

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
ST. JOHN'S EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL**

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Proclaiming!

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The Shepherd's Voice"

5:30PM — May 6, 2017

8:00AM — May 7, 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. Melissa Goldstein	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. John Jackson	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Wes Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	8AM Elder on Duty
Tyler Budde	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Jon Perry	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming 857-3891	Elder on Duty for May 8-May 12, 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 Thanks to the grace of God working faith in our hearts, we are able to hear the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd. What that would mean, were we to block out competing voices around us, is described in Acts—the members of the Early Church were active in teaching, fellowship, communion, prayers, and works of charity. Their actions spoke volumes, and many others “heard” Christ through them. We all stray, of course, as did the people to whom Peter wrote in today’s Epistle. But in His grace, God calls us back to return to “the Shepherd and Overseer” of our souls. We gather again to hear His voice today.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”*[LSB 740]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 23:1–2*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He leads me beside still waters.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b, adapted*

People: I, the Good Shepherd, deign to be. I know My own; My own know Me. I lay My life down willingly, That they may live eternally.

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. 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: I, the Good Shepherd, deign to be. I know My own; My own know Me. I lay My life down willingly, That they may live eternally.

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HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty".....[LSB 790]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

People: grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;

Pastor: through the same 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 2:42-47

(The Early Church grows.)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE..... 1 Peter 2:19-25
(You have been healed by Your Shepherd's wounds.)

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

5:30PM & 8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Children Of The Heavenly Father”
by Jubilate Ringers

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 10:1-10
(The sheep know their Shepherd's voice.)

¹⁰ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF THE DAY *“The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”* [LSB 709]

SERMON..... *“Tender Sometimes Tough”*John 10:1-10

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”* ...[St. 5: LSB 476]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Psalm 23

Pastor: Let us pray to God Almighty for people everywhere in their various needs, for the Church around the world, for all who are near and dear to us, and for ourselves. The LORD is my shepherd;

People: **I shall not want.**

Pastor: We pray, O Lord, that wherever people are calling out to You, wanting for food, clothing, or shelter, that You will awaken in us and in government and social agencies care and compassion. Thus may the blessings You have showered on this planet be shared with them, bringing You all the praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: **He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.**

Pastor: Sovereign God, we pray for all people who are suffering under the ravages of war between nations, civil unrest and revolution, and terror from extremists of all stripes. Raise up leaders who will work for peace and justice and will seek ways of reconciliation. Move government leaders to look in empathy on all who are denied basic human rights; lead them to make decisions to restore calm and human dignity for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: He leads me in paths of righteousness

People: **for His name’s sake.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who uses Word and Sacrament to work faith in the hearts of all believers, we pray for the Church here and around the world. Grant opportunity for clergy and lay leaders to proclaim the Gospel, strengthening

those who trust in Christ and leading many to their Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

People: **for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, hear us as we pray for those we know who are calling out to You for healing of body or mind, who face this day with sudden crises, are enduring long term illness, or are looking through tears of sorrow, [*including . . .*]. Grant them days of health, relief, and comfort as You accompany them on their journey. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

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 words, let us confess our sins, confident of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

People: **We must confess that we have not always been fully devoted to the study of the Word, to a faithful use of the Sacraments, and to loving service to the people around us. Forgive us, and renew in us right hearts and willing spirits.**

Pastor: Our gracious Shepherd, we give thanks that You not only endured suffering and death for our sake, but also left us an example that we might follow in Your steps.

People: We must confess that we have avoided suffering for Your name, have not always turned the other cheek when reviled, and have often strayed from Your will. Forgive us, and open our ears to hear Your gracious call to return to You.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give thanks that Your Son knows us each by name and that You have given us faith to hear His voice. He alone gives us protection; He alone offers us abundant life.

People: We confess in all humility that often we have not even listened to His voice. Too often, we have feared the dangers of the world around us. Forgive us, strengthen our resolve, and restore to us the joy of Your salvation.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, gave Himself willingly into suffering and death to pay for all our sinning and straying. By His resurrection, He has restored to us eternal and abundant life. We shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20–21*

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..... "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"..... [stz 1, 4 LSB 711]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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