



>Welcome

"ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY"

NOVEMBER 3, 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.)

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 or Pastor Aaron 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.

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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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humble ourselves before God, confessing our sins to Him, and taking refuge in His mercy.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession...)

L: Oh God, You have commanded us by Your Word: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might."

C: Almighty God, we have not fulfilled this commandment. Too many times, we have put other people or things in Your place and loved them more than we have loved You. We confess that our mind, will, and emotions are often drawn away from You and to things that will not last. Forgive us, Lord.

L: Oh God, our Lord Jesus reminds us that there is a second great commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

C: Lord, we confess we turn a blind eye to our neighbors. There are those all around us struggling to get through the day, and we walk past them without even a second thought. Heavenly Father, I do not deserve Your forgiveness, but ask for it because of the greatest

love ever shown at the cross. Forgive us, Lord.

L: Although we all have failed to keep these two great commandments, God was moved with compassion, and He sent His Son to die for you on the cross and rise again that you might be forgiven. Therefore in the name and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

“These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy,² and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the Lord your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life.³ Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.⁴ “Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.⁵ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders.⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (NLT)

New Testament

Hebrews 9:11–22

¹¹ So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that

have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. ¹² With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. ¹³ Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴ Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. ¹⁵ That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant. ¹⁶ Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. ¹⁷ The will goes into effect only after the person’s death. While the person who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect. ¹⁸ That is why even the first covenant was put into effect with the blood of an animal. ¹⁹ For after Moses had read each of God’s commandments to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water, and sprinkled both the book of God’s law and all the people, using hyssop branches and scarlet wool. ²⁰ Then he said, “This blood confirms the covenant God has made with you.” ²¹ And in the same way, he sprinkled blood on the Tabernacle and on everything used for worship. ²² In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

SERMON

"Blessed"

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor Adam Ray

NICENE CREED

OFFERING

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

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

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

People respond with: "hear our prayer."

And so we remember...

Donald Emert

Betty Mathes

Lavern Rubin

Beth Fiala

Fred Monska

Patsy Schumacher

Delmar Gross

Floyd Rubin

LORD'S PRAYER

PREFACE (*responses sung*)

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (sung)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI (sung)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

POSTLUDE

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NOVEMBER 3, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.

OPENING SONGS

This Is Our God
Only King Forever

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

"Blessed"
Matthew 5:1-12
Pastor Adam Ray

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

In Christ Alone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

For All You've Done

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Adam Ray
Worship Leader	Pastor Aaron Bird
Reader	Mike Patzwitz
Communion Helper	Jerry Pelz/David Salogga
Lay Minister	8:30 – Troy Harrison 11:00 – Matt Cushing
Organist	Carol Pelz
Ushers	8:30 – Dave Munson 11:00 – Dan Murphey
Computer	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Ellie Hesse
Live Stream	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Camera	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Sound	8:30 – Doug Hicks 11:00 – Doug Hicks
Vocals.....	Lindsay Tipsword, Janice Wright, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Nathaniel Stoll
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

Thank you: We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the thoughtful cards, gifts, and kind words during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your encouragement and support are blessings that strengthen and uplift us. Thank you for each expression of care; we are grateful to God for the privilege of being part of such a loving, supportive congregation. With gratitude - Pastor Adam & Pastor Aaron

Lifetime Plan for Giving: How do you want to transfer the gifts the Lord has given you to those who will follow after you? Do you have a plan in place? Would you like to revisit that plan? Join us for a "Lifetime Plan for Giving" seminar during the Bible Class hour at 9:45 a.m. on November 10, 2024. Rev. Charles Olander and Scott Radden from the LCMS Foundation will provide a short presentation and provide information and materials to help you develop a "Lifetime Plan for Giving" and will discuss how wills, beneficiary designations, living trusts and gift annuities might be used to better provide for yourself, your family and your church. Individual follow-up meetings may be scheduled to continue the conversation at no cost to you.

Voter's Meeting will be Sunday, November 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Yard Clean-Up: Leaf clean-up will be Wednesday, November 26th at 8:30 a.m., and work until done. The more help, the less time this will take. Please bring your leaf vacuum. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Schwartzle.

Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion will be on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Bus Trip: St. John's will be taking a group to the Little Theatre on Wednesday; December 18th for the 2:00 p.m. performance of "Elf the Christmas Story". To sign up, please contact Jerry Pelz at 217-433-2961 or the church office. Cost is \$42.00 per person. The cost is higher because we

have previously received a discount for booking three or more shows during the summer season.

The Altar Guild committee is looking for volunteers to help set up for communion. If you are interested, please contact LuAnne Westbrook 217-433-2677 or Jill Davis 217-433-4529.

Northeast Community Fund's Thanksgiving Shopping Days are starting soon! **St. John's family will be gathering to volunteer to help stock shelves on Tuesday, Nov. 19th and Nov. 23rd at 4:00 p.m.** If you would like to help in the pantry during the Thanksgiving Shopping, go to NECF Facebook page.

LSA ReSale Shop: Christmas is coming! We take Christmas items year-round, but now is a great time to donate the items you don't plan on using this year. Donation days are Monday & Tuesday 9:00am – 1:00pm and Thursday 2:00 –6:00pm. The shop is located at 421 E. Cerro Gordo. Follow the LSA ReSale Shop Facebook page for the most up to date information.

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed	\$12,403.85
General Fund	\$7,707.00
Online Giving.....	
Total Giving.....	\$7,707.00

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.	172
11:00 a.m.....	37
Total.....	209

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 P.M. Properties Meeting (Rock)
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

All Day Election Day (FH)
1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting
5:30 Outreach Meeting
6:00 Discipleship Meeting (Lounge)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study (FH)
6:00 P.M. Choir Practice
6:30 P.M. Youth Hangout

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:30-7:30 P.M. Visitation for Beth Fiala

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

11:00 A.M. Funeral for Beth Fiala
..... Fellowship Hall Reserved

SUNDAY, November 10

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
12:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)