Carlson & Ethan Uken; 10:45 – Keegan & Eli. **Instrumentalist:** Lou Ann.

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 Rex & Cindy in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary on June 14th, and Erin’s birthday on June 19th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *upcoming surgery:* Betty; *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:* Geneice, Lavina.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed
Wednesday	7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday	<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

VBS Thank You – A huge thank you to everyone who was involved with the VBS process. Whether you helped during the week, gave monetary or snack donations, or even just prayed, you helped make this a great time. It's such a blessing to be at a congregation who is willing to give in so many ways toward the sharing of God's word with the children who were in attendance. Offering donations collected will be sent to Orphan Grain Train.

Key Fob Updates – This upcoming week, the updates to our security system, fob system, and cameras are beginning. Our new company will start with the security system and then move to the fob system starting July 1st. The old fobs will stop working on Wednesday, July 3rd. If you need to get into the building, please use the front church entrance. If you currently have a fob, or are on a board and need a fob, the new fobs will be available beginning July 5th (10am-2pm). When you come to pick up your fob, please bring any keys that you have in your possession so that we can update our records. Any questions, please call or email the church office.

Thank You for the prayers and cards over the last few months. Mark

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.

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.

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 - at - 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.stjohlns.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 Third Petition – Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Bible Passage: "...For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jeremiah 31:34b

Psalm 65