

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"Products of the Great Rescue: Saving Faith and Thankful"



5:30PM — July 13, 2019
8:00AM — July 14, 2019

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Worship Leader
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Linda White	5:30 p.m. Organist
Mrs. Jerry Starner	8:00 a.m. Organist
Miss Holly Hulskotter	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler	5:30PM Elder on Duty
A. J. Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jim Schroeder	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler	Elder on Duty for July 8 - 12, 2019
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.

ALTAR FLOWERS have been placed to the glory of God in memory of Russ Wieneke, Jr. by Sandy Wieneke.

AS WE GATHER God's people have been rescued! The heavenly Father has "delivered us"—rescued us—from the darkness of sin, death, and the power of the devil. He has "transferred us" into the kingdom of grace in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:13). Against the backdrop of God's great rescue or deliverance, our Scripture Readings point to the redeeming, restoring work of God. We have been set free to serve God in the power and example of Jesus: He seeks, He loves, He saves.

OPENING HYMN..... *"We Praise You, O God"***LSB 785**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 71:1–3*

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;

People: **let me never be put to shame!**

Pastor: In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

People: **incline Your ear to me, and save me!**

Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge,

People: **to which I may continually come;**

Pastor: You have given the command to save me,

People: **for You are my rock and my fortress.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Lord, we make our confession to You. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We deserve Your wrath and eternal punishment. We have sinned in our thoughts, through our words, and by our deeds. We have not loved You with our whole heart and have neglected the needs of our neighbors. With humble and repentant hearts, we come to You for forgiveness. Your Son, Jesus Christ, has suffered and died for us and has given Himself to rescue us and to reconcile us to You. For His sake, forgive and restore us. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may leave behind our sinful ways and live to Your glory as Your renewed children. Amen.**

Pastor: The eternal and gracious God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. 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.

Pastor: You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

People: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 25:1–2, 11–19, 22*

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust;

Pastor: let me not be put to shame;

People: let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

People: teach me Your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

People: for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

People: for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Pastor: Good and upright is the LORD;

People: therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right,

People: and teaches the humble His way.

Pastor: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Pastor: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

People: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

Pastor: May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

People: for I wait for You.

**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.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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.

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.

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

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“This Is the Feast” [LSB, p. 155]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Leviticus (18:1-5 19:9-18*

(Living God’s way looked different than the way of the Egyptians. God sought obedience to His laws and decrees and devotion to Him alone. He still asks for all of our hearts today. Our lives should look different than the world.)

The LORD said to Moses, ²“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. ³You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. ⁴You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. ⁵Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God. ¹¹“Do not steal. “Do not lie. “Do not deceive one another. ¹²“Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. ¹³“Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. “Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight. ¹⁴“Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. ¹⁵“Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the

great, but judge your neighbor fairly. ¹⁶“Do not go about spreading slander among your people.” Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD. ¹⁷“Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. ¹⁸“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:1-14*
(Paul’s gratitude to God for the faith, love, and witness of the Body of Christ at Colossae)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Grace and peace to you from God our Father. ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people—⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE Luke 10:27

²⁷ He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 10:25-37
(The good Samaritan)**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

SERMON HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”.....LSB 649

SERMON.....Colossians 1:1-14..... “Thanksgiving and Prayer”

OFFERING/OFFERTORY.....“We Give Thee But Thine Own”.....LSB 781 (vs 1,2)

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, we give thanks for Your great rescue and the gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Help us to cherish Your kingdom always. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit, that our daily faith be strong and that we desire to walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, give us opportunities to share Your love with others and use the gifts You provide to the praise and honor of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, protect Your people, and protect Your Church throughout the world, that we be bold in our witness and always ready to serve in power of the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, send Your Spirit into the hearts and minds of those who have wandered from the faith, and by Your Word of truth convict them and bring them to faith again in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, be with, encourage, and sustain those who are struggling at this time, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, bless our work together in this place, through this ministry, as we entrust ourselves to Your guidance. 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, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen!

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and pleasing in Your sight, holy Lord, almighty Father, that we, Your redeemed people, give thanks at all times and in all places for Your rescue in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who with His own blood purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that we may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 178 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, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI.....(p. 180 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS.....*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*.....**LSB 525**

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring".....**LSB 822**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (P. 181 in hymnal)

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father and Savior of the world, we give thanks to You, in the power of Your Holy Spirit, that You have refreshed us with Your true body and blood in this Sacrament. And now we ask You, in Your mercy, to strengthen us with Your holy gift, so that we trust and serve You all the days of our lives and share Your love with one another and all people. We pray all this, Lord Jesus, in Your holy name, for You live with the Father and the 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.**

CLOSING HYMN..... *"To God Be the Glory"*

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain 1:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

To God be the glory, great mercy He's shown:
He saved us and cleansed us and made us His own;
Renewed by the Spirit, reborn from above,
That we might be justified by His rich love! *Refrain 1*

To God be the glory, His Word is great truth,
Instructing and guiding since days of our youth:
The Law to reprove, to correct, and to train;
The Gospel to comfort, to heal and sustain. *Refrain 1*

To God be the glory, His greatness divine
Now offers forgiveness with bread and with wine,
And fed by His body and blood in this place,
We taste and we see the Lord's wonderful grace! *Refrain 1*

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
Our lives have been touched by the light of His Son—
Called out of the darkness of death and despair;
Made priests in His kingdom, His deeds to declare. *Refrain 2:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
Sing praise to the Spirit—our God, Three in One!

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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.