

Welcome

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

APRIL 21, 2024



ST. JOHN'S

Lutheran Church

Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

The Lord's Supper

Though we are eager for all to participate fully in the Lord's Supper, we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us. Because Scripture states that the Lord's Supper can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, we ask all visitors to refer to the following statement of belief regarding the Lord's Supper before communing:

I am truly sorry for the sin in my life. I am struggling to die to my sin and to live in faith in Jesus. I am looking to Jesus to empower me to stop my sinning and to live a new life in Him. I believe when I receive the bread, I am receiving the true body of Christ, and when I receive the wine, I am receiving the true blood of Jesus. I believe that when I receive His true body and blood my sins are forgiven, I am given power over sin, death and the devil, and the gift of eternal life. My faith is completely in the words of Jesus.

The Lord's Supper offers the two-fold gift of forgiveness and peace with God on the one hand, and unity and oneness among those who commune together on the other hand (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 10:16-17). Those who receive the body and the blood of the Lord do so in terms of their relationship with God as well as with their fellow-communicants. Therefore, all baptized believers who understand and agree with the above Lutheran teaching of the Lord's Supper are welcome to attend. As always, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Ray or Pastor Aaron with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Disabled – The pastor and lay minister will gladly commune anyone unable to come to the communion rail. Let the pastor or an usher know before the service begins.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG

Come Thou Fount

LSB 686

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN AND JESUS' FORGIVENESS

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L: 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.

KYRIE (*responses sung*)

GLORIA (*sung*)

L: Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on Earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 4:1-12

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that

was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung)

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf

snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.” (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sung*)

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

John 10:11-18

Pastor Aaron Bird

NICENE CREED

OFFERING

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at
www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: “Lord, in Your mercy”

People respond with: “hear our prayer”

LORD’S PRAYER

PREFACE (*responses sung*)

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (*sung*)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI (sung)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	LSB 709
<i>Praise to You and Adoration</i>	LSB 692
<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	LSB 633

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	LSB 537
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POSTLUDE

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$7,986.00
Online Giving	
Total Giving.....	\$7,986.00

Last Week's Attendance

9:30 a.m. service	139
Total	139

FOURTH OF SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

*There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
Goodness of God*

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd"

John 10:11-18

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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

What a Beautiful Name

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

This Is Our God

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	Jill Davis
Communion Helper	Brian Cripe Kevin Tavarcky
Lay Minister	8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Matt Cushing
Organist	Ted Hesse
Ushers	8:30 – Brady Fawcett 11:00 – Tom Schollenbruch/Serenity Calhoun
Computer	8:30 – Lindsay Tipsword 11:00 – Zach Hesse
Live Stream	8:30 – Lindsay Tipsword
Camera	8:30 – Lindsay Tipsword
Sound	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Doug Hicks
Vocals.....	Becky Dosien, Kristin Hesse, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Wendy Salefski
Piano.....	Ted Hesse

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God's Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Thank you: Properties Team would like to thank all the volunteers and the Boy Scouts who came out and helped with yard clean up.

New Member Class: Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John's?! Join us for our New Member Classes which will begin on Sunday, April 28th. These classes are for all new members and will be held in the Lounge (across from Sanctuary) from 9:45-10:45am each Sunday for 8 weeks.

Please sign up on the sheet found on the back tables in the Sanctuary, by calling the church office (217-875-3656) or by e-mailing Georgia (office@stjohnsdecatour.com).

Save the date! On May 21 Ladies Friendship Circle will take a field trip to the Millikin Home. A spring field trip is a popular activity and the more the merrier!

Blood Drive: St John's is sponsoring a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall from 12:00 to 5:00 PM on April 30, 2024. Donors will receive instructions about claiming a gift card from one of the following: Amazon, Walmart, Starbucks, Target, Home Depot, Lowe's, or Subway. Sign up after the 8:30 or before the 11 am services on 4/7, 4/14 or 4/21. Other sign-up options include ImpactLife at 800-747- 5401 or online at www.bloodcenter.org. Please bring a photo ID. ImpactLife is the sole supplier of blood to DMH and St. Mary's. The need is real. Please consider a donation.

The Properties Team is looking to fill the position of Cemetery Caretaker. This position is responsible for the basic upkeep of the grounds of the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery from April thru October, and should require no more than (16) hours per week. If you're interested, a full job description is available in the Church Office or you can speak with Del Gross or Gary Schwartzle.

Hanging Baskets Youth Fundraiser: The youth are selling Hanging Flower

Baskets in time for Mother's Day. Cost is \$32.00. Pick-up an order form on the back table of the sanctuary or in the church office. Deadline is Monday, May 6th. Proceeds benefit St. John's Youth. Flowers will be delivered Wednesday, May 8th.

"It's Spring Cleaning Season! Students at Your Service are here to help! Your donation will go toward the student's summer mission trip to South Dakota. From yard work, deep cleaning, dog walking, painting and more our students are ready to serve. Call the Church office to get a project set up. Talk to Angela Cushing if you have any further questions."

Mite Boxes: Remember mite boxes are collected the first Sunday of every month at the back of the sanctuary. There are 31 grants being supported in 2023 and 2024. Ladies contact Brenda Salogga via email dnbsal@comcast.net or 217-429-9183 if interested in being included in St. John's LWML emails concerning our activities.

STEWARDSHIP SEEDS: John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

The Unity Era Red & black Gala: Tickets are available now. The annual Dinner Auction is Friday, May 3! Please go to the Unity Christian School Facebook page for more information.

Musical Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church: Rachel Versemann, Trinity's organist, will have a concert senior recital on Saturday, April 27, 2024, 2:00pm at the church. She will play selections by various artists using her musical talents on the organ, piano, and clarinet. She may add an accompanist for some of her selections. A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert. Plan to attend this special concert and enjoy Rachel's musical talents.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
4-5:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)
5:30 – 6 P.M. Share Dinner
6:00 P.M. Jr. High Youth Groups

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 A.M. DMH Grief Counseling (Lounge)
1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study (FH)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

5:30 P.M. TOPS
6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service