

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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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 – Andy, Bob, Dan, Kurt; 10:45 – Chris, Chuck, Steve, Mike. **Ushers:** 8:00 – AJ & Lucas; 10:45 – Peter & Eli.

Instrumentalists: Everett, Terry, Sara, Randy.

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 47th wedding anniversary on June 24th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *following 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:* Betty, Linda.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>6th 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; 5:15 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees, School Board
Wednesday	7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	<i>Church & School Closed</i>
Sunday	<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Church & School Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.

Security Updates have begun. Our new company has started with the security system and then should be moving to the fob system starting tomorrow. 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. If you can't come between 10am-2pm, please let the church office know and we can schedule a better time for you. Any additional questions, please call or email the church office.

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.

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

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](mailto:kschmidt-stjohns.com).

Applications for Enrollment – St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb is still accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Please refer any interested families to the school website, www.stjohnls.com, or the school office, 217-359-1714, for more information.

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.

Sunday School – We are looking for a new Sunday School superintendent. This position includes recruiting teachers, ordering materials, and being around on Sundays during the Sunday School hour. Cindy Jones will assist the new superintendent to order materials for the upcoming fall term. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

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, and After School Care Coordinator. We are always in need of Substitute Teachers as well. For details, please visit the Employment tab of our school website (www.stjohnls.com) or contact Mrs. Black at cblack@stjohnls.com. You are welcome to share these open positions with qualified individuals that you may know.

Stewardship Corner – Can we say that there is no such thing as a selfish or stingy Christian? Isn't selfish and Christian a contradiction of terms, since Christian implies giving? In His life on earth, Christ modeled the life of giving, and, through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become more like Christ. Filled with God's love, we demonstrate our gratitude to Him for His love, grace, and mercy through our giving. It is aptly said, "We can give without loving, but we can't love without giving." May God grant us loving hearts so that we become the givers that He wants us to be.

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 Fourth Petition – Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Bible Passage: ...and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4

Psalm 119:57–64