

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"The Father's Treasured Possession"

5:30PM — June 17, 2017

8:00AM — June 18, 2017



THOSE WHO SERVE US

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| 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 |
| Brent Budde | Song Leader |
| St. John's Praise Band | 10:30AM |
| Mr. Todd Zeigler | 5:30PM Elder on Duty |
| Tori Budde | 5:30PM Acolyte |
| Mr. Jerry Pruemer | 8AM Elder on Duty |
| Blaine Flach | 8AM Acolyte |
| Mr. Howard Haake | 10:30AM Elder on Duty |
| Ella Niebrugge | 10:30AM Acolyte |
| Mr. Jerry Pruemer 690-2265 | Elder on Duty for June 19-June 23, 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 People all over our country today will be celebrating Father's Day as we give thanks for our earthly dads, grandfathers, and other men who are special to us. Every time we gather in the Lord's house for worship, our time together can also be seen as a Father's Day. As we are reminded in our Readings, God, our heavenly Father, has reconciled us to Himself through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. By our Father's grace, we are made His "treasured possession." As those who receive His Word and are filled with His Spirit, He forms us into "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." We approach Him directly and confidently as children do their loving Father. May your time in our Father's house be blessed this day—for this day is His day!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... "God Of Grace And God of Glory"..... [LSB 850]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Based on Exodus 19:2-8*

Pastor: God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

People: Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

Pastor: Let us join together and confess our sins to God our Father:
People: **Heavenly Father, even though You have called us to be Your treasured possession, we have not always obeyed Your voice, nor have we abided by our covenant with You. In our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have not behaved like the holy nation You created us to be. Through Your unfailing love and tender mercy, remove our transgressions from us. Speak over us words of life that flow from the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Father, forgive us and restore us as Your children. Amen.**

Pastor: All that the Lord has spoken, His Son has done. Jesus' obedient life was lived for you so that, by His death and resurrection, you are now reconciled to the Father. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 67:4–7; antiphon: v. 3

All: **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

All: **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor: The earth has yielded its increase;

People: **God, our God, shall bless us.**

All: **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor: God shall bless us;

People: **let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

All: **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty".....[LSB 790]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, You have brought us to Yourself and made us Your treasured possession through the saving work of our Savior. By the power of Your eternal Spirit, may we extend Your saving Word into all the world; 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.....Exodus 19:2-8

(The Lord calls His people His “treasured possession”.)

² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” ⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 100 (We come into the Lord’s presence with thanksgiving and praise.)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Pastor: Come into His presence with singing!

People: **Know that the LORD, He is God!**

Pastor: It is He who made us, and we are His;

People: **we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

People: **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

People: **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

EPISTLE.....Romans 5:6–15

(God shows His love for us through the death of His Son.)

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Matthew 9:37b–38*

Pastor: Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore

People: **pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9–20)

(Jesus sends out His disciples to proclaim His kingdom.)

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to

the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts,¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.¹² As you enter the house, greet it.¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues,¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY ***“On Eagles’ Wings”***[LSB 727]

SERMON..... ***“Ready or Not, Here We Come!”******Matthew 9:35-10:8***

OFFERING/OFFERTORY ***“Jesus Loves Me”***[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. For the expansion of Christ’s kingdom, that we may share the gifts of our Savior in the work we do in His harvest field, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, thank You for the mission that is ours in Christ.**

Pastor: For the Christian Church, both here and scattered throughout the world, that we may find our wholeness and unity in Jesus, our compassionate Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, thank You for the unity that is ours in Christ.**

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they may equip all the saints for works of service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the ministry that is ours in Christ.

Pastor: For all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and other men of faith, that they may use their vocations to be a blessing to others in the home and in the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the Christian family that is ours in Christ.

Pastor: For all public servants, including the members of the Armed Forces, that they would place their confidence in Christ, who is our help and shield, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the protection that is ours in Christ.

Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they may find wholeness in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the healing grace that is ours in Christ.

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have that our gracious Father may answer us for the sake of Christ and for the glory of His eternal kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the confidence that is ours in Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *Matthew 9:37b*

Pastor: Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

**People: Lord, send us out to proclaim Your kingdom in Your harvest field.
Amen!**

Pastor: The Lord does just that as He sends us out with His blessing. 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. *Num. 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

HYMN..... "Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Crying"..... [LSB 826]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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