

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Becoming One"



5:30PM — May 27, 2017

8:00AM — May 28, 2017

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Rev. Earl Brown	Assistant Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mr. Dean Manuel	Organist
Holly Hulskotter.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Tyler Budde.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Jon Perry	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	Elder on Duty for May 29-June 2, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Arnetia Osborn.....	(342-2210) 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 We human beings have been created for oneness with God the Holy Trinity and with all of life. Our sinful turning away has corrupted our nature and led us into overwhelming fear and shame. Yet, God in His mercy has given His Son to live and die and rise for us having done everything necessary to bring us back to our Father's loving embrace. Now, where death once reigned, eternal life has broken in, and this is what that means: People come into a relationship with the only true God through faith in Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. To enter this relationship of love is to enter into oneness—no more separation—and life eternal begins now!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN **"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"** **[LSB 457]**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 68:4–5*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

People: lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;

Pastor: His name is the LORD;
People: **exult before Him!**

Pastor: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
People: **is God in His holy habitation.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
People: **We confess that we are by nature servants of disunity and division. We have not lived in harmony with You, with other people, or with ourselves. Forgive our turning away and by Your grace, restore us to oneness for the sake of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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 100:1–5*

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
ALL: **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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, who guided Your people to select Matthias for apostleship,
People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Christ Jesus, who is humble enough to share in suffering with Your people,
People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord, who prayed desiring that we may all be one,
People: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“This Is The Feast”.....(p. 155 in hymnal)

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

FIRST READINGActs 1:12-26
(A new witness to Jesus’ resurrection.)

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it”; and “Let another take his office.’ ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own

place.”²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE..... 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
(Suffering with grace.)

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 17:1-11
(Jesus' High Priestly Prayer.)

¹⁷ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I

had with you before the world existed. ⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”** [LSB 467]

SERMON..... **“A House Not Divided”****John 17:1-11**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY **“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”** [LSB 806]

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. O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, restore us to oneness with ourselves and with other people even as You have restored us to oneness with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us in the same by Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People respond: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, grant to all servants of Your Word attentive hearts to listen to Your voice as they speak Your Word among people who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, help the leaders of the civil realm both here and around the world to follow paths of justice for all people, protecting the weakest and poorest in every society, and to practice honesty and integrity in all their affairs. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, be with all people who suffer affliction of body, mind, or spirit, [*especially* . . .]. Grant that all people may

look to You and experience healing and wholeness according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, You have set the feast before us in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that all who come and dine this day both here and throughout the world may do so trusting Jesus' words that His body is given and His blood is shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, in Your beloved presence the saints rest from their labors awaiting the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Bring us with all Your saints into the fullness of Your reign on the day that Jesus comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: All glory, honor, power, and might be unto You, dear Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, are living and reigning in the unity of love by the Holy Spirit, ever one God in three persons, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI(p. 198 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "What Is This Bread" [LSB 629]
"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" [LSB 709]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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..... "Almighty Father, Bless The Word"[LSB 923]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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