



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service III with Holy Communion **Page**

**stand as you are able*

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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, Kendall & John; 10:45 – Terry, Dan, Jeremy & Kurt. **Greeters:** 8:00 – Dan & Joyce; 10:45 – Janet. Flute: Karen; Violin: Zoe.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Cassandra and family at the death of her grandfather; *for upcoming surgery:* Don; *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, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Frank, Mavis, Bob & Alice.

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

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

Fifth Sunday Door Offering – This is the fifth Sunday of the month and we will be taking an offering following both services this morning for all students studying to be church workers.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class - Fellowship Hall - Pastor Caithamer

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

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

Pastor Caithamer will be out of the office and out of town from Monday, October 1st through Wednesday, October 3rd to attend the Central Illinois District's Fall Pastors' Conference in Quincy, Illinois. If any need for a pastoral visit arises, please contact the church office or you can still call Pastor at .

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.

National Youth Gathering 2019 – Youth in 8th-12th grade are invited to attend the NYG in July 2019 in Minneapolis. If you are interested in learning more about this awesome event, please contact the Youth Board. General information can be found on the NYG website: www.lcmsgathering.com

Yankee Candle – The Fall Yankee Candle Fundraiser has begun. Packets are available on the narthex table and in the school office. Orders are due in the school office by Monday, October 15th and will be delivered in November, before Thanksgiving. Proceeds will go to the 2019 & 2020 Gettysburg/Washington DC trips.

This Week at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool – Oct. 1-7: Monday – Yankee Candle Sale and Beef House Rolls Sale begins, GBB @ Calvary, Normal; Tuesday – XC @ PBL Invite; Wednesday – Chapel, bring offering for St. John Food Pantry; Thursday – XC @ CID Meet, Trinity, Bloomington; Friday – No School – CID Teachers Conference

Box Tops Cubs vs. Cards Inning 5: Cubs-220, Cards-202. Total to Date: Cubs-663, Cards-1068. 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.

Education & Edification...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Responding to the Roman Catholic Case for a Celibate Priesthood, The Birth of Moses, Stealing, Bearing False Witness and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>19th 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	<i>CID Fall Pastors' Conference through Wednesday</i>
Tuesday	6:00 Fellowship Board, Trustees; 6:30 School Board
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00 Lighthouse; 12:30 Widow's Group; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Friday	<i>Day School Closed</i> ; 5:30 Faith & Family Night
Sunday	<i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion (Alleluia Ringers); 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 1:00 New Member Class

Tuesday Morning Bible Class will be canceled this Tuesday, October 2nd.

Widow's Group will meet this Thursday, October 4th, at 12:30pm at Arby's on Springfield Ave.

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 4th. If you plan to attend, please sign a sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by *today*. Carpooling plans will then be made.

Faith & Family Night – Families with children of all ages are invited to join us on Friday, October 5th, 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.

Reading Buddies will meet Tuesday, October 9th, at 1:00pm.

Chili Supper – Join us for great food and fellowship on Friday, October 12th, 5:30-7pm. The 6th grade class will be serving a wonderful meal including homemade chili, hotdogs, and cornbread served with lemonade in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a Cookie/Brownie/Bar Sale. Families are encouraged to bring a decorated or carved pumpkin and enter them in the Decorated Pumpkin Contest or the Carved Pumpkin Contest. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 children (children under 5 are free). Buy your tickets from a sixth grade student or the school office. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds will go toward the 6th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg in 2020.

Youth Group – Attention all 6th-12th graders. The Youth Group will be going to Hardy's Reindeer Ranch and conquering the Corn Maze on Sunday, October 14th at 2pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Youth Group bulletin board by the church office. Youth participants will need to fill out the registration form. Additional copies are available by the bulletin board. Drivers will be needed to car pool to Hardy's. Driver's will need to fill out a Driving Form. The deadline to sign up for Hardy's will be Wednesday, October 10th. Email youth@stjohns.com with any questions.

Empty Tomb – At St. John we can help deliver groceries to families in need. We are looking for volunteers to help. Contact Vanessa for more information.

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 Apostles' Creed

The First Article – *Creation*

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 656 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (st. 1)

Psalm 133

Bible Readings for the Week:

David and Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 22-25

Nathan Confronts David with His Sin – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15

David's Son Dies and Solomon Is Born – 2 Samuel 12:16-25