

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:00am & 10:45am



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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: Eli Beadle. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt, Jim, Andy, Nick; 10:45 – Steve, Bob, Bryce, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & AJ; 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 Donna in celebration of Stephen and Margaret’s birthdays. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Don & Shirley at the death of Shirley’s brother Roger Busch, the friends and family of Leona Schultz at her death; *for healing and recovery:* Danny-brother of Fawn, Betty, 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>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	6:00 Elders, School Board
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's
Sunday	<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Key Fob Updates – This month, the updates to our security system, fob system, and cameras have begun. Our new company will be working on all three simultaneously. Look out for an email from Pastor with the current time frame of when the fob system will be switching from old to new. If you need to get into the building and your fob is not working please use the front church entrance doorbell. If you currently have a fob it will work on the new fob readers until our new fobs come in. They will be available in the church office from 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 get to the office during summer hours, please let the office know and we will plan for a different time. Any questions, please call or email the church office.

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@stjohns.com - at [tjohns.com](mailto:tjohns@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.stjohns.com, or the school office, 217-359-1714, for more information.

Stewardship Corner – Scripture is very clear that we are saved by grace alone through faith in Christ alone. (Ephesians 2:8–9). Additionally, that same grace that saves us also motivates and equips us to serve wholeheartedly in using our talents, abilities, and gifts in God's service. Just as the night follows day, our commitment to give and serve Him with all the strength that He generously provides follows our salvation by grace. Because of God's grace, we can serve, give, and do the work of the Lord. By ourselves, we are powerless. *"But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift"* (Ephesians 4:7) – grace to live lives worthy of the Lord that we may bear *"fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God"* (Colossians 1:10).

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 need teachers for preschool and K-2 on July 14th and preschool on July 21st. 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 - at - stjohnls.com](mailto:cblack@stjohnls.com). You are welcome to share these open positions with qualified individuals that you may know.

St. John Lutheran School – If you know a family interested in learning more about the school for 2024-2025, please encourage them to contact the school office, 217-359-1714. The application process for new families has begun. Follow us on Facebook. “Like” our posts and share with your friends and family. www.facebook.com/St.JohnLS

St. John Arts & Craft Fair & Car Show – Vendor applications for 2024 are now available on the school website or in the school office.

Young Adults Group is currently planning events for July. Anyone between the ages of 18-40 is invited. Please contact Sara 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 Fifth Petition – And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition – And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Bible Passage: Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:54

Psalm 119:129–136