

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

"Now You Know"



5:30PM — May 13, 2017

8:00AM — May 14, 2017

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Rev. Earl Brown	Assistant Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Wes Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Tyler Budde	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Jon Perry	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake 342-3596	Elder on Duty for May 15 - May 19, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Arnetia Osborn	(342-2210) 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 Only after Easter were the disciples able to understand Jesus' words. Now they knew that He was and is God in the flesh, our way to the Father. So sure were they, that Stephen could echo Jesus' last words as he faced death. Peter, in the Epistle, was able to review prophetic words of Scripture that they now knew spoke of Jesus. Today it is our turn to proclaim Jesus as the way, truth, and life, so that our friends will also know who He is and join us to live in His marvelous light.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... *“Lord, Open Now My Heart To Hear”*[LSB 908]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:1–2, 5*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.

+ **WORD** +

INTROIT *Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1*

People: Praise we our risen Savior Lord,
Way, truth, and life, in Easter song,
Assembled now to hear His Word,
All who by grace to God belong.

Pastor: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes
rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.
O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life
from among those who go down to the pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy
name.
For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping
may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
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.

People: Praise we our risen Savior Lord,
Way, truth, and life, in Easter song,
Assembled now to hear His Word,
All who by grace to God belong.

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HYMN OF PRAISE..... **“This Is The Feast”**.....**[LSB 155]**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.
People: Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You
promise,

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING **Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60**
(*The first martyr is executed.*)

6 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ² And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, ⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE.....1 Peter 2:2-10

(You are living stones in God's house.)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 14:1-14

(Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.)

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF THE DAY “*‘Come, Follow Me,’ The Savior Spake*” [LSB 688]

SERMON..... “*YOUR ROOM*”**John 14:1-14**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “*Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful*”(p.955 in hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Jesus promised, “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:14). Let us then confidently pray for all people in their various needs, the Church around the world, and ourselves in our community and congregation. When we read about the needs of people in Jerusalem, we are reminded of the plight of so many people around the world today. Provide them, heavenly Father, with the leaders, economic conditions, and fruitful crops they need. In Your mercy, give them food, clothing, shelter, and community. We remember before You those known to us who call out to You in distress of any sort, [*including . . .*]. Give them healing, relief, and comfort as fits Your gracious plans. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: When we understand that the Early Church needed both lay and clergy leaders to faithfully serve You, O Lord, and the people around them, we consider the many gifts the Holy Spirit has placed within us. Open our eyes that we may use all those resources to preach the Word, offer counsel and aid, and announce the Gospel to our friends and neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: When we see Stephen's bold witness even to death, gracious God, we recognize that the Church is facing opposition and persecution in many places around the world. Protect and guide Your people wherever the Gospel is proclaimed so that they may nevertheless announce Jesus as the only way, truth, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: When we hear Your promise, Lord Jesus, that Your followers will do great things, we know that we need Your strength and guidance so that we may do Your will in our various callings. Protect the armed forces of our country as they seek to protect us; guide emergency and medical personnel as they bring about healing and relief; bless farmers and merchants, musicians and artists, and elected and volunteer leaders in our communities. May they enable us all to rejoice and give thanks for each day You give us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION *Psalms 124:8; 130:3-4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Pastor: As we have heard God's Word and are about to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us confess our sins, confident of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness. We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for apostles and martyrs who have gone before us.

People: We confess that we have not always made a clear witness to the salvation You won for us in Your death and resurrection. Forgive us, and give us opportunities to witness to You, the way, the truth, and the life.

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You graciously call us Your holy nation, Your royal priesthood.

People: We confess that in our life and conduct we have too often reflected the world around us rather than our membership in the Body of Christ.

Forgive us, and strengthen us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: We give thanks, O Holy Spirit, that You have worked faith in our hearts so that we may approach the throne of grace with every petition.

People: We confess that too often we seek to bend Your will to ours, failing to trust You not only for the place You have prepared for us in eternity, but also for that which is best for us today. Forgive us, and open our hearts to receive Your answers, which are always better than our prayers.

Pastor: God has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. You are His own people, thanks to the grace and mercy that is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

***SANCTUS*** (p. 195 in hymnal)

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI(p. 198 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Just As I Am Without One Plea” [LSB 570]
“What Is This Bread” [LSB 629]

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 199 in hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”[LSB 912]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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