

Welcome

"FAITHFUL DEATH"

JULY 14, 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.)

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 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 Almighty King

LSB 905

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: 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.

L: 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.

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.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us

for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared

John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Adam Ray

SERMON HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Vv. 1-3,6)

LSB 743

SERMON

"Faithful Death"

Mark 6:14-29

Pastor Aaron Bird

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Thy kingdom come."

People respond with: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

POSTLUDE

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$9,498.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,829.62
Total Giving.....	\$11,327.62

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.	132
11:00 a.m.	67
Total	199

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

Battle Belongs

10,000 Reasons

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

"Faithful Death"

Mark 6:14-29

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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

BLANKET BLESSING

Maggye Smith Parents: Rodney & Kelly Smith

Taylor Wilkerson Parents: Jim & Stephanie Wilkerson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	Jill Davis
Lay Minister	8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Drew Miller
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – Gary Schwartzle/Rick Laskowski 11:00 – Dan Zimmerman
Computer	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Ellie Hesse
Live Stream	11:00 – Brandon Patzwitz
Camera	11:00 – Brandon Patzwitz
Sound	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Steve Wright
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

Sunday Morning Bible Study has begun with our next installment of our *Songs of Summer* Bible Study series. During the months of July and August we will explore different songs of the faith that help instruct us and enliven us in the Christian faith. All ages are invited!

It's a **Friendship Circle** summer social! We will meet in the fellowship hall at 12:30 on Tuesday, July 16. Bring your own lunch or snacks; drinks will be provided. There is no agenda other than catching up and getting to know each other better. Everyone is invited, friends are welcome, and newcomers are encouraged to meet us!

Wednesday Adult Bible Study has started again. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. as we study Luther's Small Catechism.

Thrivent Members: Many of our St. John's family have Thrivent Choice Dollars. Our Ministry Teams would benefit from using the Choice Dollars for upcoming church events. Please contact the church office if you are willing to let the Ministry Teams use your Choice Dollars. Thank you.

Nancy Koopman Memorial Scholarship: If you could use a little financial help and blessing for your child/ren attending Unity Christian School, please complete a form inside one of the brochures...called The Nancy Koopman Memorial Scholarship. The brochures are located on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or in the church office. Please complete and return to the church office before July 19th.

Which classic novel begins with "Call me Ishmael"? Only one week left to find up to seven more friends with knowledge in the Bible, sports, songs, music, animals, history, US Presidents, geography, logos, & toys to sign up for LWML Trivia night. The cost is \$10/person. All proceeds support LWML Missions & the Fall Zone Rally we will host. Trivia night is July 27 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Email Brenda Salogga at dnbsal@comcast.net or sign up in the back of the fellowship hall. Teams can pay in cash or check at the door. (Answer: Moby Dick by: Herman Melville)

St. John's Cemetery has a new entrance. Turn onto E. Harrison Ave. (north of the cemetery), continue past the Pepsi building, turn right to cemetery.

Bus Trips: Tickets are available for the Aug. 21st performance of "Nunsense". Make your reservations with Jerry Pelz (217-433-2961) or the church office. Cost is \$36.00 per ticket. We will be leaving from the church at 12:45 p.m.

4th Annual St. John's Golf Scramble Fun-Raiser to be held September 22, at 1:30 at the Moweaqua Golf Course. Cost is \$400 per team. Includes golf, prizes, and dinner afterwards. Proceeds go back to the church through various needs and governed by Lay Ministry Board. Sign-up sheets will be available in a few weeks. Please mark your calendars.

Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting Dr. Reed Lessing this summer for a Continuing Education Event/Bible Study on: "The Book Of Numbers", this August 12th-14th! We would LOVE to have you join us for this most edifying study of God's Word, on a rarely studied book. For more information, or to register for the class, contact LeAnna Rondot at Leeanna.rondot@ctsfw.edu or 260-452-2204.

Beginning July 1, the **LSA ReSale Shop** will celebrate **Christmas in July**. The merchandise will continually change throughout the entire month. If you have never shopped at the LSA, this may be the time for your first visit. If you are thinking of purging your own Christmas decorations, we would love to have them. Normal donation times are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm and Thursdays from 2pm to 6pm.

St. Paul's Early Learning Center is hiring for full time infant co-teacher! To start mid-July to work on trainings, physical, TB and background check! Insurance and benefit package after 60 days. Tuition discount for children at Unity Christian School. Tuition discount for children to attend the daycare. Hourly pay will depend on your education or previous daycare experience. Serious inquiries only! Contact Jamie Stanizone at jamie@spldecat.org or 217-424-9183.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, JULY 14

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

MONDAY, JULY 15

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

TUESDAY, JULY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

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

THURSDAY, JULY 18

5:30 P.M. TOPS (FH)
7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, JULY 19

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

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