

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:00am & 10:45am



## 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 – Kurt, Dan, Dan, Nick; 10:45 – Mike, Steve, Jim, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Ethan & Everett; 10:45 – Peter & 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 Jan Bundy and family in loving memory of son Chip’s birthday on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *in thanksgiving:* Chuck & Phyllis in celebration of their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary; *for peace and comfort:* Brian and family at the death of Brian’s sister Judy; *hospitalized:* Louise; *for healing and recovery:* Gilbert, Leslie-daughter of Joyce, Rev. Doug, Lydia, Robin, Greg, David, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Susan, Rod, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Lavina.

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

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

**Baptism –** Matthew James will be baptized today at the late service. Matthew was born on April 13, 2017 to Amanda. His sponsors are Bob & Sally and Sam & Leann. We welcome Matthew into the Lord’s Family!

**Baptism –** Sarai Belle will be baptized today at the late service. Sarai was born on October 8, 2018 to Amanda. Her sponsors are Bob & Sally and Sam & Leann. We welcome Sarai into the Lord’s Family!

**Baptism –** Luke Charles will be baptized today at the late service. Luke was born on June 17, 2020 to Amanda. His sponsors are Bob & Sally and Sam & Leann. We welcome Luke into the Lord’s Family!

## OUR WEEK AHEAD

<b>Today</b>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 E.A.T. Night @ Culver's
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council, Back to School Night
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>First Day of School</i> ; 9:00 Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ; 6:00 Youth Group
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Rally Day; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Church Picnic

**E.A.T. @ Culvers** – Join us tomorrow, August 14<sup>th</sup>, from 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.

**St. John Lutheran School Begins** – The first day of school for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade is Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Little Lamb students begin next week. Please pray for our students, teachers, and staff and we begin a new school year.

**SJL Youth-** Join us for an Amazing Race at the church on Friday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. All 6th-12th graders are invited.

**Musicians** – We invite instrumentalists to join us in the balcony on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Updating the College Board** – The Evangelism Board at St. John Lutheran Church is in the process of updating the display of our current college students. We would like to display a picture of them with the college they are attending, their major, and their year in school. You can email a picture and the information to Faith. We will be taking pictures and information until September 3.

## **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-2<sup>nd</sup> Room 2C

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Room 1C

6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup>

High School

Help with Younger Grades

Youth Room

**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 stjohnschoolboard - 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.

**Witness & Outreach** – Matthew 14:22-33: What do you do in the midst of a storm? The right answer is: Take cover. But sometimes cover isn't enough. The disciples found themselves in a life-threatening storm. Jesus said to them, "Take heart, It is I." As He was for the disciples, Jesus is for us. Jesus is our Protection and Refuge whenever we encounter life-threatening danger. He is Lord of wind and wave and of life and death. The world we live in tends to run for their own cover: drugs, alcohol, self-sufficiency. We have a Word to share with the world, and it is a gentle Word of Gospel: Take heart; trust in Jesus. There is so much that threatens our security, but only one Lord and Savior in whom we can place our total confidence. Real storms or even seeing them on the news give us an opportunity to share the One in whom we "take heart" and the One who is truly Lord of all. Share your confidence in him.

**Unanswered Bible Questions** – Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc, or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite pod cast 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:

The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment – You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment – You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Bible Passage: This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

Hymn 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (st. 1)

Psalm 119:113-120

Bible Readings for the Week:

Moses Sees God on Mount Sinai – Exodus 24:1-18

The Ark of the Covenant – Exodus 25:1-22

The Sabbath Law – Exodus 31:12-18