

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

"Listen and Follow"

5:30PM — July 1, 2017

8:00AM — July 2, 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
Mrs. Erin Wendling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. John Jackson.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge.....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Jon Perry	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake 342-3596	Elder on Duty for July 3 – July 7, 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 in honor of the 1st birthday of Elijah Lipe and are given by Gayland and Shawn Bourland.

AS WE GATHER We live in a world where leadership is lifted up, yet we forget that leaders first learn to follow. Following is never easy, especially when the going gets tough. It can be hard enough to follow people we know, respect, and trust. It can be even harder to follow an unseen God who speaks to us through His eternal Word, strengthens us through bread and wine, and leads and guides us by His Spirit. Yet, that is our calling. In the midst of struggle, persecution, famine, joblessness, and conflict, we listen to the One we know, respect, and trust because He is our Creator, our Savior, and is always with us to the end of the age.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... “All Who Believe And Are Baptized”..... [LSB 601]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *John 1:1, 14; 3:16–17; 14:6; 17:17; Psalm 119:105, 160*

Elder: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Elder: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.

Elder: Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

People: Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Elder: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: 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.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Elder: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Lord God, as we look into the mirror of Your Law, we see ourselves as we really are.

Elder: We each see a person who struggles to control their tongue.

People: We find ourselves saying things we shouldn't and not saying what we should.

Elder: We each see a person who struggles to control their thoughts.

People: We find ourselves troubled with things that are in Your capable hands. We find our minds and hearts invaded by things such as revenge, jealousy, lust, and greed.

Elder: We each see a person who struggles to live as one who is dead to sin and alive in Christ.

People: We find ourselves wanting to live according to Your will and to walk according to Your ways, but instead, we miss the mark.

Elder: Lord Jesus, we bring these sins to You this day, the sins we have spoken out loud and the ones that cry out from the depths of our soul.

People: We come seeking the forgiveness You won for us. Create in each one of us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Elder: Baptized children of God, Jesus died to sin and rose to life again so that we might do the same. As God's chosen people, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. You are forgiven all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1*

Elder: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

People: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face, who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

Elder: For You are the glory of their strength; by Your favor our horn is exalted.

People: For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Elder: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

KYRIE

Elder: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: For all who are not yet connected to the Body of Christ that they may experience God's love and hear Him calling to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: For those who have wandered from the Christian faith that they may be welcomed back like the prodigal son, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: For us as we struggle to hear God's voice and live a life that reflects God's presence in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "My Soul Rejoices"[LSB 933]

SALUTATION

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elder: Let us pray. Almighty God, open our ears, our hearts, and our minds to hear Your Word and lead us by Your Spirit to follow it, especially when doing so creates challenges and hardships for us as Your people, 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..... Jeremiah 28:5–9

(How do you know when someone is speaking God’s Word?)

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

PSALM Psalm 119:153–160; antiphon: v. 154

Elder: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to Your promise!

People: **Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Your law.**

Elder: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to Your promise!

People: **Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Your statutes.**

Elder: Great is Your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to Your rules.

People: **Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from Your testimonies.**

Elder: I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep Your commands.

People: **Consider how I love Your precepts!**

Elder: Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

People: The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.

Elder: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to Your promise!

EPISTLE..... Romans 7:1–13

(Dead to sin; alive in Christ)

7 Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 10:21-33

²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God Our Help In Ages Past"..... [LSB 733]

SERMON..... "Discipleship 30 AD-2017"..... Matthew 10:21-33

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Create In Me"..... [LSB 956]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Romans 11:33, 36

Elder: 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.

Elder: Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.
People: Amen.

Elder: God, our Father, in these last days, we experience conflict in our families, with husbands and wives struggling to stay together until death parts them, brothers and sisters at odds with one another, and further conflict within extended families.

People: Almighty Father, heal our families.

Elder: Lord Jesus, You are our Prince of Peace, yet You did not come to this world to bring us peace here and now. We experience the divisions that the sharp two-edged sword of Your Word brings.

People: Lord Jesus, give us strength to stand firm in Your Word of truth.

Elder: Creator God, You gave us a world with everything we would ever need to sustain our bodies and lives, yet some on this planet experience famine and hunger, and this earth is savaged with pestilence, hurricanes, heat waves, hail, earthquakes, and other disasters, reminding us of the broken world in which we live.

People: Lord God, guide us in being good stewards of this earth, and lead us to provide for those in need.

Elder: O Jesus, You have called us to follow You and have baptized us into Your holy name. You have set us apart to be Your witnesses, and You have called us to go to the ends of the earth with the Good News of Your unconditional, all-accepting love.

People: Jesus, lead us and all Your people to reveal You to others through our words and our actions.

Elder: Holy Spirit, Comforter, there are those among us who are struggling in their hearts, with their strength, in their souls, and with their minds. We name before You all those who are in need, [*including . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Elder: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

HYMN..... "God Bless Our Native Land"[LSB 965]

SILENT PRAYER/GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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