

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LWML Sunday

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8:00am & 10:45am

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Divine Service II 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, Kurt, Dan, Jeremy; 10:45 – Matt, Jim, Chris, Mike. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Ethan & Everett; 10:45 – Eli & Nic. **Soloist:** Sara.

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 Mimi in memory of husband Jim’s birthday on October 14th who passed away July 31, 2022. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Dave & Karen and family at the death of Karen’s mother Lila Moss; *hospitalized:* Leona; *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:* John, Brian; *for those in the military:* Nick D, Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Betty, Lavina.

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

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

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	4:00 E.A.T. Night @ Texas Roadhouse
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Elders
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 11:30 Lang Luncheon; 5:45 Midweek, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	10:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Adult Choir Practice
Saturday	9:00 Arts & Crafts Fair, Car Show
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E.A.T. Night - E.A.T. @ Texas Roadhouse tomorrow, 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.stjohnls.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 meet on Tuesday, October 10th this week.

Luncheon in Honor of Jim Lang – A light lunch will be held in honor of Jim 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 today.

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, (217) 359-1714 or [kschmidt - at - stjohnls.com](mailto:kschmidt-at-stjohnls.com). (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 – Deaconess Kim Bueltmann will be joining us today. Please plan to attend her presentation on her missionary work in Leipzig, Germany as she continues to share the Gospel with refugees from the Middle East settling in Germany.

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 today. 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). Many thanks for your help in supporting kids around the world with LWML.

Boys Basketball Coach Needed - Given recent changes with our volunteer coaches, St. John is looking for at least two qualified individuals to serve as coaches for the middle school boys basketball team. Securing the necessary coaches is imperative as without them we will not be able to have a season. If you are interested in learning more about these coaching opportunities or would like to apply, please contact the school office by 8:00am on Wednesday, October 11th. Thank you for your consideration. (kschmidt - at - stjohlns.com, 217-359-1714)

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>

Youth Group – Check out the Youth bulletin board for our Camp CILCA retreat photos. 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.

Trunk or Treat – Our annual Trunk or 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 at fblock - at - stjohlns.com.

Hymn Festival - Hymns for all the Saints Sunday. November 19th at 4:00 pm. Join us as we celebrate some of the great hymns of our faith. Instruments, Organ, Handbells, Brass and 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 Creed

The Second Article – And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Bible Passage: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:1, 8

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

Psalm 1

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Rebels Are Sentenced to Death – Numbers 14:26-45

Rebellion against Moses and Aaron – Numbers 16:1-19a

The Lord Confirms that Moses Is His Prophet – Numbers 16:19b-40