



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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School Principal: Tim Gabbert

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Prelude- <i>“Children of the Heavenly Father”</i>	Culli
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Son of God, Eternal Savior</i>	<b>842</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	203
*Introit	dated insert
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First Reading	
(8:00) Gradual	dated insert
(10:45) <i>“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”</i>	Mixed Choir
Epistle Reading	
*Alleluia and Verse	205
*Holy Gospel Reading	
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(8:00) Children’s Devotion	
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us</i>	<b>851</b>
Sermon <i>“Who is the Greatest?”</i> Mark 9:30-37	
*Prayers	207
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
(8:00) <i>Variation on “Hyfrydol”</i>	Bish
(10:45) <i>“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”</i>	Mixed Choir
*Service of the Sacrament	208
<b>Communion Hymns – 706, 536, (652 as needed), 725</b>	
*Nunc Dimittis	211
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*Benedicamus and Benediction	212
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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.

**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 – Preaching:** Rev Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 - Larry, Robert, Rex & Dan; 10:45 - Joe, Rex, Terry & Dan. **Greeters:** 10:45 – Neal & Traci.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** - The altar flowers are given today by Chris and Linda in honor of Kyle & Andrea third wedding anniversary and their thirty-third wedding anniversary. The Radio Ministry is sponsored today to the glory of God. We also remember the following people in our prayers: Bob & Joan who celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary September 19<sup>th</sup>; *for peace and comfort:* Rex & Cindy and family at the death of Cindy's sister Liz; *for healing and recovery:* Kevin, Margaret, Earl, Mike -son in law of Patty, Michael - son of Karen, Joe, Jan, Judy, Judy -sister of Larry, Bill -son in law of Dave & Donna, Dan -brother of Bonnie; Bruce, Rachel -niece of Judy, Lois, Ellie, Stephen -son of Ken, Cathy -sister of Millie, Merv, John, Todd - grandson of Harold, Tom; *for strength, hope, and peace:* Joe -father of Pastor Caithamer; Ed, Anna -mother of Bill; *for successful treatments:* Todd -husband of Kim, Dan -father of Beth, Philip -son of Starley, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Maxine; *for those in the military:* Nick, Mitchell, Heath, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzana Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Mary, Geneice, Lavina, Walt.

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

## **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** - Fellowship Hall - Pastor Caithamer

**Sunday School Opening** will be in the Sanctuary for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:30. Preschool (3/4yrs.) will have their opening in Room 4C. Come and join us!

3/4yrs.	Room 4C	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	Room 4B
Kindergarten	Room 1A	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Room 3B
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	Room 4A		

**What's the Deal, high schoolers?** *Risk-taking, anger, bioethics, dating, media and television, alternative lifestyles, terrorism, school stress* - these are just some of the topics we will be exploring each week. Join us each Sunday during Bible study hour in the youth room as we dissect and discuss issues in your world, school, and daily lives and look to God's Word for the answers. Every week is a new topic, so don't be afraid to jump in. See Mike or Karen for more information.

**We Are In Need** of another reading buddy and even some substitutes when others are absent. Are you interested? It is once a month on a Tuesday from 1-1:30. You would read with a K, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grader. Contact Susan, Pam, or the school office if interested or needing more information.

**We Need Your Vote** - Camp CILCA has been nominated for the *Illinois Times* Best of Springfield competition in the Best Camp for Kids category. Voting will be online at [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com) between now and September 24 or in the September 20 print editions. Check the CILCA website or Facebook page for a direct link to the voting site. Thank you for your support.

**St. John's Lutheran School in Buckley** is currently looking for a Pre Kindergarten substitute to cover a maternity leave. Our current teacher is pregnant with twins and will hopefully make it until right before Thanksgiving. She is planning on returning to school the first part of February. If you are interested please email Mr. John Britton.

**Essential Exercise For The Christian Mind - .Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "The Nun," What Is the Catechism and Why?, The 7th & 8th Commandments, Wisdom & Fear and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
<b>Monday</b>	9:15 MOPS
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:05 Chapel; 3:30 PTF Meeting; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lifelight; 6:45 Mixed Choir, Stewardship Board
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

**Faith & Family Night** - Families with children of all ages are invited to join us on Friday, October 5, for Faith & Family Night. We'll meet in the fellowship hall and have dinner together, do a family-based devotion that can be taken and replicated in your own family devotions at home, and of course, have playtime for the kids. The times are 5:30-7:00pm, but feel free to come late or leave early if necessary. Sign-up sheets are available by both the fellowship hall or you can e-mail Cindy. We hope to see you there.

**The Ladies Aid Society from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sadorus** has invited all the ladies of our congregation to their Fall Salad Supper on Thursday evening, October 4. If you plan to attend, please sign a sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by next Sunday, September 30. Carpooling plans will then be made.

**This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool** - Sept. 24-30: Monday - Ram Rebate Orders Due; Wednesday - Chapel, bring offering for CID Campus Ministry; Friday - Ram Rebate Order Pick Up, 8<sup>th</sup> grade class returns from Gettysburg and Washington, DC; Saturday - XC @ Decatur festival, 9am

**Box Tops Cubs vs. Cards Inning 4: Cubs-37, Cards-338.** Total to Date: Cubs-443, Cards-866. Bring in Box Tops to help your favorite baseball team score "runs" in the game. Gather up all those Box Tops you have collected and place them in either the Cubs or Cardinals Box Top container in the school office.

**County Market Max Dollars for Education** - You can help our school earn Max Dollars by using your Max Card each time you shop at County Market from now until December 31, 2018. To participate in this program choose one of the following: Fill out the Registration Form and return to the school office; or Fill out the Registration Form and return to County Market; or Go online to [mycountymarket.com](http://mycountymarket.com) and click on the banner labeled "Max \$ Sign Up". You must register even if you were registered last year. Registration forms are available on the narthex table and by the school office.

**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 Close of the Commandments

*What does God say about all these commandments?* He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” [Ex. 20:5–6]

*What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Bible Passage: There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6

Hymn 665 *Be Strong in the Lord*

Psalm 119:25-32

Bible Readings for the Week:

God’s Covenant with David – 2 Samuel 7:1-17

David’s Thanksgiving to God – 2 Samuel 7:18-29

David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth – 2 Samuel 9:1-13