



>Welcome

“DO YOU NOT CARE?”

JUNE 23, 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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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 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

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Job 38:1-11

¹Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God;

with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also. (ESV)

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C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

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

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

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Aaron Bird

SERMON HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Vv. 1,3,6,7)

LSB 549

SERMON

"Do You Not Care?"

Mark 4:35-41

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: "Lord, in Your mercy"

People respond with: "hear our prayer"

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: 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

SENDING HYMN

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923

POSTLUDE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

Only King Forever

Goodness of God

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

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PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION TRIP BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

In Jesus' Name

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Reader	Jan Bryant
Lay Minister	8:30 – Larry Westbrook 11:00 – Matt Cushing
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – David Vanskike 11:00 – Dan Zimmerman
Computer	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Ava Saurmann
Live Stream	11:00 – Lindsay Tipsword
Camera	11:00 – Eric Brown
Sound	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Brandon Patzwitz
Vocals.....	Melissa Saurmann, Lindsay Tipsword, Janice Wright
Acoustic Guitar	Wendy Salefski
Drums	Julia Cushing
Piano.....	Angela Cushing

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

Summer Break: Adult Bible Study and children's Sunday School will be on "Summer Break" and will not be meeting for the following Sundays: June 23 and 30. However, a time of fellowship and refreshments will be offered on those Sundays between services in the lounge.

#lifetogether meals are back! Thank you to those who came out and enjoyed good food, games, and fellowship. Come and join us on Wednesday, July 10 and August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will start back up on Sunday July 7th as we kick off the next installment of our *Summer Songs* Bible Study series. During the months of July and August we will be exploring different songs of the faith that help instruct us and enliven us in the Christian faith. All ages are invited!

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.

Bus Trips: The tickets for the performance of "Grease" on August 1st are sold out but you can still get on a waiting list. There are tickets available for the August 21st performance of "Nunsense". Make your reservations with Jerry Pelz (217-433-2961) or the church office. Cost is \$36.00 per ticket and 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.

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.

DO YOU HAVE? Garden Tools? Hand Tools? Nuts, Bolts & Screws? Nail Polish? Make-up and Perfume You Bought and Changed your mind? Flower Arrangements? Lamps? These items sell very well at the LSA ReSale Shop. If you are spring/summer cleaning and purging, consider donating these items. As Always, we will take your clothes, shoes, purses and holiday decor. Donation times are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm and Thursdays from 2pm to 6pm.

STEWARDSHIP SEEDS: *1 Peter 4:10 – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”* The grace, the gifts, the blessings – they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So, we listen to His Word, pray for His wisdom and receive His grace.

Last Week’s Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$12,810.00
Online Giving.....	\$912.51
Total Giving.....	\$13,722.51

Last Week’s Attendance

8:30 a.m.	130
11:00 a.m.	47
Total.....	177

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service

9:45 A.M. Fellowship in the Lounge

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service

MONDAY, JUNE 24

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

10-11:00 A.M. DMH Grief Counseling (Lounge)

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

3:00 P.M. Meeting in the Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 P.M. Mission Trip Meeting at Cushing's

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

5:30 P.M. TOPS

7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, June 30

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service

9:45 A.M. Reception Hour (Lounge)

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service