

# ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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**Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**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 Lutheran (LCMS) Christians, we believe that the bread and wine in Communion are Christ's real, heavenly body and blood. Christ said, "Take, eat, this is my body"; "Take, and drink... this is my blood" (Matthew 26:26 ff). Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for the unity with Christ, and for the unity with this congregation, the whole body of Christ.

### Should I receive the Lord's Supper?

- 1) have I been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- 2) Do I believe Communion is the true body and blood of Christ?
- 3) Do I know that God's forgiveness will be delivered to me through this means of grace?
- 4) Am I sorry for my sins, willing to amend my life with God's help, and willing to forgive those who have sinned against me?
- 5) Am I united in the Christian faith of this congregation?

If you can answer, 'yes', to each of these questions, then you are well prepared to receive Communion. If you are uncertain, the pastor or an elder will be happy to talk with you.

## Oculi Sunday

### Processional Hymn

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Confession and Absolution – *LSB p.184*

*Stand*

## **Service of the Word**

**Introit** - Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16

- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
**C** **For he will pluck my feet out of the net.**
- P** Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
**C** **For I am lonely and afflicted.**
- P** To you, O LORD,  
**C** **I lift up my soul.**
- P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
**C** **Let not my enemies exult over me.**
- P** The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
**C** **Bring me out of my distresses.**
- P** Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
**C** **And forgive all my sins.**
- P** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
**C** **Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**
- 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** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
**C** **For he will pluck my feet out of the net.**
- P** Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
**C** **For I am lonely and afflicted.**

**Kyrie** - *LSB p.186*

*(The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Lent)*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.                      **C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 26:1–15

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.                      **C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual - Psalm 9:19, 3

**P** Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;

**C** Let the nations be judged before you!

**P** When my enemies turn back,

**C** They stumble and perish before your presence.

### Epistle Reading – Ephesians 5:1–9

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.                      **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## **Lenten Tract - Psalm 123:1–3a**

**P** To you I lift up my eyes,

**C** **O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

**P** Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

**C** **So our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

**P** Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

**C** **Have mercy upon us.**

## **Holy Gospel - Luke 11:14–28**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*The gospel is read from the nave*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed - LSB p.192**

*Sit*

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **659 Lord of Our Life**

## **Sermon: “See How the Mind Affects the Soul”**

*Stand*

## **Offertory - LSB p.192**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface** - *LSB p.194*

### **Sanctus**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini**

### **Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

*(Hymns 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
716 I Walk in Danger All the Way)*

*Stand*

### **Nunc Dimittis** - *LSB p.199*

### **Thanksgiving & Post-Communion Collect**

### **Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction**

### **Recessional Hymn**

**427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

## **Prayers for Members**

We encourage you this week to pray for:

John Belko, Robert Drummond, Barry Gangwer, Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Edward Trovitch, Sylvia and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Bob Onder, Irene Beishline, Lorraine and Jack Ross, Mason Moppin, and Rachel Griffith.

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

## **Our Stewardship at a Glance**

Sunday Morning Worship: 44 Faithful Servants

Mid-Week Worship: 36 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: 6 Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Dave and Nancy Trovitch

Communion Assistant: Dave Trovitch

Counters: Nancy Trovitch/Glenn and Amanda

Flowers:

Tithes and Offerings: \$4209.00

Parish House: \$75.00

Memorials:

Organ Donation: 420.00

## **Mission/Vision Statement**

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

## **2023 Church Envelopes**

If you haven’t taken your envelope box yet, they are at the entrance at the top of the stairs. Please take them home.

## **This Week at St. John's**

Tuesday: Catechism Class at 5.30pm

Wednesday: Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday: Divine Service with Communion at 9 am.

Bible Study and Sunday School after the service.

## **Meetings**

Council Meeting: TODAY, after the study hour

## **Prayer Chain Request?**

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

## **Altar Guild**

We are looking for volunteers to be on the Altar Guild. It would require you to set up and put away the Altar. Depending on how many volunteers we get, it would be one-month every three to four months. Teams of two will be assigned. If you would like to volunteer, please see Nancy Trovitch. This is a great opportunity for our teens and Youth Group.

## **Wish List for Earmarked Donations**

1. Ongoing Newspaper Advertisements
2. A Safe for Communion and Altar Ware
3. Glazing for Church Windows
4. New church signs for street directions and new events (Including Bilingual)
5. Lutheran Service Builder Subscription for Bulletins (\$175 for the year)
6. A New Organ



## **Community Luncheons**

Join us every fourth Saturday of the month from May as we open our church for community luncheons. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Nancy Trovitch know.

## **Need anything from the Pastor?**

**Pastor Naumann's Cell Phone: +1 (917) 900 7502**

**Pastor is available for emergencies, private confession, or just a cup of coffee. Maybe you'd like to host a mid-week Bible Study? Just give him a text. Maybe you're looking to volunteer. Do you need pre-marital counseling? Is your child of confirmation age? Looking to start a new group and need a venue? Now's the time to get involved. God bless you.**

## **St. John's Youth**

Youth Club is every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm

Last call for a new T-shirt with the Church's name on them. If you would like one, please let Jolene know by TODAY.

(SM, MD, LG, XL are \$10) – (2X is \$14) – (3X, 4X, 5X are \$15)

## This Month's Charity



On the table at the entrance to the church are bottles which can be used to collect money for the 'Shine Program'. Please take one as we raise money for this worthy charity which helps promote both the sanctity of life, and offers help for those who are currently struggling.

Reflections on Lent



*Thank  
you*





