



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**  
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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, Jeff, Andy, Todd; 10:45 – Harold, Mike, Matt, Bob. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Makenzie; 10:45 – Eli & Kai.

**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 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. The lilies on the piano are from the family of Karen. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Derek and family at the death of mother Leslie, Ken and family at the death of wife Karen; *for upcoming surgery:* Lingle-granddaughter of Bob & Joan; *for healing and recovery:* Karen, Rev. Michael Ruhlig, Barb, Brian, Joyce, Rick, Susan, Cynthia, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Lilly, Karla, Aidan, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Ben, Rachel, Allie; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lavina.

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

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

**Baptism** – Aleace Ruby-Lee is being baptized today following the late service. Aleace was born on October 4, 2013 to Anthony & Taleatha. We welcome Aleace into the Lord’s Family!

**Introit** – Everyone will sing the Antiphon together, and then Pastor will sing the first Psalm verse. The congregation will sing the second Psalm verse and we will continue in alternation until all the Psalm verses have been sung. Everyone then sings the *Gloria Patri* and Antiphon together.

**Voter’s Meeting** – There will be a Voter’s Meeting today at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

**Today**      *9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting  
**Tuesday**    10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board  
**Wednesday** 7:15 Holy Communion  
**Saturday**    8:00 Work Day  
**Sunday**      *10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Summer Sunday School** – K-7<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Room
K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 6B (Art Room)	High School	Youth Room
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 5B (Computer Lab)		

Please sign up to help teach on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. Materials for the lessons are supplied. Questions contact Cindy.

**LWML** is collecting school supplies this year for Orphan Grain Train instead of LWR. The school supplies are sent where needed around the world, but school supplies do not need to be packed in back backs. Supplies needed: crayons (24pack), new pens, new pencils, loose-leaf paper and notebooks, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, construction paper, rulers, scissors, washable markers (8-10 pack), and new coloring books. Extra copies of the list are in the coatroom. Please put your School Supplies in the LWML box in the coatroom. Now is a great time to purchase while school supply sales going. Any questions contact: Linda. Thanks for helping Children here and around the world. - St. John LWML

**Custodial Help** – The church is looking for an individual who may be willing to serve in helping with the custodial duties for weddings, funerals and special events that may take place when our staff is unavailable (i.e. weekends). Pay would be \$125 per event. Please contact Rick for more information.

**Office Hours** – The Church Office summer hours are 10am-2pm. The School Office is closed for the summer. Please call the school and leave a message (217) 359-1714 or email Kim at schmidt - at - stjohlns.com for any questions. Messages will be checked regularly.

**Workday** – This Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 8 until noon, come and help complete projects around the church and school. These are easy projects from cleaning to yardwork. The whole family can come out and help or just one or two of you. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. Even if you don't sign-up you can come and help. We will start in the fellowship hall on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Questions, please contact Faith.

**E.A.T. @ Culvers** - E.A.T. nights are back! Join us at Culver's on S. Neil St. on Monday, August 9, 5-8pm. Culver's is giving back a portion of all sales from 5-8pm. No flyer is needed – spread the word to your friends and family. We will be providing Food Runners. Come out and see who will be delivering your food.

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 6:45-56

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

**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:

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.

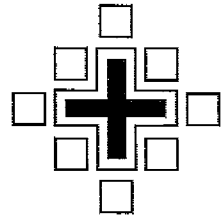
*Which is that word of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. 28:19

Bible Passage: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. Psalm 27:4

Psalm 28

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 145:5*

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you\*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL**      *Rom. 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

## DAILY READINGS

**July 25:** 1 Sam. 9:1–27; Acts 21:37–22:16; **26:** 1 Sam. 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29; **27:** 1 Sam. 12:1–25; Acts 22:30–23:11; **28:** 1 Sam. 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35; **29:** 1 Sam. 14:47–15:9; Acts 24:1–23; **30:** 1 Sam. 15:10–35; Acts 24:24–25:12; **31:** 1 Sam. 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27.

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