

7:15pm



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service IV with Holy Communion

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Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Elders: Mike & Jim

Ushers: Kurt & Kai

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.

Psalm 90:1-12 (Sing Antiphon before and after verses.)

Antiphon

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands up- | on us,
Yes, establish the work | of our hands!

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place
in all gener- | ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

You return | man to dust
and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,
or as a watch | in the night.

You sweep them away as | with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;
in the evening it fades and | withers.

For we are brought to an end by your | anger;
by your wrath we | are dismayed.

You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we | fly
away.

Who considers the power of your | anger,
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

So teach us to number | our days
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Antiphon

Isaiah 30:8–17

⁸And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. ⁹For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord; ¹⁰who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, ¹¹leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.” ¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, ¹³therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; ¹⁴and its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.” ¹⁵For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said, “No! We will flee upon horses”; therefore you shall flee away; and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. ¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

Romans 8:31b–39

^{31b}If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 12:35–40

³⁵“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.