

Welcomed

**"CRAZY LIKE JESUS"**

**JUNE 9, 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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### **Contact Us**

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**Church office hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday**

**Members of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod & Unity Christian School**



**UNITY CHRISTIAN**  
A ministry of the Lutheran School Association

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# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 9, 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

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*LSB 901*

### INVOCATION

#### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–5*

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

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

L: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

**C: O Lord, who could stand?**

L: But with You there is forgiveness,

**C: that You may be feared.**

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

**C: and in His word I hope.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Brothers and Sisters, from God's Word we understand it is our sin that causes our troubles, doubt, fears, and death. For this reason, God's own Son became our Savior, taking the sin of the world upon Himself and paying our debt with His own death on the cross. All who have been baptized in His name have died with Him and live in the forgiveness of our sin. Let us therefore implore Him again and again for His forgiveness and life.

**C: O gracious God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in**

**my thoughts, words, and deeds by my own fault. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive me my sins and restore to me the hope of Your eternal salvation. This I ask in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

L: My friends, may God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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**

*Genesis 3:8-15*

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT**

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 3:20-35*

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

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

<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he

cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— <sup>30</sup> for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." <sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." <sup>33</sup> And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Pastor Adam*

## **SERMON HYMN**

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image (Congregation will sing twice) LSB 422*

## **SERMON**

*"Crazy Like Jesus"*

*Mark 3:20-35*

*Pastor Adam Ray*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **OFFERING**

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at  
[www.stjohnsdecatur.com/giving](http://www.stjohnsdecatur.com/giving).*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Create In Me*

*LSB 956*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Lord, in Your mercy"*

*People respond with: "hear our prayer"*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

*LSB 548*

**POSTLUDE**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*June 9, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.*

**OPENING SONGS**

*Battle Belongs*

*Trust In God*

**WELCOME & GREETING**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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*"Crazy Like Jesus"*

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**RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

**GODSPEED FOR CHLOE DAHN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**

*My Lighthouse*



## SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher .....	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader .....	Scott Tavarczyk
Lay Minister .....	8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Mike Baggett
Organist .....	Ted Hesse
Ushers .....	8:30 – Gary Schwartzle/Rick Laskowski 11:00 – Debbie Strong
Computer .....	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Ava Saurmann
Live Stream .....	11:00 – Matt Cushing
Camera .....	11:00 – Matt Cushing
Sound .....	8:30 – John Salogga 11:00 – Brandon Patzwitz
Vocals.....	Lindsay Tipsword, Janice Wright, Ted Hesse
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 9, 16, 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!** Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, August 14 at 5:30 p.m. Cookout & Yard Games

**Properties Ministry** will be trimming bushes on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. Would greatly appreciate all volunteers.

**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."

**Northeast Community Fund** will be hosting an appreciation dinner for their donors and volunteers here at St. John's on the evening of Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping to provide a few desserts for the event to help out. Would you be willing to make something tasty to share with our friends at Northeast? Contact Pastor Aaron if you are interested and able to help!

**Bus Trips:** St. John's will be sponsoring bus trips to the Little Theatre again this summer. Second trip will be Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for a 2pm performance of "Grease". Tickets are \$36 each and reservations may be made with the church office or Jerry Pelz (217-433-2961). Please meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. on August 1<sup>st</sup> for the bus ride to Sullivan.

**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.

**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.

**Adult VBS at Mt. Calvary:** Join Mt. Calvary's Adult VBS this summer! Weekday sessions begin June 6,13,20,27, from 12-2:30 (lunch served). Weekend Sessions June 15 & 29, from 10 – noon (snacks provided). Each session will have devotions, body bingo and a service project. Any questions or to register, please contact Mt. Calvary office 217-428-0641.

**Last Week's Giving**

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$11,809.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,376.72
Total Giving.....	\$14,185.72

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:30 a.m. ....	152
11:00 a.m. ....	63
Total .....	215

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:30 A.M. .... Traditional Service  
9:45 A.M. .... Fellowship in the Lounge  
11:00 A.M. .... Contemporary Service

### MONDAY, JUNE 10

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

10-11:00 A.M. .... DMH Grief Counseling (Lounge)  
1:00 P.M. .... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
6:30 P.M. .... Lay Ministry Meeting (FH)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

5:30 P.M. .... #lifetogether  
7:00 P.M. .... Mission Trip Meeting at Cushing's

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

No church activities scheduled.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

No church activities scheduled.

### SUNDAY, June 16

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