



St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Divine Service IV

**stand as you are able*

OPENING HYMN 733 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

***INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing-
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. (*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*)

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city,^[a] three days' journey in breadth.^[b] ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA and VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, The Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. (14-20)

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 839 *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose in-most minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

SERMON *"The Time Is Fulfilled"* Mark 1:14-20

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*LORD'S PRAYER

*COLLECT

*BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 685 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

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Special Voter's Meeting, Sunday, January 31st, 2021, following the 10:45am service.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery*: Jim, Karla, Shirley, Pastor Ehlers, Esther, Judy, Martin-son of Letty, Aidan, Whitney-wife of Ellie grandson, Barbara-friend of the congregation, Ashlyn-infant relative of Joyce, Jan, John, Tom, Opal, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett-cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica-granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan-mother of Bill, Judy-mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy-father of Anne, Dan-brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for successful treatments*: Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Rachel, Allie, Jaclyn; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Lavina, Gaylord.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain, please email prayers@stjohns.com or call the church office at 359-1123.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Monday	6:30 LWML
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board
Wednesday	8:20 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Lifelight; 6:30 Men’s Choir
Sunday	<i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:15 Special Voter’s Meeting

A Special Voter’s Meeting has been called for Sunday, January 31st, 2021, following the 10:45 service (approx. 12:15pm) to vote on extending the current 3 year synodical cycle by 1 year due to the pandemic situation. This means the District Conventions normally held this year would be extended to next year, and the Synodical Convention scheduled for 2022 would be extended to 2023. This will be a very brief meeting, and the only topic discussed/voted on.

National Lutheran Schools Week, January 24-30 – NLSW provides more than 1,900 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with children and their families.

LWML Reminder - The January meeting scheduled for the 25th will be held in the Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study followed by a brief business meeting. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Donna or Linda.

Lifelight is back – A 9-week Bible study has begun on *Selected Psalms*. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:00. Social distancing is being practiced. To sign up contact Neil, Matt, Eunice or Donna.

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottles: In honor of Life Sunday today, as a fundraiser to support this life saving ministry, baby bottles are available in the overflow to collect your loose change and return to a box in the church overflow or the church office in March. Thank you for praying for and supporting this important ministry.

New Member Class is starting on Sunday, February 7th, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining St. John Lutheran Church, if you know of anybody who is interested in joining, or if you would like to refresh your own Lutheran catechesis, then this class is for you. Pastor Caithamer will teach this class on Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 2:30pm through the end of April. If you have any questions, please let pastor know. And, if you would like to attend, please let Pastor know or call the church office.

Part-time Janitorial Position Opening – Evenings, able to work independently, lift up to 50 pounds – please text or email Chip.

Altar Flower Chart – The 2021 Flower Chart is now available for reservations for altar flowers. Please leave your phone number and you will be telephoned before the Sunday you signed up to find out what flowers you would like and if you would like them in memory or in honor of something or someone.

2021 Contribution Envelopes are in the overflow. Some envelope numbers were changed so please throw away all old envelopes. Please stop by and pick up your new envelopes for 2021. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the church office.

Nursery Remodel – Be sure to stop by the Julia Eakin Nursery to see the progress of the remodel. Also, check out the bulletin board next to the Nursery (in the hallway) to track the progress on the chart.

Call Committee – A committee has been formed to begin the process of calling a teacher for the 4th/5th grade class. Members of the committee are as follows: Pastor Caithamer, Tim Gabbert, Maxine, Leah, Faith, Susah and Marlene. They are asking the congregations to submit names of possible candidates for them to consider. Please contact the school office 359-1714.

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members’ email addresses to communicate with the congregation. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

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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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in

order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” [Rom. 6:4]

Bible Passage: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16

Hymn 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (sts. 4-6)

Psalm 147:1-12

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin – Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

David’s Sin with Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Nathan Confronts David – 2 Samuel 12:1-25