



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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Divine Service IV 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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt, Bob, Dan, Todd; 10:45 – Chris, John, Phil, Chuck. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Ethan; 10:45 – Noah & Jordan. **Instrumentalists:** Lou Ann, oboe; Randy, clarinet.

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 Mike & Maxine in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary on October 21. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Rex & Cindy and family at the death of Rex’s mother Glenda; *for healing and recovery:* Linda, Bentley- great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Judy, Alex, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Charlie, Billy, Joshua; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David Carr/USMC/NC; *for our homebound:* Glenda, Alice.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *20th Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board

Wednesday 8:10 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lighthouse; 7:15 Holy Communion

Thursday 9:30 Lighthouse; 5:30 Instrumentalists; 6:00 Mixed & Men's Choirs

Sunday *Reformation Day (Obs.)*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class; 2:30 Trunk or Treat

Office Email – The church office email address is churchoffice - at - stjohncms.church.

Thank You – Thanks to all who contributed requests for our Hymn Sing this morning.

Handbells will not meet this week.

Reformation Music – Next Sunday (Reformation), we will have instrumentalists (brass and woodwinds) at both services. The Mixed Choir will sing at the 8:00 service and the Men's Choir will sing at the 10:45 service.

Fellowship Board will be hosting a brunch on October 30th between services. This is in honor of Pastor Caithamer, as October is Pastor Appreciation month. We will be combining Reformation Day with this as well. Please take time to come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Trunk or Treat – We will be hosting a Trunk and Treat this year on October 30, 2022 from 2:30 to 4:30. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall. You can sign-up to decorate a trunk and hand out treats or to help prepare treat bags before the event. We are also asking for treat donations. Donation slips are located on the bulletin board. Donations can be placed in the tub in the coat room. If you have any questions, email Faith.

LWML – The ladies of LWML wish to express their sincere thank you to all those who graciously donated to the request for school supplies for the Orphan Grain Train. Your generosity helps those in need and is greatly appreciated.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Sunday School – All classes will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

Show Me Dough Fundraiser – Order forms are available on the narthex table.

Return order forms to the school office by Monday, November 7. Dough-livery date is Tuesday, November 15. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the middle school class trip taken in next school year (2023-2024).

Witness & Outreach – Luke 18:9-17: Children teach adults many helpful things.

They are trusting and willing to openly share the Good News of Jesus. May we become more like Christian children who love and trust in Jesus and openly share our hope with people who are living each day without the sure hope of salvation.

Stewardship Corner – The Apostle Paul continually throughout his New Testament letters encourages people to express their gratitude and thanks to God for who God is and what He has done for us through Jesus. One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is demonstrated when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to His Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. As stewards, we find that gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love which enables us, in turn, to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love and grace, we give ourselves and our resources.

Voter's Meeting Today – There will be a Voter's Meeting today at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Passage: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Hymn 656 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (v. 4)

Psalm 104:1-5

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel – Genesis 29:1-30

The Children of Jacob – Genesis 29:31-30:24

Laban Agrees to Divide the Livestock with Jacob – Genesis 30:25-43