

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



SELCLCMS



Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 7pm



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Rev. Peter Haenftling - *Pastor*
Karen Ann Kowalczyk - *Organist*
David Trovitch - *Deacon*
Vaughn Naumann - *Acolyte*
Maci Evancho - *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 V Sunday (*Observed*) – Cantate

Processional Hymn: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Confession and Absolution - *LSB p.151*

Stand

Service of the Word



Introit - Psalm 98:1b, 3–4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b

- P** Sing to the LORD a new song;
- C** **For he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of all.**
- P** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- C** **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**
- P** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**
- P** Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 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** Sing to the LORD a new song;
- C** **For he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of all.**

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.
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

First Reading - Acts 8:26–40

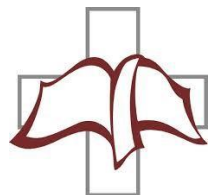
²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gradual - From Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C He has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading - 1 John 4:1–11

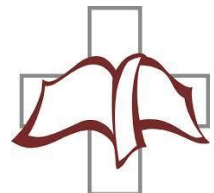
¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Alleluia and Verse - *LSB p. 156*

Holy Gospel – John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

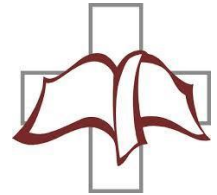
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

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: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Sermon

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 (628 Your Table I Approach,
637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord)

Stand

Thank the Lord - *LSB p.164*

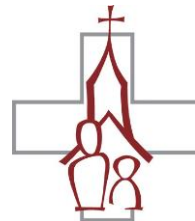
Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

This Week at St. John's

Saturday - Divine Service at 7pm, led by Pastor Haenftling



Monday- Caring and Sharing at 10am, at the Church.

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, Bob Mandak, Bill Ray, Lorraine and Jack Ross, Paul Kowalczyk, and Bob Drummond

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

Mission/Vision Statement

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

Our Stewardship at a Glance

Sunday Morning Worship: 42 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: 5 Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Jolene Evancho and Chuck Zschunke

Communion Assistant: David Trovitch

Counters: Dan Starry and Ruth Beishline

Flowers: In Memory of Loved Ones, Dave and Nancy Trovitch

Parish House: \$80.00

In Honor of Health and God’s Blessings for Emil Daniels, on his 90th Birthday on April 25, 2024. \$100 ,Ann Daniels; \$50, Bruce & Denise Daniels; \$50, Robert & Ann Maselkevich; \$50, Mark & JoAnn Daniels;