

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Jesus: The Love of God Overcomes The World”



5:30PM — May 5, 2018

8:00AM — May 6, 2018

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Jerry Starner	Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135.....	Elder on Duty for May 7-May 11, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Julie Scott	(343-3047) Prayer Chain Coordinator

WELCOME To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

CHRIST is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

YOU are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

HOLY COMMUNION – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

HIS VISION FOR US:

St. John’s will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

HIS GOAL FOR US:

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God’s children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John’s, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

WELCOME CENTER Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

CELL PHONES Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

AS WE GATHER The Father has loved the Son, and the Son has loved all people, making a home for us with Him in the Father's love. Dwelling in the Father's love by faith in Jesus, we keep His commandments. As we come to realize that we are loved by God, we discover that keeping His commandments is not burdensome, but a joy. Jesus' word of promise fills us with joy. He has chosen us to be His fruit-bearing friends who love people the way He does. Alleluia!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... "Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Crying"..... [LSB 826]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 113:3, Psalm 84:10, John 17:17)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways O Lord.

People: Teach me Your paths.

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: Your Word is truth.

ALL: 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....“Mighty To Save” by Jubilate Ringers & Praise Band

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dave Worman: Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING..... Acts 10:34–48

(Peter preaches the Gospel of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is poured out on Gentile hearers.)

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They

put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE..... 1 John 5:1–8

(We are born of God and overcome the world through faith in Jesus.)

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify:⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 15:9–17

(Loving one another, we abide in God’s love and experience the fullness of joy.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

MESSAGE HYMN..... "Jesus Loves Me"..... ACAPELLA

1. **Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

2. **Jezi remmenm mwen konn sa
Paske Bib la di nous a
Pitit li yo se pou li
You gen febles men mwen fo**

**Wi Jezi remmenm
Wi Jezi remmenm
Wi Jezi remmenm
Sela Bib ki di sa**

3. **Jesus love me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide
He has washed away my sin, Let His Little child come in.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

1st Reading – Acts 14:27

Reading – Isaiah 60:3, John 8:12, Psalm 98:4 Worshiping in Haiti.

Reading Matthew 25:14-30 Trinity Hope's Stewardship of Your gifts.

Reading Matthew 25:31-40 Encountering the Haitian people.

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR TRINITY HOPE AND HAITI: Gracious God, Our Father and Protector, we humbly thank You for protecting the mission team from St. John's while we traveled to, from and in the country of Haiti. We ask that You would watch over and protect friends they made in that country. Continue to bless and support Chatelain school that Your Word would be proclaimed within its walls and outside from the mouths of those students who attend its classes. Please continue to bless the Ministry of Trinity Hope so that more children can receive proper nutrition and Christian education, and that their country would be freed from the devastating darkness of the Voo Doo religion.

People: Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Images of Haiti) "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" [stz 2 LSB 740]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. When we become overwhelmed, help us to trust that You are always good and You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives. Grant us faith in Jesus, who has overcome the corrupt systems of this world and fullness of joy that comes from abiding in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God who makes all things new, as our risen Lord Jesus has overcome the corrupt systems of this world, we ask You to renew what has been broken by greed, lust, and pride. In both the public and private sectors, rejuvenate systems of government, commerce, health care, industry, and service that people may become valued more than profit or power. By Your grace and Spirit, please continue healing the brokenness of individual people at every level of our societies in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord who is trustworthy and true, You give us pastors to speak Your Word on Your behalf. Grant faithfulness to these men that they may serve as under the cross, ever pointing others toward the Savior. Likewise visit the sick, [*especially . . .*], and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, with Your love and tender mercies. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Beginning and the End, You hold the past, the present, and the future. We give You thanks for our loved ones and for all the saints who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Grant us faith to follow Jesus during our days of pilgrimage, and bring us at last to Your kingdom, where You dwell with the saints in unapproachable light. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

HYMN..... "Jesus Shall Reign".....[LSB 832]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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