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Divine Service I with Holy Communion

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**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.

SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Music Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dan, Jeremy, Dan, Nick; 10:45 – Chris, Phil, Chuck, Steve. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Lucas & AJ; 10:45 – Peter & Jordan. **Instrumentalists:** Eli, Everett, Terry-trumpets, Karen-flute, Sara-euphonium, Lou Ann Miller-, Randy-clarinet & saxophone.

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 Butch, Jeremy & Michelle, and family in memory of Pam birthday on October 2nd. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *in thanksgiving:* Lee & Judy in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on October 6th; *for peace and comfort:* Jackie and family at the death of husband Jim; *for healing and recovery:* Judy, Steve, Rod, Jim-brother of Karla, Kaylianna-great granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Rev. Doug Evenson, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Susan, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Nadia, Kai; *for those in the military:* Nick, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Linda.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<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
Monday	<i>CID Pastors Conference (Oct. 2-4)</i>
Tuesday	5:15 Fellowship Board; 6:00 Trustees, School Board
Wednesday	5:45 Midweek, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Lifelight
Friday	<i>Day School Closed</i>
Sunday	<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

LWML – Next Sunday, October 8th, will be a celebration of LWML Sunday.

E.A.T. Night - E.A.T. @ Texas Roadhouse on Monday, October 9th, 4-10pm. Texas Roadhouse is giving back at least 10% of our purchases. We will receive a larger percentage with more Dine to Donate patrons, so spread the word. Bring in the flyer or show it on your phone to make sure that the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website www.stjohns.com. This fundraiser applies to dine-in and carry out purchases. Thank you for your continued support of these events.

Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class will not meet this week. We will resume Tuesday, October 10th.

Lunch in Honor of Jim Lang – A light lunch will be held in honor of Jim Lang in the Fellowship Hall at church on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023, beginning at 11:30am. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet across from the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, October 8th.

St. John Arts & Craft Fair Saturday, October 14th, 9a-2p – Come out and see all the wonderful creations from local craftsmen and artists. Get a fresh cup of coffee and purchase bake sale items. The Bake Sale will include individual items to eat on site as well as items to take home. La Paloma food truck will be on site. Purchase a Door Prize ticket (3 for \$5 or 8 for \$10), view the donated items and place your ticket in the corresponding box. Winners will be drawn at 2p.

Bake Sale Donations – Get your cookie sheet and baking pans ready. Donations are needed for the Bake Sale at the Arts & Crafts Fair – cookies, bars, pies, cakes, anything you like. Items can be packaged individually or in groups. Please label your item name and if it contains any common food allergens (for example: Chocolate Chip Cookies, contain nuts". A sign-up sheet is posted by the fellowship hall. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

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. 14th, 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, (Drop-ins are welcome.) St. John Arts & Crafts Fair is held in the gym in conjunction with the Car Show.

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

LWML is again collecting school supplies for the Orphan Grain Train. Please place your items in the box located in the coat room by Sunday, October 8th, 2023. 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. For further information, please contact Donna E or Jean N. Many thanks for your help in supporting kids around the world with LWML.

Deaconess Kim Bueltmann Visits – Deaconess Kim Bueltmann will be joining us on Sunday, October 8th. Please plan to attend her update presentation on her missionary work in Leipzig, Germany as she continues to share the Gospel with refugees from the Middle East settling in Germany. This will take place in our fellowship hall during the Bible class hour.

Youth Group – The Camp CILCA youth retreat was a blast. Highlights were playing Underground Church, archery, and a team building Challenge course. Check out the board in the church hallway to see pictures. Our next event will be on Friday, Oct. 13th from 6-9pm. We will meet at the Ladage family home for a bonfire and weenie roast. Drop off & pickup will be at their home.

Youth Lock-In – On Friday, Oct. 27th starting at 6pm through Saturday, Oct. 28th @7am, SJL Youth will be hosting Lock In with a CYM team from Concordia University. College students will be leading games and activities for a full night of fun. To sign up, go to: <https://forms.gle/kXvWwBca2bhcNhop9>

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 21:23-27: God's Word brings together two concepts that you don't see very often: stars and humility. Christians are to shine like the stars in this crooked and twisted world, and to do it with the humility of Christ. Now there is a tall order. How is it done? One needy soul at a time. Christ is working through you for that "tall" purpose. He is working out salvation: the liberation of pain, struggle, challenge, emotional hurt, guilt, and shame through the forgiveness of sin, the loving of one another, the putting of others first, and He is doing it through you to others. You are that bright shining star giving glory to God in the humility of day to day living for Christ. Your life has significance, right where you are. You are the answer to someone's prayer with your Christ-like heart, words, and actions in the vineyard where you radiate with God's glory.

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 the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Hymn 564 *Christ Sits at God's Right Hand*

Psalm 46

Bible Readings for the Week:

Aaron and Miriam Speak against Moses – Numbers 12:1-16

Spies Are Sent into Canaan – Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan; Moses Intercedes – Numbers 14:1-24