

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:00am & 10:45am



## St. John Lutheran Church and School

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### Divine Service IV with Holy Communion Page *\*stand as you are able*

Prelude – Hymn Sing	
<b>Hymn</b> <i>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	<b>750</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	203
*Introit	dated insert
*Kyrie	204
*Gloria in Excelsis	204
*Salutation & Collect	205
First Reading	
Gradual	dated insert
Epistle Reading	
*Alleluia and Verse	205
*Holy Gospel Reading	
*Apostles' Creed	207
<b>Hymn</b> <i>From God Can Nothing Move Me</i>	<b>713</b>
Sermon <i>"Facing Our Fears with Faith"</i>	Matthew 10:21-33
*Prayers	207
Gathering of Tithes and Offering <i>"Von Gott will ich nicht Lassen"</i>	
*Service of the Sacrament	208
<b>Communion Hymns – 545, 427, 744</b>	
*Nunc Dimittis	211
*Post-Communion Collect	212
*Benedicamus and Benediction	212
Postlude – <i>"Wer nur den lieben Gott"</i>	Bach

**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. Bob Frank. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Mike, Dan, Bryce, Nick; 10:45 – Harold, Chris, Dan, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Alex & Everett; 10:45 – Peter & 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 Thom & Lynne in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Sherry; *for healing and recovery:* Ellie, Lydia, Robin, Greg, David, Bentley, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Rod, Dan, Nancy Freeman, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Linda.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

**Today**            *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;* 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Tuesday**        6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board

**Wednesday**    7:15 Holy Communion

**Saturday**       9:00 Playground Mulch Spreading

**Sunday**         *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;* 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class** will not meet this week. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am.

**Hymn Sing** – Thank you to everyone who requested favorite hymns to be part of our hymn sing prelude this morning.

**If you are in need** of any spiritual help while Pastor Caithamer is away, please contact Nick

**Playground Mulch Spreading** – Please consider helping us spread new woodchip for the playground on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Woodchip will be in piles on the playground and just need to be spread out evenly. Come by yourself or bring the whole family to help make the work go quickly. \*Please bring your own rake and/or shovel.\* Thank you.

**SJL Youth** – Join us for dinner, games, devotion and teen hangout time at church from 6-9pm on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Friends are always welcome. Upcoming Youth Group dates include: July 21<sup>st</sup> & August 18<sup>th</sup>. We are also having a pool party at Indian Acres on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

**Witness & Outreach** – Matthew 10:5a, 21-33: God has told us to claim His promises and stand firmly upon them. In today's Gospel we hear, "He who stands firm (or endures) to the end will be saved." God's promises equip us with endurance. Want to make the world a better place? Share a promise from God. The Holy Spirit creates the faith to trust this promise and take God at His Word. As we do, we endure, stand strong, and stand up to the evil, the fearsome challenges, the burdensome tasks. Thanks be to God for His promises.

**Unanswered Bible Questions** – Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmuehler and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

### **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** – led by Pastor Frank 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Room 2C

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Room 1C

6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup>

High School

Help with Younger Grades

Youth Room

**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.

**Sunday School Teachers Needed** – We want to give our teachers a break for the summer. We are still in need of teachers to fill a few spots in July. 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 J.

**Ladies of the Church** – The summer issue of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly has arrived. These are available to anyone, so pick up your copy of it or any of the previous issues, from the table in the narthex. You will find a Bible study, interesting articles from other LWML zones, and feature stories. Linda Kovell

**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@stjohnls.com](mailto:cblack@stjohnls.com). Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.

**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.

**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.

**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@stjohnls.com](mailto:kschmidt@stjohnls.com).

**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 our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Psalm 65