

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Vaughn Naumann - *Crucifer*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

It is a joy to worship our Savior, Jesus, with you! In the pews there are blue cards for guests and members. Please fill one out and the ushers will collect them after the offering. And if you are looking for a church home, you've just found it!



To Our Visitors



What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, members of St. John's Lutheran Church hold to the biblical and historic understanding of holy communion; that in this sacrament the bread and wine, having been consecrated, are Christ's real, risen, and glorified body and blood, just as Jesus really said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and 'take, drink... this is my blood' (Matthew 26:26 ff). Holy Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for unity with Christ, and for the unity within the 'body of Christ' – that is His Church. This is why it is reserved for those who hold a common confession of faith. Those who share with us in this Holy Supper must be members of a congregation of the LCMS, or of a congregation in full fellowship with the LCMS, thus bearing public witness that they agree with our teaching in general and with the following two teachings in particular:

1. When consecrated, again, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us for the remission of sins.
2. Those baptized and confirmed Christians who come to Holy Communion in repentance and faith, grateful for God's forgiveness, are also committed to offering their personal forgiveness to all others.

Guests communing with us for the first time should see the pastor or an elder before the service when possible, to confirm that we are in fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a communicant member or if you have any questions regarding our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor.



Easter Sunday

Processional Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Confession and Absolution - LSB p.151

Stand

Service of the Word



Introit - Psalm 8:1, 5–6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b–6b

- P** He is risen! Why do you seek the living among the dead?
C Remember how he told you, that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise!
- P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
C You have set your glory above the heavens.
- P** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
C And crowned him with glory and honor.
- P** You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
C You have put all things under his feet.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** He is risen! Why do you seek the living among the dead?
C Remember how he told you, that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise!

Kyrie - *LSB p.152*

This Is the Feast - *LSB p.155*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

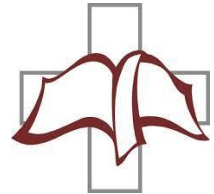
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Old Testament Reading - Job 19:23–27

²³“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gradual - Psalm 118:24, 1

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

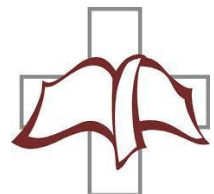
C For his steadfast love endures forever!

Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 5:6–8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Alleluia and Verse - LSB p. 156

Holy Gospel – Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

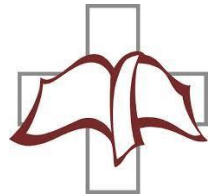
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

After the lesson is read from the nave:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Sit

Hymn of the Day: 487 Come You Faithful Raise the Strain

Sermon: “Surprise! Told You He’d rise!”

Stand

Apostles’ Creed - LSB p.159



Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory - *LSB p.159*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - *LSB p.160*

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words and Declaration of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution (461 I know that My Redeemer Lives,
633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing,
and 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won)

Stand

Thank the Lord - *LSB p.164*

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

Prayers for Members

We encourage you this week to pray for:

Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Lucille Adamoyurka, Tom, Sylvia, Stacy, and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Peter Panco, Irene Beishline, Bob & Pat Onder, Ann Gangwer, Bob Mandak, Denae Starry, Bill Ray, Lorraine and Jack Ross, Paul Kowalczyk, The Dice family, and Bob Drummond

May the Lord continue to unite and bless us in the faith.

Our Stewardship at a Glance

Sunday Morning Worship: 60 Faithful Servants

Saturday 3-23-24: 21 Faithful Servants

Maudy Thursday: 32 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Dave and Nancy Trovitch

Communion Assistant: Chuck Zschunke

Counters: Dan Starry and Ruth Beishline

Flowers: To the Glory of God and in Honor of Bob & Gertie Ann Mandak's great grandchildren, Mason Moppin, and Kinsley Hart.

Parish House: \$60.00

This Week at St. John's

Wednesday - Confirmation Class at 6pm

Sunday - Divine Service at 9am

- Sunday School and Bible Study after the service

Mission/Vision Statement

“We are faith-Growing Followers of Christ,
Reaching out in Response to God's Love”

St. John's Lutheran Church has a 'Take it or Leave it' food trolley. Donations received may be a welcome relief to the visitor who is looking for a little help here and there.

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from the church's Facebook page:

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Altar Flowers



Flower arrangements typically cost **\$40**.



Thank you.



Ruth Maita has served the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a missionary in the Latin America and the Caribbean region from 2013–2015, and again from 2018–present. In 2017, Ruth married Gustavo Maita, who attended Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and they now serve together in Puerto Rico. In her role as a missionary teacher and outreach assistant, Ruth uses her background in education to lead educational outreach at LCMS mercy centers in Puerto Rico established by LCMS

Disaster Response following the impact of Hurricane Maria on the area. She also supports her husband in his ministry as pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and provides musical accompaniment for the church's services.

Ruth was born in St. Thomas, Ontario. She received bachelor's degrees in mathematics and education in Canada, and certification as a Lutheran educator through Concordia University Education Network's online colloquy program. In between her service as a GEO missionary in the Dominican Republic from 2013–2015 and her current service, Ruth taught at St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Myers, Fla. In her free time, Ruth enjoys cleaning her home and gardening.

Gustavo was born in Maturin, Venezuela, and received a bachelor's degree in theology from Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Argentina. From 2017–2022, he served as a regional disaster response coordinator for LCMS Disaster Response, and since April 2018 has also served as pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz in Mayaguez. In his free time, Gustavo enjoys cooking, BBQing, and doing "handy-man" jobs such as building and fixing things.

Please pray for the Maitas as they serve in Puerto Rico. Pray that God would grant them steadfastness as He guides them in their service. Ask God to give them opportunities to connect students with the church. Pray also for their children, Mikhaela and Isaiah, who work alongside them and bring joy to many.



Pray daily for Gustavo and Ruth – and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/maita

Learn about LCMS international work at international.lcms.org

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

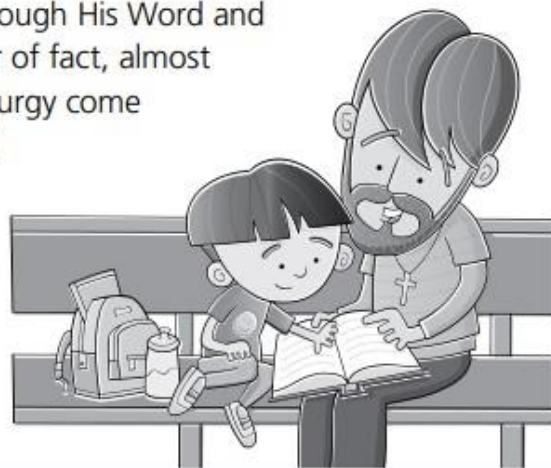
What is the “liturgy”?

Maybe you have heard this word before. The word “liturgy” (pronounced LI-tur-jee) comes from the Greek word “leitourgia,” which means “public service” or “divine service.” The liturgy is God’s service to us through Word and Sacrament.

Why do we use it?

Just as the word “liturgy” means “divine service,” God is the one serving us in our Lutheran worship. We are simply responding to Him with thanksgiving and praise. Isn’t it wonderful to be involved in worship that has God doing all of the work through His Word and Sacraments? As a matter of fact, almost all of the words in the liturgy come straight out of the Bible!

What a great way
to worship on
Sunday morning!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage use of the liturgy with your family at home. Matins (*LSB*, 219) and Vespers (*LSB*, 229) make for great family devotions.

EASTER FLOWERS

- 1- In Memory of Stephen Adamoyurka, Sr. -- Lucille Adamoyurka
- 2- In Memory of Husband and Son, Henry and George Beishline—
Irene Beishline
- 3- In Memory of Loved Ones—Bob and Diane Drummond
- 1- In Memory of MaryAnn Gilham-- Frank, Dana, Gena, Paula,
and Allyn
- 1- In Memory of Grandparents—Dana, Gena, Paula,
and Allyn
- 1- In Memory of Parents, Ann & John Enders and Lorraine & Julian
Kowalczyk—Paul and Karen Ann Kowalczyk
- 1- In Honor of Grandchildren Emma Maschak, and Charlotte &
Gregory Weiss
- 1- In Honor of my loving Wife of 58 years, Gertie Ann—Bob Mandak
- 1- In Memory of Loved Ones—Bob and Pat Onder
- 1- In memory of Loved Ones—Bill and Lorraine Ray
- 1- In Memory of Parents—Dave and Nancy Trovitch
- 1- In memory of Godfather, John Onder—Dave and Nancy
Trovitch

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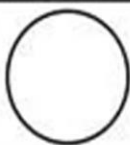
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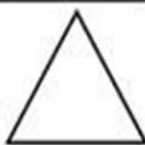
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Purple



Blue



Green

