



Welcome

"The Power of Touch"

February 19, 2023



ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It truly is an honor to have you worshipping with us this morning and it is our prayer that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness! If you are visiting with us today, please take one of the visitor gift bags from the visitors' center.

At St. John's we are pleased to offer a variety of service formats 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 worshipping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need any 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 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.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | 8:30 A.M.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME/GREETING

OPENING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

LSB 537

BAPTISM

Kennedy KayLynn Roberts

Dawson Glenn Roberts

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.

C: We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.

L: "We have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." 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

Old Testament

Exodus 24:8-18 (ESV)

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L: This is the Word of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament

2 Peter 1:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from

God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L: This is the Word of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

SERMON

"The Power of Touch"

Matthew 17:1-9

Pastor Aaron Bird

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OFFERING

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

PRAYER 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

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

'Tis Good, Lord, to be Here

LSB 414

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Alleluia Song of Gladness

LSB 417

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed	\$12,403.85
General Fund	\$11,947.00
Online Giving	\$2,442.93
Total	\$14,389.93

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.....	154
11:00 a.m.	64
Total	218
Wednesday Bible Study	22

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

*God So Loved
King Of My Heart*

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

I Speak Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9 (ESV)

SERMON

*"The Power of Touch"
Matthew 17:1-9
Pastor Aaron Bird*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

O Come To The Altar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

Sunday Servants

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	Doug Precht
Communion Helper	David Salogga
Lay Minister	8:30 – Larry Westbrook 11:00 – Mark Langston
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – Brady Fawcett 11:00 – Dan Murphey/Serenity Calhoun
Acolytes.....	8:30 – Mallory Harrison/Anna Kierbs 11:00 – Hayden Calhoun/Jon Bart
Computer	8:30 – Anne Jesgarz 11:00 – Jessie Denning
Live Stream	8:30 – Jessie Denning
Camera	8:30 – Eric Brown
Sound.....	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – John Salogga
Vocals.....	Kelly Langston, Amanda Ray, 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: Kaleb Blakeman, 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 Salefski, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

Congregation News

Baptism: Kennedy KayLynn Roberts, daughter of Dawson & Madelyn (Meyer) Roberts, and Dawson Roberts will be baptized during the 8:30 service. Welcome to the St. John's Lutheran Church family.

Adult Sunday School Hour: Pastor Aaron is leading a Bible Study series during Sunday morning Adult Education hour, focusing on the basics of Christian theology. The series will be based on the book, "Called to Believe" by Dr. Steven P. Mueller. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. as we learn more about our faith together.

Ash Wednesday Service is February 22 at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. We will have the Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 noon.

Need a ride? If anyone would like a ride to the Wednesday (Lent) evening services, please contact the church office.

Church Bus Drivers: We are looking for drivers with a CDL driver's license, or willing to get a CDL License. Contact the church office if you are interested.

It's another opportunity to craft for a cause with the Ladies' Friendship Circle! On Tues., February 21st, we will tie lightweight fleece blankets to donate to dialysis patients at the center on McKinley. No experience is necessary! All women are invited to come at 1:00 for a short meeting, which will include preliminary chicken noodle dinner plans. Stay to socialize, enjoy refreshments, and tie some knots as a way to demonstrate our Christian compassion for others.

New Life Pregnancy Center News – CHANGE FOR LIFE – Thank you for taking a bottle to fill with your pocket change. The bottles can be returned anytime up to March 5th to the church office.

LWML: LWML National Convention is June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and CID Convention is in Quincy, Illinois, April 28-29.

West Entry Doors are being monitored from 8:00 until 8:35 a.m. on Sunday mornings. (The door between the Rock Room and the Education Wing.) Unless you are dropped off at the sanctuary door, the west entrance is the shortest distance to enter the building.

Young Adult Bible Study - (Geared towards ages 24-35) We will be meeting Mondays at 6:30pm starting October 24th at the home of Anne Jesgarz. Come join us for evenings of Bible study and board games. You can email Anne at JesgarzAnne@gmail.com for the address. We can't wait to see you there!

Stewardship Seeds: Luke 18:35 – “As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.” The last known words of Martin Luther were found scratched on a slip of paper next to his death bed: “We are all beggars; this is true.” All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this leaves us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts.

Job opening at LSA. It will be for a janitorial position working 3pm-9pm with occasional weekend events. Minimum hours are 15-20 hours/week. Position may start as early 2-13-23. Please fill out an application or call Ed Keane at 217-853-5923.

LSA ReSale Shop News: Mark your calendars for Thurs., March 9th for the semi-annual 10 cent sale at the LSA ReSale Shop, 421 E. Cerro Gordo St. The Shop will be open 9:00AM - Noon. All merchandise will sell for 10 cents. The Shop will be closed Fri., Sat., and Sun., March 10th - 12th for re-stocking and re-opening on Mon., March 13th with all new spring and summer inventory. Volunteers are needed! Come anytime, any day and stay as long as you can. For more information, contact the Shop at 217-423-0122. The LSA ReSale Shop supports the ministry of the LSA.

Grab a St. John's Magnet on your way out and take one for a friend.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 8:30 A.M.....Traditional Service
9:45 A.M.Baptism Service
11:00 A.M.Contemporary Service
4-5:30 P.M.Confirmation Class (FH)
5:30-6 P.M.Shared Dinner
6-8 P.M.Jr. High Youth Groups (FH)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 1:00 P.M.Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M.Friendship Circle (FH)
6:30 P.M.....Parish Planning Meeting (FH)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 10:00 A.M.....Adult Bible Study (FH)
12:00 P.M.....Imposition of Ashes
5:00 P.M.....Lenten Meal Served (FH)
6:30 P.M.....Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 5:30 P.M.....TOPS
6:00 P.M.....Choir Rehearsal
7:00 P.M.....Worship Practice

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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