

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
"Blessing and Woe"

5:30PM — February 16, 2019
8:00AM — February 17, 2019



THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Worship Leader
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Jim Schroeder	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135	Elder on Duty for Feb. 18-Feb. 22, 2019
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.

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 These Sundays after the Epiphany give us a glimpse and overview of our Lord's earthly ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. The people who followed Him have seen Him do many great things. In fact, many followed Him mainly in hopes that they would receive healing or some other gift. But today Jesus has everyone stop in

their tracks for some teaching, words of wisdom, words of blessing, and words of warning. The blessing is when you know Jesus' spiritual promises of forgiveness and assurance of eternal life. The warning is the danger of taking your eyes off of Jesus, being concerned only with the gifts and blessings we receive in this life, that is, things of this world that will surely pass away. As Jesus continues to lead us to His goal—His suffering, death, and resurrection—we are being drawn to value the spiritual blessings that in faith will provide us with forgiveness and eternal life.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... “Thine Forever God Of Love” [LSB 687]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 1:1a, 2; Jeremiah 17:7

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

People: but his delight is in the law of the LORD.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,

People: whose trust is the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, as we gather to hear the words and teaching of our Lord today, let us prepare by confessing our need to hear Him.

People: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess the sins of our minds, our speech, our actions, and even our inactions. We beg Your mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your grace to fill us with faith in Your Son, our Lord, to lead and guide us through all our days that we rejoice in the new, eternal life He has won for us by His cross and resurrection. Amen.

Pastor: In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and to give you the forgiveness of all your sins. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of 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.

+ WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5; 7

Pastor: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

People: Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,

Pastor: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
People: **Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “O Perfect Life Of Love”..... [LSB 452]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 17:5–8
(Trust in man or in the Lord.)

Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!
People: **Extol Him, all peoples!**

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
People: **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
People: **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

EPISTLE..... 1 Corinthians 15:1–20
(The resurrection of the dead)

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

5:30PM & 8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“From Generation To Generation (Thou Art God)”

Traditional Gaelic Melody Words by Gail McCoig Blanton/Arranged by Marty Park

***Psalm 90:1-2 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 6:17–26

(Jesus ministers to a great multitude.)

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY “God Loves Me Dearly” [LSB 392]

SERMON..... “Be My Valentine”.....by Rev. Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN..... “Jesus Loves Me This I Know”..... [LSB 588]

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. Thanks and praise to You, almighty God, for all the blessings of Your good creation, and especially the blessings of Your mercy and grace by which we know Your promise of forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us, we pray, in the one true faith, and grant true unity of faith in Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless the preaching of Your Word, that many come in repentance and faith to receive Your blessings and be delivered from sin and unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant peace and unity in our nation and around the world that Your Word has free course, calling all people to the blessing of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: By Your blessing, strengthen and enable all who labor, especially those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick, [*especially . . .*], for the dying and those who care for them, surround them with Your blessing of health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed are those who die in the Lord and rest from their labors. Keep us in unity with all who have gone before us with the sign of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: 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..... “The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”..... [LSB 709]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE