

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

“Caring God, Caring People”

5:30PM — July 28, 2018

8:00AM — July 29, 2018



THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Liturgist
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler	10:30AM Acolytes
Mr. Chris Niebrugge (821-8854)	Elder on Duty for July 30-August 3, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Adopted Chatelain School	Haiti
Mrs. Julie Scott	(343-3047) 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 God cares for us, but we aren't always aware of it. When Jesus stilled the storm that was hindering the disciples in the boat, all they saw was His power, and they were terrified. But when other people saw Him, they recognized a healer and brought the sick to Him. God always cares, of course; the rainbow is a reminder He won't flood the earth again—out of care for us. In today's Epistle, Paul prays that God's love in Christ would fill us. God will do that; He cares that much for us. We ask today that God would strengthen us to care for the people around us. May they see His love through our caring.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” [LSB 915]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 136:26; Ephesians 3:17b–19*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to our gracious God. Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we often fail to recognize Your power over all things in creation. When life seems out of control, instead of trusting that You can bring good out of bad circumstances, we sometimes become fearful and doubt Your power at work for our good. Forgive us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ,

People: we confess that we have failed to rely on Your power to heal, strengthen, and protect. Forgive us.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts,
People: **we confess that we do not always expect You to guide and direct us in trying times. We sometimes expect others to do the caring, consoling, and comforting rather than seek Your renewal and strengthening. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Triune God,
People: **we are sinners from birth and sin daily in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Without Your power and love, we cannot be people who reflect Your loving care. Forgive us, and direct our feet into paths on which we serve You in joy.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: God's almighty power is shown chiefly in triumphing over sin, death, and the grave. Christ's sacrifice has turned away God's righteous anger, atoning for all our sins. 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 +

KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE..... (SING VERSES).... "O Worship The King" [LSB 804]

**O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

**This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

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

People: Amen.

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in
You,

People: strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love
You will rescue us from all adversities;

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 **Genesis 9:8–17**
(*God promises in a covenant never again to destroy the earth with a flood.*)

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 136:1–9

People: **In Thee is gladness, Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee
Surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are
pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia! God’s love is steadfast and forever it
endures.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: **God’s love is steadfast and forever it endures.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, to Him who alone does great wonders,

People: **God’s love is steadfast and forever it endures.**

Pastor: to Him who by understanding made the heavens, to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,

People: God's love is steadfast and forever it endures.

Pastor: to Him who made the great lights, the sun to rule over the day, the moon and stars to rule over the night

People: Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

EPISTLE **Ephesians 3:14–21**

(Paul prays that God would empower his readers so that they reflect God's love in their daily living.)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 6:50c*

Pastor: Alleluia. Take heart; it is I.

People: Do not be afraid. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL..... **Mark 6:45–56**

(Jesus stills the storm and heals the sick.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED.....(as found on the back of the hymnal)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me"[LSB 715]

SERMON..... "The I/Eye of the Storm".....Mark 6:45-56 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Before You, Lord, We Bow"[St. 1: LSB 966]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world, all people in their various circumstances, and ourselves as we respond to God's Word. For the Church, wherever the faithful are enduring persecution, official or personal, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Heavenly Father, grant them to be strengthened with power through Your Spirit.**

Pastor: For God's people as they find opportunities to spread the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, our Lord, dwell in their hearts through faith that they have strength to comprehend Your love and be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Pastor: For people in every land when faced with harm and danger from natural disasters, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Creator God, see the bow in the clouds and remember Your covenant with all living creatures. Use Your almighty power to protect us and all the descendants of Noah from flood—and from fire and wind, quake and drought—that we give You praise for this good earth.**

Pastor: For ourselves and those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, open the eyes of all who are dealing with a sudden crisis or chronic ills in their lives or in those for whom they care. Open the eyes of all who call out to You that they recognize You in their midst. Cause caregivers to bring the sick into Your loving power; grant comfort and health as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

Pastor: For nations and governments, armed forces and local police and first responders, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Heavenly Father, You are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. Order the powers that be in all the nations of this world that all people are granted peace and dignity, justice and freedom. Guide all in authority, and protect all who work for peace, that here and everywhere praise and thanks come before Your gracious throne.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

People: **To You be glory in the Church throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

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..... “Abides O Dearest Jesus”..... [LSB 919]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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