

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"God's Vivifying Word"

5:30PM — July 15, 2017

8:00AM — July 16, 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Ms. Meredith Wendling	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge.....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Jon Perry	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall 347-0893	Elder on Duty for July 17 – July 21, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which grace our altar are given by Warren & Lois Schlechte in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

AS WE GATHER God's vivifying Word cleaves the darkness of humanity's sin and death, accomplishing the rescue mission on which He speaks it forth. Turned in upon ourselves, the ground of our hearts at different times in our lives is hard-packed, rock-infested, and thorn-choked until God's merciful speaking creates fertile, receptive soil in which the vivifying Word of His Gospel finds purchase, takes root, and bears much fruit. Through the Spirit's ministry of God's Word and Sacraments, we receive the adoption as beloved sons and daughters crying out, "Abba! Father!"

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

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

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 65:2-4a

Pastor: O You who hears prayer,

People: to You shall all flesh come.

Pastor: When iniquities prevail against me,
People: **You atone for our transgressions.**

Pastor: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near,
People: **to dwell in Your courts!**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Abba! Father!
People: **How easily we turn a deaf ear to Your living voice in Your Word both when You call us to honest account for our thoughts, words, and actions, and also when You speak graciously of Your tender fatherly love for us. By living according to our egoic plans for success, we live the lie that we are somehow indebted to the flesh to fulfill its lustful desires. Have mercy on us, O God, forgive our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

Pastor: People loved by Jesus, you have not received the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons and daughters, by whom we cry together:

People: **“Abba! Father!”**

Pastor: Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;

People: **¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.**

Pastor: **¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,**

People: **¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandment**

Pastor: 19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, who speaks forth Your vivifying Word and accomplishes Your purposes,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ Jesus, who has won for all people the Spirit of adoption as sons and daughters,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord, who lavishly scatters the seed of Your Gospel over every kind of soil in every human heart,

People: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name".....[LSB 940]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Isaiah 55:10–13
(God's Word accomplishes His purposes.)

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

People: **For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE..... **Romans 8:12–17**
(*The Spirit of adoption as sons*)

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**
(*The Word of the Kingdom as seed being sown*)

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good

soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.” ¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY ***“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”***..... ***[LSB 577]***

SERMON

OFFERING/OFFERTORY ***“Create In Me”*** ***(p. 956 in hymnal)***

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Abba! Father! Your children lack for nothing under Your gracious, fatherly care. Cause us to trust Your Word and live in our true identity as Your beloved sons and daughters adopted by grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Abba! Father! Your children live throughout the kingdoms of this world. We pray for our president; our governor; our mayor; and for all who make, administer, and judge the laws in this and every land. Grant them wisdom to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Abba! Father! Your children are suffering and need Your help. Be present with everyone who is afflicted in body, mind, or spirit. Free people who are enslaved by addiction. Use Your power to heal and bring wholeness to Your children..... both in this world and the next. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Abba! Father! Your children live throughout this earth and in Your nearer presence, where they now rest from their labors. By Your Word and Spirit guide us along the pilgrim way and bring us at last with all Your saints to the joys of Your presence in Your kingdom, which never ends. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, Abba, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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..... "For The Fruits Of His Creation"..... [LSB 894]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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