



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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**stand as you are able*

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Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY - Organist: Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Kurt, Robert, Jeff & Larry; 10:45 - Dan, Larry, Matt & John **Greeters:** 8:00 - Dan & Joyce; 10:45 - Tom & Eunice. **Acolytes:** 8:00 - Charlie; 10:45 - Anna. Pianist: Randy.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY - The altar flowers are given today by John & Charlene in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary on August 9th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Gladys; *for healing and recovery:* Nicholas -grandson of Tony & Jill Gerald, Ellie, Lucille, Joyce - sister of Joan, Marta - granddaughter of Steve & Pam, Bruce, Stephen - son of Ken, Dale -brother in law of Ellie Arp, Cathy Ratts- sister of Millie Heath, Merv Strom, John Manning, Todd -grandson of Harold, Tom; *for peace and comfort:* Lea; *for successful treatments:* Dave, Jason - grandson of Lois; Joan, Jeannette, Nancy, Maxine, Ken; *for those in the military:* Heath, Taylor, Ashley, Andy, James, Christopher, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Tom; *for our homebound:* LaVonne, Mavis, Lavina, Avis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

Gospel Notes for today can be found on the narthex table.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class - Pastor Caithamer, fellowship hall

Summer Sunday School - Students who have completed preschool - 7th grade, and teachers, meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am for opening. All Sunday school classes will be held downstairs.

Preschool and Kindergarten – 4C
1st - 3rd – 1C

4th - 7th – 6B
High School – Youth Room

Adult Instruction Class Is Back - Starting on Sunday, September 10th, 2017, we will meet for ten sessions in the fellowship hall to study the Bible, to learn the essentials of the Christian faith, and to understand the Lutheran difference. If you're looking to join our membership at St. John, this class is a must. If you want to brush up on your knowledge of the core of Christianity, this class is perfect. And, if you want a way to introduce your friends, relatives, associates, or neighbors to the Christian faith, this is the right class. There is no risk and no obligation. Just come and learn. To sign up, email Pastor Caithamer. Classes will begin at 1:00 and run to 2:30. See you there.

6th Grade Confirmation Retreat Lock-In - If you are a 6th grader and are starting our confirmation program, then this retreat is for you. Join us at the church on Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19th for a lock-in as we study God's Word, learn to be acolytes, and grow together as the Confirmation Class of 2020. Check the mail for more information and registrations forms.

School News - We start our school year on Thursday, August 17. We will have Chapel at 9:00am. We invite you to worship with us. Our theme Bible verse this year is: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8. Please keep us in your prayers as we teach the students attending our amazing school. Our staff and their teaching assignments for this year as follows:

Stephanie - Preschool Teacher and Art	Laurie - Middle School
Katie - Preschool Aide	Martha - Middle School
Pam - Kindergarten/First Grade	Marlene - Middle School
Susan - Second/Third Grade	Sal - Music/Choir/Band
Elizabeth - Fourth/Fifth Grade	Faith - Resource/Interim Principal

The School Donation Board has items for the upcoming school year. You can take a slip or two and bring donations to the school office. Your generosity is always appreciated and is such a blessing to the school.

The Food Pantry- Many, many thanks to all who have been bringing food for our pantry and getting us stocked back up. The response as always has been wonderful. We could still use a few more cans of peas, soups (no cream soups please) and fruit. Thank you.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 Finance Board
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council, Back to School Orientation
Wednesday	5:45 Summer Book Club; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	<i>1st Day of School</i> ; 9:00 Chapel
Friday	6:00 LL Back to School Night; <i>6th Grade Confirmation Retreat Lock-In</i>
Sunday	<i>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Church Picnic - Please join us on August 27th after the second service for our annual church picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided, and families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is available on the board by the fellowship hall.

Rally Day will be held August 27th. Our theme is "A Mighty Fortress." Please plan to join us as we kick-off a new year of Sunday School.

LWML - It's back to school time and we will be collecting school materials for Lutheran World Relief school kits. The materials include 70 sheet notebooks; rulers; pencil sharpeners; blunt scissors; #2 pencils; black or blue ball point pens; 16 or 24 box of crayons; and erasers. You may pick up grocery bags in the cloak room for the materials and return them there.

Ushers Needed - We have placed a sign-up sheet in the Overflow along with the Greeter sign-up sheet. Each Sunday service we need two Ushers to help with the offering and help at the alter steps during communion. Anyone is welcome to help. The Elders in charge of the service will give you all the training needed your first time helping. Contact Dan if you would like more explanation before you sign up. The Elders are hoping this sign-up sheet will keep them from asking the same people every Sunday and allow you to serve when you choose.

Greeters Needed - We have placed a sign-up sheet in the Overflow. Please consider signing up for once a month or for an entire month at a time. You would need to arrive about 15 minutes before the service and stand behind the Guest Book in the Welcome Center. There are gifts (backpacks containing a water bottle & information about our church) for visitors in the cabinets behind the Guest Book stand. Thank you for your help. The Evangelism Board.

Summer Hours - The Church Office will be open 10am to 2pm during the week. Pastor Caithamer will be available in his office during regular office hours Monday through Thursday for all Pastoral needs. He will not be available to let people in the building before 10 or after 2, so if you will need access to the building during that time, please contact the church office about obtaining a key fob.

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

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: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. Psalm 118:8

Psalm 138