

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022
8:00am & 10:45am

St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service IV with Holy Communion

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**stand as you are able*

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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 – Andy, Harold, Todd, Mike; 10:45 – Mark, John, Chuck, Phil. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Jack & Charlie; 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 Richard & Judy in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary on July 28th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Bonnie and family at the death of Bonnie’s brother Dan; *for healing and recovery:* Karla, Charlene, Judy, Roger- father of Stephanie, Jim, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gaylord, Geneice.

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	<i>7th 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; 7:00 Youth Board
Wednesday	7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday	<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be moved to the first week in August. They will meet at 7:00am on Thursday, August 4th, at Sammy's.

Hymn Sing – On Sunday, August 7th we will have a Hymn Sing as the Prelude at both services. You may email requests to Keith (please specify which service you will be attending) at buzardservice@gmail.com or fill out a form that is available in the Narthex.

August E.A.T. Night – Our monthly nights of food and fellowship are back. Please join us on Monday, August 8th from 5-8pm at Culver's (2302 S. Neil St. Champaign). Culver's is donating a portion of sales back to the St. John Lutheran School PTF. Dine-In, carry out, and drive thru are all included. Flyers are needed this month and can be presented at the time of purchase or pick up. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website www.stjohnls.com.

Evangelism Workshop – Witnessing is the purpose of your everyday life. The Every One His Witness® Lutheran evangelism program considers the real world context in which Lutherans find themselves as witnesses of Jesus Christ. It puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with the people whom God has placed alongside His witnesses in their everyday lives. This workshop will be reviewing the principles we learned last year with an opportunity to share experiences. The workshop will be in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 20th from 8am to around 1pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall.

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 - at - stjohnls.com](mailto:kschmidt-stjohnls.com).

St. John Arts & Crafts Fair – Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22nd, 9am-2pm for the Fair. If you are a crafter or know someone who is and would like to reserve a booth, application forms are available in the school office, on the school website and on the narthex table. Contact the school office if you have any questions or for more information.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Summer Sunday School – 3/4yrs through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. Parents – please note the room changes.

3/4yrs Room 4C

6th-8th

Conference Room

K-2nd Room 2C

High School Youth Room

3rd-5th Room 6B

School Donations – Looking for a way to support St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool? Curriculum and supplemental items are needed for the new kindergarten classroom as well as other rooms. Donation tags are on the board outside the fellowship hall with items needed. Take a tag or two and return the tag and monetary donation to either the church or school office. Our teachers also have wish lists on Amazon. Visit the school website, www.stjohnls.com, to see each list. Thank you in advance for your support.

Witness & Outreach – Luke 11:1-13: How often have you stood before a full table or before a gathering of people and everyone looks at each other but no one wants to be the one to pray? Prayer is not a natural inclination of those who are sinful by nature and sinful in thought, word and deed. We need to be taught how to pray because prayer is so often seen as only an emergency measure, or a desperate attempt to get a higher power to act on our behalf when we're in trouble. One of the best ways we can share the Good News is by demonstrating a prayer life that reflects an honest communication with God; the ability to, in times of celebration and in times of need, to speak with God as a child speaks to their dear father. That's what Jesus taught His disciples and that's what we can share when we openly pray throughout the day letting the whole world know that before we do anything, we talk to God first in prayer.

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – There are only a few cards left. Gift cards can be used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens, do not expire, and will carry a balance if you spend less than \$20. PTF gets 20% from each card sold. Gift cards are available now in the school office.

Your Comprehensive Source for News, Information & Truth – 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: Fighting Transgenderism in the Church & Home; The Doctrine & Practice of Closed Communion; Biblical Inerrancy; The Movie "Thor: Love and Thunder;" and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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: Baptism

What is Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Bible Passage: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

Psalm 27