



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
Prelude – (8:00) “ <i>Amazing Grace</i> ”	Alleluia Ringers
(10:45) “ <i>Auf meinen lieben Gott</i> ”	
Hymn <i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	807
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	203
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(st. 3-men, st. 6-women, st. 9-organ)	
Sermon “ <i>Getting Lapped by Jesus</i> ” Matthew 20:1-16	
*Prayers	207
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
(8:00) “ <i>The Lamb</i> ”	Alleluia Ringers
(10:45) “ <i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i> ”	Men’s Choir
*Service of the Sacrament	208
Communion Hymns – 631, 745, (757), 854	
*Nunc Dimittis	211
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Postlude – “ <i>Laudes Domini</i> ”	

Communion Hymn in Parentheses will be sung if time allows.

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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Dan, Jeremy, Nick; 10:45 – Chris, Mike, Matt, Phil. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Henry & Lucas; 10:45 – Eli & Noah.

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 Mark & Diane in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* the family of Gaylord at his death; *following surgery:* Karla; *for healing and recovery:* Judy, Jim-brother of Karla, Kaylianna-great granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Leslie-daughter of Joyce, Rev. Doug Evenson, Robin, Greg, 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 our college students:* Noah, Olivia; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Gilbert.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>17th Sunday after Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
Monday	6:00 Bylaws Committee
Tuesday	6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:45 Midweek, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	10:00 Lifelight
Sunday	<i>18th Sunday after Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, September 27th this week.

Choir Practice – There will be no choir practice this Thursday, September 28th.

New Member Class has begun. 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 for 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 has begun. 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 5:45pm or Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Questions, contact Matt, Donna or Bill.

Law & Gospel Series – What does St. Paul mean when he writes about “rightly handling the word of truth?” Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has an in-depth series with Pr. Will Weedon based on “The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel” by C.F.W. Walther. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/lawandgospel.

LWML is again collecting school supplies for the Orphan Grain Train. Needed items are crayons, new pens and pencils, loose leaf paper and notebooks, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, construction paper, 12 inch rulers, scissors, washable markers, and new coloring books. All supplies are given individually. Please place your items in the box located in the coat room by Sunday, October 8, 2023. For further information, please contact Donna E or Jean. Many thanks for your help in supporting kids around the world with LWML.

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.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	4 th -5 th	Band Room
K-1 st	Art Room	6 th -8 th	Conference Room
2 nd -3 rd	Room 4B	High School	Youth Room

St. John Arts & Crafts Fair – Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 14, 9a-2p for the Fair. If you are a crafter or know someone who is and would like to reserve a booth, application forms are available in the school office, on the school website and on the narthex table. Contact the school office if you have any questions or for more information. Help is needed to make this event a success. Help us spread the word by sharing the event on Facebook and other social media. Hang up posters where you can. The school office can provide everything you need. A sign-up sheet for Bake Sale donations will be posted in October. Contact the school office if you have any questions or for more information.

St. John Car Show – Do you love older cars? Do you have a classic car or know someone who does? Come out for the 2nd Annual St. John Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 14, 9a-2p. Bring your

car and enjoy a wonderful fall day with other car enthusiasts. No registration fee or judging or prizes. Please contact the school office if you plan on attending so we can reserve a spot for you, kschmidt - at - stjohlns.com or (217) 359-1714. (Drop-ins are welcome.) St. John Arts & Crafts Fair is held in the gym in conjunction with the Car Show.

Trunk and Treat – Our annual Trunk and Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 2:30-4:30pm. Sign-up sheets and donation slips are located on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall. We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy. We also need members to donate candy or treats. Donations can be placed in the coat room. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Block at fblock - at - stjohlns.com.

Witness & Outreach – Matthew 20:1-16: As our Lord tells the parable of the vineyard and the Master's generosity to the worker who only worked for one hour, we become uncomfortable with the conclusion of the earthly story with a heavenly message: the last shall be first. We tend to lump people into either the "deserving" or the "undeserving" pile. But God doesn't see things that way. He sees us ALL as "undeserving" in His Kingdom of grace. But He is generous beyond measure. We must not begrudge His generosity but rejoice in it - and reach out abundantly with it. Thanks be to God that He does not and has not and will never give us what we deserve but generously pours out His grace that is greater than our sin to give us eternal life. And we have this message to generously give to the world beyond measure. May the Holy Spirit bless us with the same generosity in our witness to one another so that our fellowship bears witness to His amazing grace time after time after time.

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 Creed

The First Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Passage: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

Hymn 564 *Christ Sits at God's Right Hand (sts. 5 & 6)*

Psalm 96

Bible Readings for the Week:

Israel Departs from Sinai – Numbers 10:11-14a, 29-36

The People of Israel Complain Against God – Numbers 11:1-17

The Lord Feeds His Grumbling People with Quail – Numbers 11:18-35