

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
“My God, My Fortress”



5:30PM — March 9, 2019
8:00AM — March 10, 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Ms. Julie Vahling & Mr. Kelly Stanfield	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jim Schroeder	Elder for March 10-16
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 - Like an army runs to find refuge in a castle, we run to Jesus in every time of need. He is our fortress, our God. Today He mercifully invites us into His presence and shields us from the power of our adversary. He will guard and defend us! What makes Him completely trustworthy to be our fortress? What gives us confidence in knowing that He will deliver us from sin, death, and the devil? He Himself was tempted and can understand our temptation. He Himself was protected from the evil one and can protect us in our hour of need. He Himself battled Satan and won. He invites us to share in the victory of His cross and resurrection. Find refuge in Him today! He is our mighty fortress. He is our God.

BAPTISM HYMN “See This Wonder in the Making”[LSB 592]

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM.....pages 268-270 in LSB

BAPTISM at 8:00 a.m. Service:**TAYLOR MARIE RIEMAN**

Born January 29, 2019

Parents: Ryan and Amanda Rieman

Sponsors: Thomas Gibbons and Joseph Gibbons

Godmother: Casey Willenborg



+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... “God So Loved The World So That He Gave”..... [LSB 571]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Joel 2:13

Pastor: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to the Lord our God.
O Lord, our gracious and merciful Father,

People: we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Our sins of thought, word, and deed leave us hopeless without Your saving work in our lives. Hear us as we call out for mercy and grace. Save us by the power of Your name. Help us find our refuge in the cross of Your only Son. By Your steadfast love, draw us to Jesus that we worship You with cleansed minds and hearts. In His saving name, we pray. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of the Lord our God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are fully and freely forgiven. Since He alone is our refuge and fortress, we find peace in the forgiveness earned for all people by Jesus' death and resurrection. As your pastor, 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 *Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: Psalm vv. 15–16*

Pastor: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in | all your ways. On their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

People: **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.**

Pastor: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

KYRIE(p. 186 in hymnal)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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..... Deuteronomy 26:1–11

(We rejoice in all the good things the Lord has given as our inheritance.)

26 “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.

’ ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ “And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

⁸ And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Hebrews 12:2

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

People: the Founder and Perfecter of our faith,

Pastor: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE **Romans 10:8b–13**

(Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Ephesians 6:11*

Pastor: Put on the whole armor of God,

People: that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 4:1–13**

(Jesus is protected from the devil in His time of temptation.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED.....(as found on the back of the hymnal)

HYMN OF THE DAY“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”[LSB 656]

SERMON.....“How To Resist Temptations”.....Luke 4:1-13

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. For the hallowing of God’s name among us in this congregation and throughout the world, that His Word be taught in its truth and purity and we, as the children of God, live holy lives according to it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, be our fortress and the One who makes us holy.

Pastor: For the protection of all who bear the name of Christ and seek to share His saving Gospel with all creation, that when there are times of testing and persecution, the Church grow strong in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, be our fortress and the One who strengthens Your Church.

Pastor: For the blessing of all the world, especially the land and the community where we live, that our Mighty Fortress guide all public servants and leaders among us, that we live in peace and safety, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, be our fortress and the One who watches over us all.

Pastor: For the support and care of all who are brokenhearted, that times of hardship, poverty, and loss lead all who struggle to seek refuge in the support of others and, ultimately, run to the fortress of Jesus and His never-failing mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, be our fortress and the One who showers us with mercy.

Pastor: For the healing of those who are struggling with medical issues and battling illness, [*including . . .*], that the Physician of body and soul work mightily in their lives and fill them with His perfect peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, be our fortress and the One who brings healing.

Pastor: For the answering of these and all other prayers that we bring before the throne of the Most High, that we take comfort in knowing that He is our Father and we are His children, made holy by the name He has given to all who are baptized into Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, be our fortress and the One who answers our prayers for the blessing of Your children and for the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”*..... [stz 1 LSB 782]

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

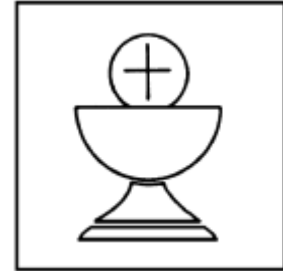
People: **And also with you.**

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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, so that we take refuge in Him who is our mighty fortress and merciful Savior. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” [LSB 637]
“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” [LSB 570]
“Come, Let Us Eat” [LSB 626]**

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

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the saving gift of Your Son’s body and blood, and we humbly ask that You would enable us to find refuge in Your holy name and to take this name into the world through lives of love and service; 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 Psalm 91:1–2

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

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..... “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”..... [LSB 729]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

