

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

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Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*"No Fear!"*



**5:30PM — June 24, 2017**

**8:00AM — June 25, 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. Jamie Lotz .....	Organist
Holly Hulskotter.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Tori Budde .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Blaine Flach .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming 857-3891 .....	Elder on Duty for June 26 – June 30, 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flowers which grace our altar are in remembrance of the wedding anniversary of Leroy & Beulah Ziegler and are given by their children and grandchildren.

**AS WE GATHER** There are many things that cause us to be afraid. We become afraid anytime we perceive our sense of security is threatened. This can be a perceived physical, financial, intellectual, relational, or spiritual threat. In these last days, these threats may only appear to be real or they may actually be real. No matter what it may be, our security and our strength lie in our God, who is our refuge and strength. In Him we put our trust.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**PRELUDE**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN..... "The Church's One Foundation" ..... [LSB 644]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Isaiah 43:1; Psalm 23:4; 1 Peter 2:9*

**Pastor:** But now thus says the LORD,

**Men:** *He who created you, O Jacob,*

**Women:** *He who formed you, O Israel:*

Pastor: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine."

**People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**People: Amen.**

**CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION**      *1 Peter 2:10*

Pastor: Gathering as God's chosen people, we bring with us the sins that wage war with our souls. We take this time to confess our sins to Him who has delivered our souls from death, and we seek His forgiveness through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus,

**People: We are surely sinful from birth, and we struggle with change, even as a people changed by You from death to life. Our struggle is revealed as we fall into patterns of living, speaking, and thinking that are not in line with being the people You have called us to be. You have set us free through Your perfect life, death, and resurrection, yet we continue to live like people who are enslaved to the enemy. Lord Jesus, forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness for Your name's sake. Amen.**

Pastor: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 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.**

Pastor: Go in peace.

**People: Serve the Lord.**

**+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

Pastor: For You have delivered my soul from death,

**People: yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

Pastor: When I am afraid,

**People: I put my trust in You.**

Pastor: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;  
**People: I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?**  
Pastor: In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust;  
**People: I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?**

Pastor: For You have delivered my soul from death,  
**People: yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

### ***KYRIE***

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who still walk in darkness that the light of Christ may shine on them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who face persecution that they may stand strong and continue to confess "Christ is Lord," let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our strength and discernment as we struggle with the spirits of this age that threaten to guide us away from You, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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

### ***HYMN OF PRAISE..... "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" ..... [LSB 791]***

### ***SALUTATION***

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

### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our refuge, our fortress, our God in whom we trust, hear our prayers this day.  
**People: As you have done for Your people throughout the centuries, defend us from persecution, stand with us in our struggles, give us strength to stand firm in the face of fear and uncertainty, and raise us up with Your mighty right hand.**

Pastor: Lead us by Your Spirit in these last days as we bring Your name to bear in all circumstances and as we live our lives as Your chosen people.

People: **For You live and reign as one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Jeremiah 20:7–13**

*(God is with us when we are persecuted for being His people.)*

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE ..... Romans 6:12–23**

*(Jesus has freed us from our sins; live free.)*

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your

members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Matthew 10:32*

Pastor: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

**People: We acknowledge, praise, and glorify You, Lord Jesus.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** .....*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

(Life will be hard in these last days. Fear not, for God is with us.)

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,<sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.<sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. <sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.<sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CATECHISM** *Baptism First, Third*

Pastor: What is Baptism?

People: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.**

Pastor: How can water do such great things?

Men: ***Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water.***

Women: ***For without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism.***

People: **But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:**

Pastor: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... **"Amazing Grace"** ..... **[LSB 744]**

**SERMON** ..... **"An Undivided Heart"** ..... **Matthew 10:5a, 21-33**

**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. Almighty and ever-living God, we give You thanks and praise for being a just and forgiving God. We praise You for being our refuge, our fortress, and our God in whom we trust. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we thank You for hearing our prayers this day and every day. We name before You this day brothers and sisters who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit, and ask for Your strength, comfort, and healing, [*including . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**



Pastor: Lord Jesus, You united us in a common faith and family at our Baptism. Lead and guide us in living out our baptismal faith as missionaries in this world, so that the people we connect with may hear Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, You work in many unseen and mysterious ways. As we look around our world, we see destruction and violence. We ask that You bring peace and wholeness. We ask for You to give Your wisdom to all the leaders of our world, our nation, our state, and our community, so that they may govern justly. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, in Jesus' name.  
**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 ..... “Feed Us Now” [OSB]**

- 1. Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;  
Let us know Your love a-new; We hunger for You.  
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live within;  
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.
- 2. Piece of bread, glass of wine; We receive from You  
Your true body and true blood Your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand  
How Your mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.
- 3. Thank You Lord for this gift, such a holy meal.  
Only You can give us life; forgive all our sins.  
Praises be to our God for the blessings here.  
At Your altar Lord we say, “Praise be to our God”

**“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” [LSB 570]**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING Psalm 136:1–3**

**Pastor:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**People:** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**Pastor:** Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**People:** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**Pastor:** Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**People:** for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: We give You thanks and praise, our refuge, our fortress, and our God in whom we trust, for You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. We ask that You continue to strengthen us as we stand in the face of temptation and persecution; 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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

***HYMN*** ..... ***“Jesus Shall Reign”*** ..... ***[LSB 832 stz 1, 3, 5]***

***SILENT PRAYER***

***GREETING OF PEACE***

***POSTLUDE***

Your word  
is a  
lamp  
to my feet  
and a  
light for my  
path.  
Psalm 119 vs. 105