

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

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Proclaiming!

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NINETEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"The Feast Is Ready"

5:30PM — October 14, 2017

8:00AM — October 15, 2017



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
Mrs. Ammon Probst	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
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Eden Wendling.....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. John Jackson 347-0883.....	Elder on Duty for October 16-October 20, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia

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 Whenever we come together for the Lord's Supper, we anticipate the eternal worship of heaven, which the Bible compares to a wedding feast. The Sacrament is a foretaste of the feast to come. God invited His people through the prophets. The description of that Meal includes seeing God face-to-face. In today's Gospel, Jesus again extends the invitation through His parable, but He notes the varying responses it receives. Paul leads us to respond with rejoicing. Knowing that the eternal feast is ready, we may be content in all circumstances.

RINGING OF THE BELLS
PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" [LSB 912]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 25:6, 8–9*

Pastor: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

People: He will swallow up death forever.

Pastor: It will be said on that day,

People: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

Pastor: This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;
People: **let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have heard the invitation but must confess that we have not always responded in true faith. But God has promised grace and mercy for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore go to His throne of grace. Father in heaven,
People: **we confess that too often we have turned deaf ears to Your gracious invitation. We have thought our plans were most important. We have spoken as if You could not hear. We have acted according to the expectations of the world around us. Worse, there is no good within us by which we can amend our sinful condition. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by Your Holy Spirit increase the faith You have worked within us. Grant us to reflect in our daily living the righteousness and rejoicing we shall know at the wedding feast of the Lamb, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: In His great mercy, God has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He has promised to eat and drink with prophets and apostles at His Table. By our Lord's death and resurrection, your sins have been paid for; your seats are reserved. 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.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
People: **my soul shall exult in my God,**

Pastor: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
People: **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

Pastor: as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
People: **and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 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. I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me”..... [LSB 722]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation.

People: **Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy;**

Pastor: 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 25:6-9

(There is only rejoicing at the heavenly banquet.)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Psalm 91:11; 103:1

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

EPISTLE **Philippians 4:4-13**
(*Knowing the Lord produces contentment in all circumstances.*)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 22:1-14**
(*The parable of the wedding feast.*)

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand

and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Spread The Reign Of God The Lord”**..... [LSB 830]

SERMON..... **“The Best Wedding”****Matthew 22:1-14**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY **“Create In Me”**..... [LSB 956]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to God Almighty for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various needs. Heavenly Father, through Isaiah, Your prophet, You promised an end to tears, suffering, and death itself when we join You around Your eternal feast. Hear us as we pray for people who are suffering this day: those displaced because of famine or war; those who are suffering under oppressive regimes; and those who have been discriminated against, unjustly punished, or forgotten by the greater society. Give them just governments and compassionate rulers. May their hope in You be strong until they find relief. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, healer of our every ill, turn a gracious ear as we pray for people near and dear to us: those facing sudden crises, those enduring long-term illnesses, those mourning the loss of loved ones, those in conflict of any sort, and those concerned about making ends meet, [*including . . .*]. Give them relief, health, and comfort as fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who moved Paul to write about his finding contentment in all circumstances, interpret the sighs of those whose faith is not as firm as his: those who have not truly heard the good news of salvation and those whose attention is focused on worldly fears and concerns. Surround them with caring brothers and sisters of Christ to bring a ministry of Word and Sacrament to nourish their hearts and minds. Use the talents You have placed within us to

be Your instruments to restore hope and joy as we look together to the heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

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..... “Almighty Father, Bless The Word”[LSB 923]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10