

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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Divine Service IV with Holy Communion

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**stand as you are able*

Prelude – (8:00) “Aurelia” (10:45) “Day by Day”	Men’s Choir
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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, Mike, Jeremy, Nick; 10:45 – Chris, Kurt, Chuck, Jim. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & Ethan; 10:45 – Noah & Nic.

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 Christina in memory of Lucas & Christina’s wedding anniversary on August 28th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Louise; *for healing and recovery:* Kaylianna-great granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Lila, Leslie-daughter of Joyce, Rev. Doug Evenson, Lydia, Robin, Greg, David, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy Johnson, 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:* Gaylord, Geneice.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>13th 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
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek; 7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30; 10:45 Holy Communion

New Member Class – Sunday, September 10th will see the beginning of our next New Member Class. This class is intended for those who would like to know more about Lutheranism and are interested in becoming members of St. John. All of our current members are invited and encouraged to attend this class as a refresher course in the Lutheran faith. It also is a blessing to new members to get to meet and know current members. We will meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday at 1pm. Please email Pastor Caithamer with any questions and to let him know if you would like to attend.

Lifelight is back. Join us for Worship, a 9-week Bible study of how and why we worship the way we do, and (in the words of a former St. John member who took this class) "what a treasure we have in our Divine Service." You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45 or Thursday mornings at 9:30. Classes start September 13th & 14th. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow or contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

Summer Sunday School Thank You – Our summer Sunday School quarter has come to a close. We were blessed with many volunteers to teach the children. We want to thank Deanna, Pam, Karen, Amanda, Katie, Maggie, Jeremy & Lana, Dan & Faith, Adrienne, Betty and Don. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our God by serving His children. Our Sunday School attendance was very good for the summer. Thank you parents for bringing your children.

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 3rd.

Witness & Outreach – Matthew 16:13-20: Who do you say Jesus is? The answer makes all the difference in how you face your day to day living. If you say He is your Christ, your one Lord and Master, without whom you can do absolutely nothing, then missing worship and Bible study is not an option, serving Him wherever possible is your heart's desire, stewardship of His blessings is your way of life, being more like Him is your daily prayer, and getting the Word out about Him, well, that's as important as breathing. Your confession above not only proclaims salvation, but defeats hell and makes everything in between possible. So, who again do you say Jesus is? Your answer in the Spirit will change your life and how you live it.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

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

Sunday School – Kindergarten-High School will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms. Preschool will have opening in their own classroom.

Parents – please note the room changes.

3/4yrs Room 4C

4th-5th

Band Room

K-1st Art Room

6th-8th

Conference Room

2nd-3rd Room 4B

High School

Youth Room

Thank You for all your prayers, cards, food, calls and visits while I was recovering. A special thanks to Ron and Don for watering my flowers. Sherry

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 & 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.

Art Teacher for St. John Lutheran School – St. John Lutheran School is seeking an inspiring K-8 Art Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This teacher is responsible for teaching art education and developing in each student an interest in and the ability for creative expression in visual terms, using skills and techniques of artistic expression; to develop aesthetic understandings and appreciations; to discover and develop talents of students in the field of art. Please send all interest and inquiries to Mrs. Cheryl Black, Principal, at cblack - at - stjohlns.com.

After School Care Teacher Needed – St. John Lutheran School is seeking an After School Care Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This teacher is responsible for the engagement and care of children in our After School Care program, Monday - Friday, 3:00 - 5:30 PM. The teacher will provide high standards of care and play opportunities for children, preschool - first grade, in a safe and secure environment. Please send all interest and inquiries to Mrs. Cheryl Black, Principal: cblack- at - stjohlns.com.

CID LLL Annual Retreat – Our annual Retreat is September 9th at Camp CILCA. "God's Living Word Today-Survey of First Peter" is our topic of study this year by Rev. Timothy Scharr. He is the District President of Southern IL District LCMS. Registration is \$25.00 (which includes lunch) due by September 5th. Flyers with more information can be found on the narthex table.

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 – Some of our 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.

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 Fifth Commandment – You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment – You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Bible Passage: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Hymn 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (st. 3)

Psalm 27:1-9

Bible Readings for the Week:

Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle – Exodus 40:1-3, 16-38

The Burnt Offering – Leviticus 1:1-17

The Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5:1-10