

Welcome

"THE FATHER'S WILL"

AUGUST 11, 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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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11, 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902

BAPTISM

Daniel McGlade

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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

Old Testament

1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. ¹⁸Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. ¹⁹They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that isn't what you learned about Christ. ²¹Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²²throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. ²⁵So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth,

for we are all parts of the same body.²⁶ And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry,²⁷ for anger gives a foothold to the devil.²⁸ If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.²⁹ Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35-51

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

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

³⁵ Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.³⁶ But you haven’t believed in me even though you have seen me.³⁷ However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.³⁸ For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.³⁹ And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day.⁴⁰ For it is my Father’s will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day.”

⁴¹Then the people began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph? We know his father and mother. How can he say, 'I came down from heaven'?" ⁴³But Jesus replied, "Stop complaining about what I said. ⁴⁴For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. ⁴⁵As it is written in the Scriptures, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶(Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him.) ⁴⁷"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸Yes, I am the bread of life! ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. ⁵⁰Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh." (NLT)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Aaron Bird

SERMON HYMN

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives (Vv. 1-4)

LSB 602

SERMON

"The Father's Will"

John 6:35-51

Pastor Adam Ray

OFFERING

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People respond with: "hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

BACKPACK BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

LSB 655

POSTLUDE

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$12,235.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,226.84
Total Giving.....	\$13,461.84

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.	134
11:00 a.m.	66
Total.....	200

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

God So Loved

Hymn of Heaven

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35-51

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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SERMON

"The Father's Will"

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APOSTLES' CREED

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This Is Our God

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Adam Ray
Worship Leader	Pastor Aaron Bird
Reader	Jeff Salefski
Lay Minister	8:30 – Larry Westbrook 11:00 – Mike Baggett
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – Gary Schwartzle/Rick Laskowski 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 – Steve Wright
Vocals.....	Melissa Saurmann, Pam Saurmann
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

Our last #lifetogether for the summer! Why stay home and cook? You could come and join us Wednesday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m., for a cookout, fun games, and fellowship.

Sunday Morning Bible Study is on our next installment of our *Songs of Summer* Bible Study series. During the month of August, we will explore different songs of the faith that help instruct us and enliven us in the Christian faith. All ages are invited!

Sunday School is Back! All children grades K-8 are invited to join us for Sunday School hour beginning Sunday, September 8th. There will be a class for K-4th and a class for 5th-8th each Sunday from 9:45-10:45am. Our Discipleship Team has prepared engaging lessons and activities that will help our children grow in their faith while having fun! We look forward to seeing your children in Sunday School and growing together in Christ!

Ladies of St. John's! We are assembling one or two auction baskets for Camp Cilca. The theme for the baskets will be "Homemade". Do you can? Do you knit or crochet or sew? Do you make decorative items? Do you bake? Other? If you would like to donate an item, please text Brenda Salogga at 217-429-9183 or email dnbsal@comcast.net by August 11th.

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. The cost is \$36.00 per ticket. We will be leaving the church at 12:45 p.m.

All women of St. John's! We are hosting the LWML Decatur Zone Fall Rally on September 19th. This is the first time we have had the opportunity to do this since we renewed our membership! We will provide a meal and listen to speaker Dr. Gerald Perschbacher of the Orphan Grain Train as we dine. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 5:00. Cost is 10.00 per person. Please bring a non-perishable item for NECF. Please contact Brenda Salogga at 217-429-9183 or email dnbsal@comcast.net or the church office if you plan to attend. See you there!

4th Annual St. John's Golf Scramble Fun-Raiser to be held September 22, at 1:30 at the Moweaqua Golf Course. The 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 on the back table of the sanctuary or in the church office. Deadline is September 6th!

Trinity's Youth Group will have a rummage sale on Aug. 23rd -24th, in Trinity's church basement. All proceeds go to Trinity's youth trip to NYG 2025. Please join us! Trinity is located at 1960 E. Johns Avenue in Decatur. For more information, call Trinity's Church Office at: (217)422-3630.

LSA ReSale Shop: Christmas in July has come to an end and August brings the beginning of sunflowers and fall decor for sale. If you need to recycle your fall decor, the ReSale Shop is the place. Mark your calendar for these important dates: Thursday, September 12 is the 10 Cent Sale from 9am to Noon and on Monday, September 16 the store re-opens with all new fall/winter/holiday merchandise. Volunteers are needed for restocking on Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 14.

You are invited to Camp CILCA's **26th Annual Chicken Dinner and Auction on September 1, 2024**. The meal is served 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 4-12. Menu: grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, homemade desserts, and drinks. The live auction begins at 12:30. The Trading Post and beach will be open in the afternoon.

Whippoorwill Challenge: Golf Scramble for Camp CILCA. Hickory Point, Forsyth on Friday, Sept. 13th. Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m. Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$65 for golf, cart, dinner. Build a team or join a team. Deadline is Sept. 9th.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study (FH)
5:30 P.M. #lifetogether

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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