

SIXTH 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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Dan, Nick, Jeremy; 10:45 – Matt, Jim, Steve, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & Everett; 10:45 – Jordan & Noah. **Instrumentalist:** Judy, recorder.

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 Steve & Donna in thanksgiving for the July birthdays of Margaret, Donna and Stephen. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Mark & Cheryl and family at the death of Mark’s mother Jeannine; *following surgery:* Ellie; *for healing and recovery:* Sherry, Lydia, Robin, Greg, David, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Rod, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Betty, Gilbert.

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

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

Voter’s Meeting – There will be a Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, July 31st at 1:00pm in the

OUR WEEK AHEAD

- Today** *6th Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
- Tuesday** 6:00 Elders
- Wednesday** 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion
- Thursday** 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's
- Sunday** *7th Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Floor Work – This week the tile in the upstairs school wing is being replaced. The hallway from the school entry doors to the fellowship hall doors will be inaccessible while work is happening. Thank you.

Witness & Outreach – Matthew 11:25-30: The Lord offers quite an exchange in today's Gospel: the overbearing burdens of this world that we carry we can exchange for the light yoke that ONLY Jesus offers to us. Only Jesus can offer the light yoke because of His tremendous strength and grace to carry our burdens through His cross. With this rest and relief of burdens, we are then free to reach out with the Gospel of God's grace and freeing salvation to others. There is no escape from the burdens of life, but there is One who desires to exchange yokes with you, and His burden is light. Rest of the soul is knowing that you never have to face your burdens alone. God is with you always to lift you up and to lift your burdens even higher onto His shoulders. In His rest and care, reach out with the news of this exchange to someone who needs a refreshing rest today.

CPH Reads – Summer reading that's all about Jesus. This summer, we don't want more screen time. While screens and other technology can connect us to others worldwide, we're ready for something different. We're ready for an authentic togetherness. Reading is a well-documented and studied way to benefit yourself and your children. It can help connect to one another and grow together. When we spend time together learning about Christ, we find hope, joy, and peace no matter the circumstances. This summer, join CPH Reads, a program that will reward your family for reading together about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Sign up at cph.org/reads

Truth, Goodness & Beauty – 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 topics include: End Times Teachings, What Is Real Science? The Vocation of Midwife, Pastoral Care and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

6th&7th

Help with Younger Grades

K-2nd Room 2C

High School Youth Room

3rd-5th Room 1C

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

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 K.

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](mailto:kschmidt@stjohnls.com) - at - 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 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: But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
2 Corinthians 12:9

Psalm 119:129-136