



>Welcome

“Never Enough”

April 16, 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.

SECOND OF SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023 | 8:30 A.M.

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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION OF SIN AND JESUS' FORGIVENESS

L: That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, 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.

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 are afraid of losing hope. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead for the life of the world, 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: Upon this, 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 *Acts 5:29-42*

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the

name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And

when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

SERMON

"Never Enough"

John 20:19-31

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.*

PRAYERS 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*)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

LSB 474

POSTLUDE

SECOND OF SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
Hymn of Heaven

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

Living Hope

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

"Never Enough"

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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Forever

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

My Redeemer Lives

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	AJ Clapp
Communion Helper	David Salogga
Lay Minister	8:30 – Kevin Smith 11:00 – Paul Stanizone
Organist	Ted Hesse
Ushers	8:30 – Brad Fawcett 11:00 – Dan Murphey/Tim Wisler
Computer	8:30 – Anne Jesgarz 11:00 – Ava Saurmann
Live Stream	8:30 – Lucas May
Camera	8:30 – Jessie Denning
Sound	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – John Salogga
Vocals	Becky Dosien, Kelli Langston, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar.....	Malinda Standerfer
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 Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Easter Lilies: Please take your Easter Lily if you purchased one.

Unity Christian School a Ministry of the Lutheran School Association is having a "Next Steps Night" on Tuesday, April 18th from 6–8pm. Come and go as you are able and explore your next steps and ways to get involved.

LSA Dinner Auction: Join us on April 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the LSA gym. Guests will enjoy food, friends & fun while you experience what's best about our community & our school. This is an island themed event, so get out your tropical shirts, dresses, grass skirts...or come comfortable. Everyone is welcome! Get your tickets at: flow.page/lasadinnerauction

Altar Guild: Drew Miller is hosting a meeting for Altar Guild volunteers between services on Sunday April 23rd in the lounge. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update, discuss next steps, and answer any questions you may have.

Blood Drive: St John's is sponsoring a blood drive from 12:00 to 4:30 PM on April 27th. Donors will receive info about claiming a \$10 gift card or a cooler tote. Sign up after the 8:30 or before the 11 am services on any Sunday in April. Other sign-up options include ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or online at www.bloodcenter.org. Please bring a photo ID. ImpactLife is the sole supplier of blood to DMH and St. Mary's. The need is real. Please consider a donation.

LWML Meeting Sunday, April 30th, in Fellowship Hall after 11:00 service (noonish)? We will be hearing from Evangelism about their current book study and the future direction of our congregation. We will also be discussing what St. John's LWML can offer the congregation to make it a more inclusive ministry to reach and encourage younger women.

Chicken Noodle Dinner will be Sunday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Adults – \$10.00 and Children 12 and under – \$4.00. Menu: Chicken & Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert, and drink. Tickets will be available starting this Sunday and in the church office. A limited amount of Gluten Free Chicken Noodle Dinners will be available,

please request ahead of time. Dinner is provided by the Ladies Friendship Circle.

Homemade Noodles: Ladies Friendship Circle still has homemade noodles for sale. The cost is \$4 per pound. Get yours before they're gone! See Linda Harrison today or stop by the church office during the week.

Nelson's Chicken Dinner: Boy Scout Troop 104 is selling tickets for a Chicken Dinner. Dinner includes Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Roll. The dinners will be available for pick up on Friday, April 28th between 4:30-6:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$12.00 each and may be purchased in the church office during office hours.

Ladies Friendship Circle next meeting will be Tues., April 18, at 1:00 when we will learn about beautifying Decatur! Jill Davis and Susan Avery of the Beautify Decatur Coalition will be our speakers.

LWML Convention: Registration packets for the LWML convention are on the table at the back of the church. The CID Convention is in Quincy, IL, April 28-29. The National Convention is in Milwaukee, WI, June 22-25.

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

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$15,495.00
Total	\$15,495.00

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.....	280
11:00 a.m.	113
Total	393
Maundy Thursday Service	96
Good Friday Service	141
Wednesday Adult Bible Study.....	20

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour
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

MONDAY, APRIL 17

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Friendship Circle Meeting (FH)
6:30 P.M. Next Step Night at LSA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Youth Hang-Out at Malinda's

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

5:30 P.M. TOPS
7:15 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

5:30 P.M. LSA Dinner/Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
6-8 P.M. Sr. High Youth Groups