

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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MISSION STATEMENT
Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and Proclaiming!

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Jesus Welcomes The Weary”

5:30PM — July 8, 2017

8:00AM — July 9, 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-5:30PM Mrs. Jerry Starner-8AM	Organists
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Jon Perry	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. John Jackson 347-0883	Elder on Duty for July 10-July 14, 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 given by Dan & Lisa Norton in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

AS WE GATHER Are you tired? Are you burdened? Do you feel weary? Jesus says to you: “Come to Me . . . and I will give you rest.” As we come to Jesus in faith, He takes our burdens upon Himself and gives us rest for our souls. Yoked to Christ in our Baptism, our standing in the presence of God the Father is guaranteed because of Him. We gather together for worship today, knowing that as Jesus first comes to us with forgiveness and new life, we can then offer Him our prayers and praise. This is the Father’s gracious will. May He bless us as we gather before Him!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... *“Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty”*[LSB 901]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Based on Matthew 11:25–30; Romans 7:14–25a*

Pastor: Jesus invites you: “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

People: **Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”**

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father,

People: **We confess that we are burdened by our sin. What we want to do, we don’t do. What we end up doing, we know that we are not supposed to do. We feel trapped. Your Word teaches us that we cannot escape our sinfulness. Only in Your mercy is there rest for our souls and relief from the burdens of our hearts. Father, fill us again with the assurance of the**

cross and the empty tomb, that we may receive anew the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: The burdens that are so heavy for you are light for Jesus! As you have now confessed your sins, it is my privilege and joy to announce to you that Jesus has taken away your burdens by His death and resurrection. According to His own command, I, as a servant of the Word and as Your pastor, 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 91:1–2, 9–10*

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Pastor: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

People: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. 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: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”.....[LSB 803]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have not chosen to reveal Your truth to the wise and learned, but to those who become Your children. Through Your Word, may we come to know You and Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we find our rest; through the same 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.....Zechariah 9:9-12
(*The King shall speak peace to the nations.*)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

Reader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Reader: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things!

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE.....Romans 7:14–25a
(Paul struggles with the sin within him.)

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 11:28*

People: Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL*Matthew 11:25–30*
(Jesus offers rest to all who come to Him.)

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”[LSB 684]

SERMON..... “Burdens And The Yoke”*Matthew 11:25-30*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (p. 192 in the hymnal)

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. Gracious Father, it is Your gracious will that sinners come to You through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You for the forgiveness we have in Him and for the assurance we are given that You hear and answer us for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

People respond: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, You make Yourself known to people all over the world. Through the precious Gospel of Christ Jesus, hearts are turning to You and voices are raised in Your praise. May all souls who are weary and burdened find their rest in You. That we may proclaim Christ to all who have yet to trust in Him, bless Your church both here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Your Word, O Lord, commands us to pray for those in authority over us. Bless this land in which we live. May all who lead do so diligently, and may all decisions be guided by Your wisdom. Be the shield and fortress for all members of the Armed Forces and for all whose work is difficult and dangerous. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Great Physician of both soul and body, we lift up before You those who are suffering in any way: physically, mentally, relationally, and spiritually, [*especially . . .*]. May they all find their rest in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: At Your gracious invitation, dear Father, we come today to the Table of Your Son. Ready our hearts to receive Christ in faith as He comes to us in His body and blood. Just as You are one with the Son and Holy Spirit, make us one as we, Your people, share in this most blessed gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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. In Your great mercy You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, who has invited all who are weary to come unto Him. By the sacrifice of His body on the cross, You set us free from our burdens and give relief to our souls. 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]
“I Lay My Sins On Jesus” [LSB 606]**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift by giving us rest for our weary souls. 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.**

BENEDICTION Romans 7:25a

Pastor: Who has delivered us from our sins and given relief to our weary souls?

People: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our 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 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” [LSB 924]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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