

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2019

8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Reverend Jeff Caithamer
School Principal: Tim Gabbert

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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:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Andy, Rex, Bob & Dave; 10:45 – Joe, Jim, Larry & Terry. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Zoe; 10:45 – Elijah. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Nicholas; 10:45 – Kai & Chris.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Harold to the glory of God. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Huck – Joyce's nephew's son; *for healing and recovery:* Chad, Alex, Dave, Lorene, Kim and Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the, Merv, Jessica - granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca - daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy -father of Anne, Ellie, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for successful treatments:* Earl, Roger -father of Stephanie, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Philip -son of Starley, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Shawn -sister of Maxine; *for our college students:* Sierra, Allie, Rachel; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Leona, Esther, Betty

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!

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

2020 Contribution Envelopes are available on the table in the hallway near the fellowship hall, please stop by and pick yours up. If you do not see your envelopes please contact the church office.

Lifelight is Back – Join us for 2 Corinthians, a 9-week Bible study. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:30. Classes start January 29th-30th. Look for our table in the overflow to sign up or contact Neil, Matt or Eunice.

Security – For the safety and security of the congregation, the Elders have begun locking the front and back main entrances to the church after the sermon during the 10:45am service.

St. John Webstore – There are many new designs and styles –personalization and text options are available on many items. Orders are processed as they are received and are ready in 10-15 days. The school office will contact you when items are ready for pickup. Visit <https://stjohnstore.martinonesource.com/> to select your items.

St. John Trivia Night – Come out and join us for our first-ever trivia night where you can have fun while raising money for our school on Saturday, February 1st. Doors open at 5pm and Trivia starts at 6pm. The evening’s trivia theme will be “*Through the Decades*”. Participants will get to compete in nine rounds of trivia as well as other events like a Gift-Card Bidding Frenzy, Heads-or-Tails game, and a Dessert Auction. Individual and Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Levels begin at Ram-Shout Out for \$25 and go to Premier Sponsor for \$2500. Registration and Sponsorship Forms are now available by the school office. Please contact the school office with any questions. Make Your Reservations Now.

Ram Rebate Gifts Cards – Instead of running all over town, buying a gift card at this store and that restaurant, buy gift cards from Ram Rebate and earn a rebate for the church or school account of your choice. Many cards are available in stock in the school office.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

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| Today | <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | <i>New Year’s Eve</i> ; 7:15 Holy Communion |
| Wednesday | <i>New Year’s Day</i> |
| Thursday | 12:00 Senior Women’s Lunch; 6:00 Handbells |
| Saturday | 9:00 Church Undecorating |
| Sunday | <i>Epiphany Obs.</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion |

New Year’s Eve – Please join us for our New Year’s Eve Service at 7:15pm. It will be a Divine Service with Holy Communion. There will be no evening service on Wednesday, January 1st.

Choir Notes – There will be no singing choir rehearsals this week. Handbells will have practice at 6:00pm Thursday, January 2nd.

Senior Women’s Lunch – Our senior luncheon will be on Thursday, January 2nd at 12 noon, at Arby’s on Springfield Ave. This will be our meeting time each month from now on.

Mary Martha will not be meeting in January.

Taking Down the Decorations – On January 4th at 9am, we will take down decorations in the church. We appreciate everyone who came and decorated. Many hands make the work go quickly. We would love to see you.

Ice Skating Party – Do you love to ice skate, or would you like to give it a try? Join us for the annual St. John Ice Skating Party on Saturday, January 5th from 4:30-6:30pm at the U of I Ice Arena. There is no charge for this family fellowship event.

Christmas/New Year Hours – The Church Office will be closed December 25th through January 1st. The School Office will be closed December 21st through January 6th.

Coming Up Next Year at St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool: PTF Ice Skating party, UI Ice Arena, Saturday January 11th, 6-8p; E.A.T. @ Panera, Monday January 13th, 4:00-8:00p; Pasta Dinner and Talent Show, Friday January 24th, 5:30p-8p

Sacred Christmas Music 24/7 – You can listen to sacred Christmas music for the 12 days of Christmas anytime, anywhere on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app and at www.lutheranpublicradio.org.

**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 Sixth Petition – And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Hymn 384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Psalm 45: 6-11

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Boy Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2:41-52

John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord – Matthew 3:1-12

The Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:13-17