



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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Nick, Andy, Todd, Dan; 10:45 – Matt, Phil, Jim, Chris. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Jack; 10:45 – Jordan & 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 Mary Martha, Sisters in Christ. May God’s blessings be with all of you today and always. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Mimi; *for healing and recovery:* David- grandfather of Sara and Ryan, 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:* Noah, Nadia, Kai; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Glenda, Gaylord.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>1st Sunday in Advent;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 3:30 Advent Service; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Advent Service
Thursday	6:00 Men’s and Mixed Choirs
Friday	5:30 Family Advent Night
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday in Advent;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

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

Advent Dinner – Fellowship Board will be hosting a dinner between services on November 30th during the Advent season. Please come join us for lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.

Family Advent Night – All St. John Families are invited to begin their Christmas preparations by joining us for Family Advent Night on Friday, December 2nd, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will have a pizza dinner, crafts for kids, devotions, singing of Christmas carols and cookie decorating. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

New Member Recognition – Fellowship Board will be recognizing and welcoming our new members and those who transferred into our church. This is also for those who became new members during the COVID lockdown. Please come and join us for fellowship and cake Sunday December 4th in between services.

Sunday School Christmas Program -The Christmas Program will be presented by the Preschool - 8th grade children on Sunday, December 18th during the Sunday School hour. They will practice during Sunday School on December 4th and 11th. They will also be practicing the songs during the openings leading up to the program. We look forward to their message.

Hat and Mitten Tree – Once again, we will be collecting hats, mittens, scarves, etc... Donations can be placed on the tree by the school office starting on Monday, Nov. 28. The last day to bring in items will be Monday, Dec. 12. This year donations will go to a local charity.

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 Room 3C
6th-8th Conference Room
High School Youth Room

December/January Deadlines – Please send in all bulletin information for the months of December and January as well as newsletter information for January into the church office as soon as possible. Deadlines will be moved up to ensure everything is completed on time.

Ram Rebate Cards for Christmas – Purchase Ram Rebate gift cards for gift giving and earn money towards your tuition! Weekly bonuses and limited time offer of \$5 & \$10 cards are just a couple of the perks. You can order e-cards at any time with electronic payment (bank transfer (\$.15 fee) or credit card (2.5% fee). Payment by check can be made in the school and your order will be released after payment is processed. Orders for physical cards are due by Thursday, Dec. 1. More information about the program and how to sign up is available in the school office.

Advent By Candlelight – This event will be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Sadorus on Thursday, December 1 at 6:00pm. Reservations must be made by November 28th at (217) 840-4895. For carpooling arrangements, please call Jan B.

Young Adults – There has been interest expressed in having a young adults group at church as a way to enjoy fellowship with others of similar age. If this comes into fruition, it would begin at the first of the year. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 who would be interested please contact Sara.

Witness and Outreach – Matthew 21:1-11: While we wait with expectancy, what do those who do not know the Gospel of Jesus Christ wait for? Most are not sure of what to expect – the world to spiral out of control with increasing uncertainty, loss of hope, fear of judgment or the end? You have the truth that will make a difference as they face each day. Pray for the Lord to give you the opportunity to share the Good News over a cup of coffee, a friendly conversation, or a good book, because God’s Word of hope may make their day.

Budget Voter’s Meeting, Sunday, December 11 th at 1:00pm.
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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 Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Bible Passage: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14

Hymn 332 *Savior of the Nations, Come* (v 1-2)

Psalm 72:8-14

Bible Readings for the Week:

Gabriel Appears to Zechariah – Luke 1:5-25

The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-38