

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

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
Proclaiming!**

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**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**"Back talk"**

**5:30PM — August 12, 2017**

**8:00AM — August 13, 2017**



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organist
Mrs. Amy Kohnert .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jerry Pruemer .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Wes Radloff .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming 857-3891 .....	Elder on Duty for August 14-August 18, 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** All of our prayer and praise is only our response to what God has said to us. Through the revealed Word of the Bible and the incarnate Word, Jesus, God has talked to us about sin and grace. Our talking back to Him, unfortunately, can be back talk, with all the negative connotations of that term. That's when we deserve to hear the Law, as Job does in today's Old Testament Reading. But when we have truly heard God's gracious invitation, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle and Peter heard while in his boat, our talking back to God is humble thanks for His grace and mercy. We have the opportunity again today to hear Law and Gospel and to give God the faith-filled back talk He wants from His forgiven sons and daughters.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN..... "Lord, Open Now My Heart To Hear" .....[LSB 908]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Our gracious God has promised to hear us for Jesus' sake when we call out for pardon and peace. Let us go to Him, confessing our sins. Heavenly Father,

**People:** **we admit that we have often put our own wills ahead of Yours. In our pride we have demanded reasons from You for what has gone wrong in**

**our lives. We have not called out to You in all humility, but have relied on our own righteousness instead of asking You for mercy and grace. We have let the turmoil of the world around us distract us from keeping our lives focused on Your strong Word and the salvation it proclaims. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, move us to paths in which we may serve You and proclaim Your saving Word to those who do not know Your loving promises.**

**Pastor:** Although God’s Law condemns us in our fallen condition, with all our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, He has promised that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 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.

**+ WORD +**

***HYMN..... “O Bless The Lord, My Soul” .....[LSB 814]***

***SALUTATION***

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul,

**People:** may cheerfully accomplish what You want done;

**Pastor:** 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 ..... Job 38:4–18***  
*(God puts Job in his place.)*

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and

doors, <sup>11</sup> and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? <sup>12</sup> "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup> that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup> "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing!

People: **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**EPISTLE** ..... **Romans 10:5–17**

*(Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.)*

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL .....Matthew 14:22–33**

*(Jesus invites Peter to walk to Him on the water.)*

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ..... "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" ..... [LSB 717]**

**SERMON..... "Eyes Are Focused".....Matthew 14:22-33**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY ..... "Praise And Thanksgiving".....[LSB 789]**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church around the world, and for those near and dear to us. Our great God "laid the foundation of the world." Let us ask His guidance and protection for all who tend His good creation, tilling the soil and protecting the environment; for all who connect resources with people in need of food, clothing, and shelter, providing dignity and hope; and for all who work for peace and justice in their positions of authority.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” Let us ask the Holy Spirit’s strength and encouragement for all who proclaim the Gospel in pulpits and hospitals, on battlefields and in refugee camps, offering the salvation that the Word of Christ announces; for all who put their faith into action, teaching the young, consoling the ill, comforting the grieving, and listening to the distraught; and for those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], and those known only to our gracious God.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Let us ask our Savior’s gracious presence and protection for people of faith around the world, enduring persecution and standing with the weak; for the Church in our land, confronting injustice and resisting indifference wherever they are found; and for ourselves, gathering around Word and Sacrament and responding to the Gospel in word and deed.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, gracious God, grant to us for the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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*..... “O Worship The King”..... [*Sts. 1, 6: LSB 804*]**

**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*

**AGNUS DEI..... “I Lay My Sins On Jesus”..... [LSB 606]**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ..... “Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord” [LSB 637]  
“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” [LSB 622]**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING Psalm 34:8**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have strengthened our faith through this Sacrament, and we pray that, emboldened, we may respond to Your love and mercy as You give us opportunity each day; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

**HYMN..... “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”..... [LSB 715]**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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