

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

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*"Gather the Children Together"*

**5:30PM — March 16, 2019**  
**8:00AM — March 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. Jerry Starner .....	Organist
Mrs. Erin Wendling .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30AM
Howard Janis .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge .....	Elder on Duty for March 18-22, 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** Jesus weeps. His heart is broken. He longs to gather God's children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood

under her wings, and you would not!" (Luke 13:34). Both back in the day and in our own day, many people refuse to be gathered to Jesus, even as He willingly and mercifully offers His life for all. This reality breaks Jesus' heart, and it should break ours also. Nevertheless, there is good news: the rejection of the multitudes never deters the faithfulness of our Savior. He is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior!

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN..... "Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain"..... [LSB 435]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 4:1*

**Pastor:** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**People:** **You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

**Pastor:** Lord God, our Father, hear the silent prayers of Your gathered children. Lord God, our Father, hear the spoken prayers of Your gathered children.

**People:** **We have turned away from You when we should be turning toward You. Forgive us, heavenly Father. We have run from You when we should be running to You. Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus. We have rejected Your grace when we should be receiving it. Cleanse us of our sin, Spirit of truth. Draw us again to the cross, where You died for us, so that we be gathered into Your presence and covered with Your forgiveness. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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 +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach  
You have fallen on me.

O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep  
of Your pasture?

Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have  
redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where You have  
dwelt.

Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the  
sanctuary!

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.

For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach  
You have fallen on me.

**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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength to come  
to You. By Your mighty power and glorious grace, gather us into Your  
presence and shield us from all adversities that may happen to the body and  
from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 26:8–15**

*(The prophet calls God's people to mend their ways and obey the voice of the Lord.)*

<sup>8</sup> And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to  
speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of  
him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup> Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying,  
‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And  
all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup> When the officials of  
Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD

and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup> Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” <sup>12</sup> Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup> Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup> But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup> Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 4*

Pastor: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**People: You have given me relief when I was in distress.**

Pastor: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**People: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?**

Pastor: How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

**People: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;**

Pastor: the LORD hears when I call to Him.

**People: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

Pastor: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**People: There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!”**

Pastor: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**People: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. 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.**

**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..... Philipians 3:17-4:1**

*(Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it, we await a Savior.)*

<sup>17</sup> Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. **4** Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** Luke 13:35

Pastor: Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say,

**People: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

**5:30PM & 8:00AM.....MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....“Jesus is the Living Stone”**

*Music by Mary McDonald – 1 Peter 2:4-5 – As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 13:31-35**

*(Jesus longs to gather the Lord’s children together.)*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following,

for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’<sup>34</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!<sup>35</sup> Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**SERMON HYMN** ..... **“Lamb of God”**..... **[LSB 550]**

**SERMON**..... **“A Rejected Prophet”**.....**Luke 13:31-35**

**OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY**.....**“Take My Life and Let It Be .....****LSB 783; Vs 1 & 4**

## **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. Father in heaven, we thank You for the mercy You show us in the cross of Him who comes in Your name to save us: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that our journey through this season of Lent refresh our souls and draw us close to You as You gather us together in Your eternal presence. And so we say:

People: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Merciful Savior, You offer Your life as a sacrifice to take the sins of the world away. Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus. You came from heaven to earth for us all. Send us forth from our place of worship that we take Your name into the world You died to save. And so we say:

People: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, You fill all Your baptized people with the sure and certain hope of eternal life, confirming in us that our citizenship is in heaven, and we await a Savior from there. He came once to die and to rise again. Now He reigns at the Father's right hand. Soon He will come again, and we will all be gathered before Him. Keep Your Church faithful to Your Word that we may be defended from all attacks of the evil one and strengthened in our journey of faith toward You and love toward one another. And so we say:

People: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Great Physician, work mightily for the mending of the broken, the renewal of the sorrowful, and the healing of the sick that we now name before You. And so we say:

People: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Author and giver of life, we thank and praise You for giving us the gifts to

sustain and defend Your creation. Open our eyes to see Your hand at work through the vocations into which You have placed us. Especially bless all those whose work is difficult and dangerous, all those in positions of leadership and authority over us, and all those who feel weary in their daily labors. Grant that all Your children come to You in faith and be renewed for the important tasks by which they give You honor and praise. And so we say:

**People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Pastor:** Triune God, You work together for the building up of Your people and for the eternal glory of Your name. Hear these prayers of our lips, along with the unspoken prayers of our hearts, that we place our confidence in Your eternal care and Your promise to always answer prayer. And so we say:

**People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We pray in the name of Him who gathers us together and saves us by His grace—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION** *Psalm 4:6*

**Pastor:** There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

**People: Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!"**

**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..... "O Savior, Precious Savior" ..... [LSB 527]**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

## **POSTLUDE**

# **We Exit to Serve!**

***If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with Pastor after the service.***