

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

“Our Great High Priest”



5:30PM — October 27, 2018

8:00AM — October 28, 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Mrs. Amy Kohnert	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler	5:30PM Acolytes
Mr. Dave Wall	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling 536-5931	Elder on Duty for October 29 – November 2, 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 While 2017 was the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our celebrations continue into the 501st year since Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses on the practice of indulgences. The Reformation is a celebration of freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This can particularly be found in today's Epistle from Romans 3. In a marvelous, great exchange, Christ takes our unrighteousness and gives us His righteousness. Even though we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, we are justified by God's grace, as a gift. We celebrate God's love and activity on our behalf to save us.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**..... **[LSB 657]**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 46:1, 8–11*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,

People: **a very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: Come, behold the works of the Lord.

People: **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.**

Pastor: He will be exalted among the nations.

People: **He will be exalted in the earth.**

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God indeed is our refuge and strength, our help and our fortress. Yet we often choose to flee from the refuge of the Lord. We abandon the strength and safety of God, trusting in our own strength and power. The apostle Paul writes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Jesus says that everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. As we enter the house of the Lord and call upon Him for His good and gracious gifts, let us consider our enslavement to sin and our continued shortcomings as God’s people.
Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned as individuals and as a community. We have ignored neighbors in need. We have caused divisions among Your people. We have sought refuge in the things of this world and not in You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, our refuge and strength.

Pastor: While we have indeed all fallen short of the glory of God, we are all also justified by God’s grace as a gift. Though we have been slaves to sin, God has set us free in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of the risen 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. The Son has set us free, and we are free indeed. Amen.
+ WORD +

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through 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..... Revelation 14:6–7
(“Fear God and give Him glory.”)

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment

has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 46*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Pastor: **³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah***

People: **⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Pastor: **⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**

People: **⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Pastor: **⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah***

People: **⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

Pastor: **⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

People: **¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

Pastor: **¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah***

EPISTLE..... Romans 3:19–28
(All have sinned; all are justified by His grace.)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through

the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Luke 12:32*

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL **John 8:31–36**

(Listen to Jesus and be set free.)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY **“Crown Him With Many Crowns”** **[LSB 525]**

SERMON..... **“Freedom!”**.....**John 8:31-36**

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. Lord, You are our refuge and strength. Defend Your Church from the attacks and accusations of the devil. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, since the fall into sin, all creation groans for restoration. Earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, and other disasters cause great fear. But You are the God of all creation. Calm our hearts and be in our midst when the earth gives way. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world, nations rage and kingdoms totter. War, violence, and division plague the earth. But You are the Lord of hosts, and You are with us. Defend us from conflict and be our King of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Many mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of . . .*] Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we exalt You among the nations for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

***SANCTUS*** (p. 195 in hymnal)

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PAX DOMINI

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

***AGNUS DEI*** (p. 198 in hymnal)

***DISTRIBUTION HYMNS*** "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" [LSB 555]
O Lord, We Praise Thee" [LSB 617]
"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" [LSB 618]

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE..... (p. 199 in hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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..... "**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word**"..... [LSB 655]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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