

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY - Organist: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Stephen, Dan, Rex & Dave; 10:45 – Terry, Joe, Larry & Jeremy. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Olivia. **Greeters:** 10:45 – Linda.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by Mark & Sherry in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary on June 21st. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Chris, Norm, Jan, Michael -son of Karen, Judy, Cindy -daughter in law of Bob & Joan, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan -brother of Bonnie; Bruce, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Ellie, Stephen -son of Ken, Dale -brother in law of Ellie, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for successful treatments:* Dan - father of Beth, Philip -son of Starley, Johnny -son in law of Letty, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Nick, Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Betty, Geneice, Esther, Mavis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Summer Sunday School – For the summer all students who have completed 1st – 7th grade, and teachers will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am. Preschool (3/4yrs.) & Kindergarten students will have their opening in Room 4C.

3/4yrs. - K	Room 4C
1 st - 3 rd	Room 2C
4 th - 7 th	Room 4A
High School	Youth Room

Summer Sunday School – We are in need of volunteers to teach. All the material is provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board. Please consider choosing a date or two. Thank you for your help.

Keys & Fobs – All outgoing officers of the congregation need to turn in their keys and fobs so that we are able to distribute them to the incoming officers. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Summer Hours – The Church Office will be open 10am to 2pm during the week. Pastor Caithamer will be available in his office during regular office hours Monday through Thursday for all Pastoral needs. He will not be available to let people in the building before 10 or after 2, so if you will need access to the building during that time, please contact the church office about obtaining a key fob. The School Office summer hours will be 8am to 11am.

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – PTF is selling \$10 gift cards. 20% is received back for each card sold. There are cards still available in the school office.

The Faith Once for All Delivered to the Saints – 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: Modern Feminism, The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, The Prophet Jeremiah, 5th Century Archbishop Cyril of Alexandria, 2nd Century Bishop Irenaeus of Lyons and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Stewardship Corner – Jesus' followers were called disciples. Their discipleship began when Jesus called and they responded. A disciple of Jesus is a person who passionately follows Him in order to learn from Him and become like Him. John wrote, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples..." (8:31). Jesus is telling us that discipleship means that we accept all of his teaching and that we remain faithful to it. Being a disciple and making disciples is at the heart of Jesus' ministry. We can make disciples only when we are disciples.

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; 6:30 Stewardship; 7:00 Youth Group
Wednesday	<i>Building will be closed until 5pm</i> ; 6:00 Summer Book Club; 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

Men's Softball – Please come out and cheer for our Men's Softball team. Their next game is tomorrow night at 6:15pm, Dodds Park-Field #2.

The Church & School will be closed Wednesday, June 27th, due to all day alarm testing. Summer Book Club will still meet at 6pm as well as the 7:15pm Wednesday worship service.

July 4th – There will be no Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, July 4th.

The July E.A.T. Night will be at Potbelly, on 501 E. Green Street, Monday, July 9th from 5pm-8pm. Remember to bring the flier to make sure that 25% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School.

Summer Book Club – Come join us for an enlightening read of 'Has American Christianity Failed' by Bryan Wolfmueller. Let Cassandra or Jenny know if you are interested in participating. We started meeting last Wednesday and are meeting Wednesdays through August 29th in the Teacher's Lounge.

Save The Date: LERT Training – September 22nd we will be hosting a LERT training session. We need at least 20 people to sign up in order for this event to happen. Look for future announcements for more information.

Fire Alarm Project – The components needed for final approval are awaiting installation before we can obtain the final approval by the city in the near future. The final cost of this will be approximately \$88K, and the congregation has donated nearly \$36K towards this project. The Trustees would like to thank those who have donated time and/or finances so far.

St. John Lutheran Church has been given permission to sell CD's and flash drives of the 150th anniversary book, "A History of Saint John Lutheran Church Champaign Illinois." The CD is priced at \$1 and the flash drive for \$2. If you wish to have this complete e-copy of the 150th anniversary book, please contact the church office.

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 First Petition – Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, 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