

Welcome

"WHAT DOES THE SPIRIT DO?"

MAY 19, 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.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 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

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB 496

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

L: On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

C: Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'

L: Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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*)

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he

commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord." (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

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

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

²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not

believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

SERMON

"What Does the Spirit Do?"

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pastor Aaron Bird

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CHOIR SPECIAL

"Total Praise"

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

O Holy Spirit, Enter In	LSB 913
Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid	LSB 500
Jesus Comes Today with Healing	LSB 620

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

<i>Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling</i>	<i>LSB 650</i>
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POSTLUDE

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$12,753.00
Online Giving	\$1,818.41
Total Giving.....	\$14,571.41

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.	150
11:00 a.m.	70
Total	220
Wednesday Adult Bible Study.....	19

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

*There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
Trust In God*

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Holy Spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Goodness Of God

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	Mike Patzwitz
Communion Helper	Jerry Pelz & Alan Bishop
Lay Minister	8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Mike Baggett
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – Brady Fawcett 11:00 – Tom Schollenbruch
Computer	8:30 – Ted Hesse 11:00 – Ava Saurmann
Live Stream	8:30 – Lindsay Tipsword
Camera	8:30 – Lindsay Tipwsord
Sound	8:30 – John Salogga 11:00 – Steve Wright
Vocals.....	Lindsay Tipwsord, 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

Ladies Friendship Circle will visit the Millikin Homestead on Tuesday, May 21. We will meet at church by 1:00 and leave immediately for our 1:15 tour. The church bus is unavailable, so we will carpool there. If you prefer to meet us at the homestead (125 North Pine) at 1:15, feel free to do that. Please note that there is a \$5/person charge. Following the tour we will return to church for a very brief meeting and refreshments. As always, everyone is welcome!

Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th at 9:45 a.m.

Envelope Fundraiser: Support our youth attending the South Dakota Mission Trip. Take an envelope(s) from the back table and fill them with that specific dollar amount and return them to the church office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Angela Cushing!

"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."

Any interested ladies! Our St. John's chapter of LWML is hosting a book discussion starting Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm. We will meet 6 times. The book is "A Case for Character: Towards a Lutheran Virtue Ethics" by Joel D. Biermann. You will need to provide your own copy of the book. It is a bit pricey, but there are used and Kindle versions available. Contact Brenda Salogga 217-429-9183 or dnbsal@comcast.net for more details.

#lifetogether meals are back! Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, August 14 at 5:30 p.m. Cookout & Yard Games

The Properties Team is looking for new members to add to their team. If you're interested, please contact the Church Office or you can speak with Gary Schwartzle.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
12-1:00 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)

MONDAY, MAY 20

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:00 P.M. Friendship Circle

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23

5:30 P.M. TOPS
7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, MAY 24

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Voter's Meeting (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service