

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023
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, Jeremy, Nick; 10:45 – Bryce, Phil, Mike, Harold. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Henry; 10:45 – Noah & Eli.

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 Terry & Janet in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary on August 1st. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Nina and family at the death of her step son Mark; *hospitalized:* Gilbert, Louise; *for healing and recovery:* Rev. Doug Evenson, 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:* Gaylord, Betty.

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

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

Baptism – Lucas John will be baptized today following the late service. Lucas was born on July 17, 2022 to Shawn & Jodie. His sponsors are Lisa and Brian. We welcome Lucas into the Lord’s Family!

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	5:30 Finance Board
Tuesday	6:00 Elders
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Sammy's
Sunday	<i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

E.A.T. @ Culvers – Join us Monday, August 14, 5-8p at Culver's on S. Neil St. Culver's is giving back a portion of all sales from 5-8pm. 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 required. Please present the flyer at time of purchase or time of pick up, for online orders. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website.

Musicians – We invite instrumentalists to join us in the balcony on Sunday, August 20th. You are welcome to play for one or both services. Please let Keith know of your willingness, and music can be provided.

Rally Day – Come join us for Rally Day as we kick off our Sunday School year. Christian education is so important for children and adults of all ages. We want to encourage everyone to be involved in Bible study and prayer on a regular basis. What better way for parents to show their children the importance of being involved in Bible study, than by participating themselves. On Sunday, August 20th starting at 9:30am, everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a scavenger hunt and a puppet show. Students will proceed from there to their classrooms, while adults will remain for Bible class.

Church Picnic – Picnic will follow the late service on August 20th. Choices include hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats. Sign up for choice of meat, and to bring either side dish or dessert. Sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

Witness & Outreach – Matthew 14:13-21: Martin Luther penned these wonderful words: “I have held many things in my hands and have lost them all, but whatever I’ve placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.” Many times when we consider evangelism, we think about going out and placing pamphlets and other items in the hands of the people. But maybe we have it all wrong. Maybe the best evangelism is putting as many people in God’s hands as possible. Who can you place in God’s hands today? The disciples realized that in God’s hands, food was multiplied. This is true of people in God’s Kingdom as well. Take time – in prayer, in conversation, and maybe even in bringing someone to worship next Sunday – but take the time to put the valuable resource of people in God’s hands – knowing that in His hands they will never be lost again.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School – 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

K-2nd Room 2C

3rd-5th Room 1C

6th&7th

High School

Help with Younger Grades

Youth Room

Sunday School Teachers Needed – We are still in need of teachers to fill a few spots in August. 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.

Athletic Director Position - We are looking for someone interested in serving as a director of our athletics. We offer Cross Country, Volleyball, Girls and Boys Basketball and Track and Field. We have coaches in place and schedules have already started. This is a great way to learn more about our other Lutheran schools in the area and see how Christ works through our student athletes. Any interest or questions can be emailed to stjohschoolboard - at - stjohlns.com.

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 – We are currently in the process of transferring information back onto our computers. Some membership information from 2023 may have been lost when our server went down. If anyone has had updates in the past year, please contact the church office to make sure we have the correct membership information (addresses, phone numbers, etc.) on file. Thank you.

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 - stjohlns.com.

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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

How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." Titus 3:5-8

Bible Passage: Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." John 6:28-29

Psalm 138