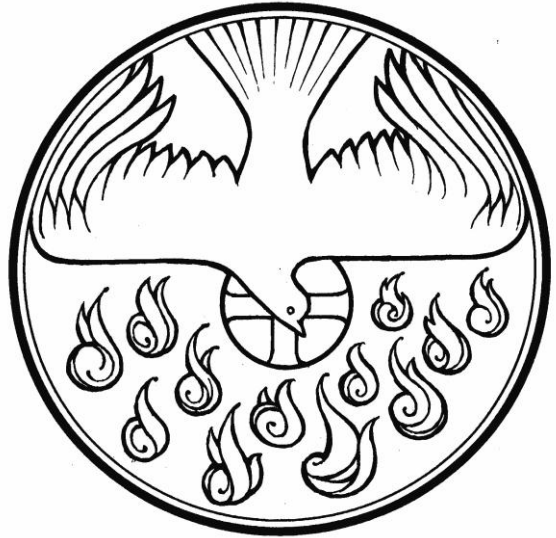


Divine Service
for the

Feast of Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

May 24, 2026 A.D.



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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!

It is a great joy to have you with us today. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book located in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. Should you wish to include a prayer request in the Prayers of the Church this morning, please speak with one of our pastors before Divine Service. For those with little ones, a nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

AS WE GATHER: The light has come into the world in Christ Jesus, but His Word and Spirit expose the works of darkness, and people love the darkness rather than the light. So, there is no peace for the wicked, who toss and turn like the sea and are never quiet. It is therefore in His mercy that the Lord exposes their evil deeds and calls them to repentance, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite, and to grant peace to the far and to the near. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. So does Christ send His servants to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name, and He pours out the Holy Spirit on all who hear His Word. Baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, they are at peace in His light, and their deeds are no longer evil but are carried out in God.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. **497**: *“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✠ CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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.

✠ INTROIT

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all;
the earth is full of your | creatures.

**C: These all | look to you,
to give them their food in due | season.**

P: When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.

**C: When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,
and you renew the face | of the ground.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

† KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

† GLORIA IN EXCLESIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

† SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ A - men.

(Be Seated)

† OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 11:24–30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† GRADUAL:

**I will pour out my Spirit | on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall | prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is | justified,
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.**

† SECOND READING: Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

† GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

† ALLELUIA and VERSE



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

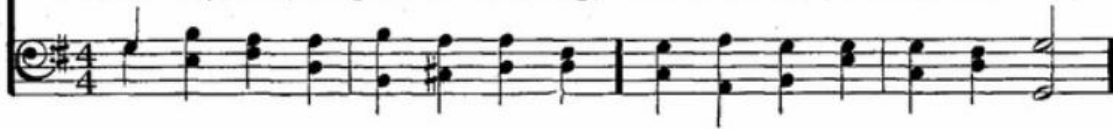
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✠ CHILDREN'S SERMON

† SERMON HYMN: "Come, Oh Come, Thou Quick'ning Spirit"



1 Come, oh, come, Thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all e - ter - ni - ty!
2 Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure Wis - dom, coun - sel, pu - ri - ty,
3 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; When we tres - pass on our way,



May Thy pow - er nev - er fail us; Dwell with - in us con - stant - ly.
That they ev - er may be seek - ing On - ly that which pleas - eth Thee.
Cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind Thee And be with us day by day.



Then shall truth and life and light Ban - ish all the gloom of night.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow, Work - ing er - ror's o - ver - throw.
Should we stray, O Lord, re - call; Work re - pen - tance when we fall.



4. With our spirit bear Thou witness That we are the sons of God
Who rely upon Him solely When we pass beneath the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.

5. If our soul can find no comfort And despondency grows strong
That the heart cries out in anguish: "O my God, how long, how long?"
Comfort then the aching breast, Grant us courage, patience, rest.

6. Holy Spirit, strong and mighty. Thou who makest all things new,
Make Thy work within us perfect And the evil Foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife And with victory crown our life.

7. And when life's frail thread is breaking. Then assure us more and more,
As the heirs of life unending, Of the glory there in store,
Glory never yet expressed, Glory of the saints at rest.

† SERMON

(Please Stand)

† OFFERTORY



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

† PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: You bid us come to the waters, O Lord. Grant that Your gift of Holy Baptism may bring forth fruit in what we say, think and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You delivered Your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled Your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this truth faithfully and church workers who are devoted to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You have poured out the Holy Spirit upon us, that we might believe Your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it. Bless all parents, that they may faithfully catechize their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon this nation. Grant us a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security. Bring to mind the sacrifices of those who served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain. Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father in heaven, pour out Your Holy Spirit on all those who commune at Your altar this day. As Your Son feeds us with His body and blood, grant that we receive these sacred gifts in sincere repentance and firm faith and be raised up from death to life through His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Advocate and Defender whose light never wanes, we bless You, that on the great and magnificent day, You will raise all of the dead and give unto those who believe in Jesus eternal life. We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and are at rest.. Comfort those who mourn and bring us all with them into the light that knows no darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

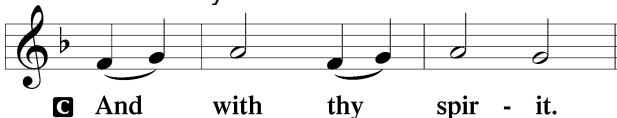
C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

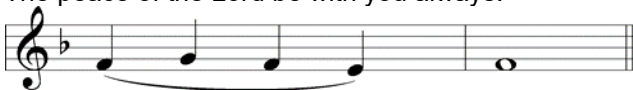
✠ WORDS of INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

✠ PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

† AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



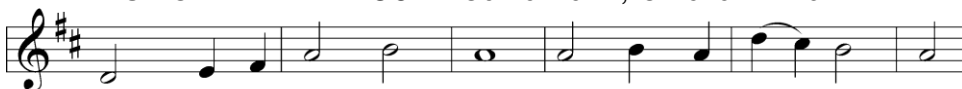
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

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Regarding the Reception of the Lord's Supper

At Saint John's we believe, teach, and confess according to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions that in the Lord's Supper we receive not merely bread and wine, but the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This Holy Supper is not only a gift of Christ, but also a confession of the faith and doctrine confessed at this altar. Because Holy Scripture warns that those who eat and drink unworthily do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and because communing together is also an expression of unity in doctrine and confession, we joyfully invite to the Lord's Table all confirmed members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) who are in good standing with their home congregation, who have been instructed and who publicly confess this faith. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, we are thankful for your presence today and warmly invite you to come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor approaches. Following the service and in the coming week, our pastors would be glad to speak with you about the Lord's Supper and to share more about what we believe, teach, and confess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

† DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. 501: "Come Down, O Love Divine"



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



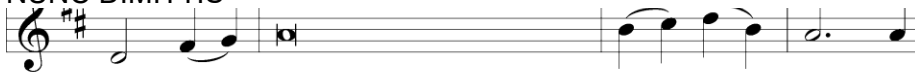
O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can gues - His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

(Please Stand)

† NUNC DIMITTIS




☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



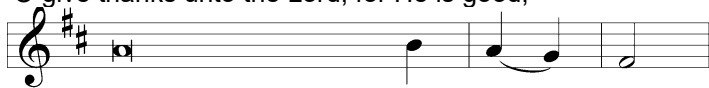
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

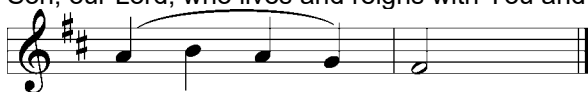
† THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

† SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

† BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

† RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 794:: "The Lord My God, Be Praised"



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

† POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice
 Midweek Service

4:45 p.m.
 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Pastor Riley's Bible Study
 Hand Chime Practice

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 4:45 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 AM Bible Study - Led by Herb Greenspan (*In the Lounge*)
 Divine Service

10:00 a.m.

New Members Class Forming at Saint John's

Have you been attending Saint John's and are considering exploring becoming a member, or do you want to learn more about what we believe, teach, and confess in The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod? We will soon begin a new member instruction class focused on the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism as a faithful and correct exposition of Holy Scripture; namely the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and Absolution, and the Sacrament of the Altar. This is a great opportunity to be able to ask questions in a smaller group setting and to be instructed in the faith once delivered to the saints. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Windoloski following Divine Service, or reach out to him using the contact information on the front of the bulletin.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Family Game Night will be held on June 5th beginning at 4:30 p.m. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite game to share. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

The Third Article: Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

As recipients of Christ's love and grace, we are transformed into God-pleasing-stewards who live lives of serving and giving.

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

