

**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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Immigrants All"

5:30PM — August 19, 2017

8:00AM — August 20, 2017



THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Jerry Starner	8AM Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. John Jackson.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Haake	8AM Elder on Duty
Wes Radloff	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake 342-3596	Elder on Duty for August 21 – August 25, 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 The inscription on the Statue of Liberty invites all “yearning to breathe free” to come to America. Our families all were from somewhere else sometime in history. All of us in the kingdom of God were once foreigners as well. In the Old Testament Reading today, God anticipates gathering people from every nation to join Israel, and Jesus finds great faith in the Canaanite woman in the Gospel. In the Epistle, Paul even finds good news in the rejection of Jesus by God’s Old Testament people, for “God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all” (Romans 11:32). We were all once foreigners, but now we breathe in the freedom of God’s gracious rule, His love and mercy for Jesus’ sake.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN.....“*Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty*”..... [*stz 1,3,5 LSB 901*]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

INTROIT Part 1: *Psalm 28:1–2*; *antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people;

People: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

People: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

People: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised to hear and forgive for Jesus’ sake. Let us therefore go to Him, confessing our sins. Creator God,

People: we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as our sinful condition. We are not the creatures You intend us to be. Forgive us and rescue us from our unrighteousness that we may reflect Your righteousness and holiness.

Pastor: Promised Savior,

People: we confess that we are not only in the world, but too often act as part of it. We are as aliens in Your kingdom of grace. Forgive us and graciously treat us as Your own people for Your own name's sake.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Comforter,

People: we confess that we have wandered from the truth and sought to fulfill our own wants and desires. Forgive us, renew in us pure hearts, and guide us to walk in Your ways each day as long as we live.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world to bear the sins of all. He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in Him for salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT Part 2: *Psalm 28:6–7; antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD!

People: For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

People: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. 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: The LORD is the strength of His people;

People: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

+ **WORD** +

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 and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving.

People: In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving kindness and mercy;

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 *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*
(*God promises to listen to the prayers of Gentiles.*)

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”⁸ The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*
(*God’s mercy extends to all people.*)

¹¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 15:21–28**
(A Canaanite woman begs Jesus for help and is granted her request.)

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Lord Jesus Christ, The Church’s Head”** [LSB 647]

SERMON..... **“Great Faith”**.....**Matthew 15:21-28**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY **“Create In Me”** [LSB 956]

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various stations and conditions. For the Church, calling sinners to repentance and proclaiming the Gospel among people of every tribe and tongue, that clergy and lay leaders be faithful in their calling and protected under persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

People respond: **Your crumbs, O Lord, we merit not, Yet Bread of Life to us You send. Seats at Your feast Christ’s blood has bought. O gracious God, our prayer attend.**

Pastor: For the nations of the world, ordering society for peace and prosperity, that their leaders be just and compassionate, and that their citizens work together—harvesting and milling, teaching and learning, producing and providing, caring and conserving—to give glory to our gracious God and dignity to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For the downtrodden and oppressed, the lonely and forgotten, the sick and dying, and for those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], that God would hear their prayers, surround them with circles of skilled and understanding people, and answer their deepest needs according to His loving plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For ourselves—young and old, rich and poor, singles, couples, and families—as we gather for worship and care for one another in our spiritual, emotional, and physical needs, that the Word of God grow richly among us to the praise of God’s holy name, let us pray to the Lord.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that in Your mercy You will answer with blessings none of us deserves for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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**LORD’S PRAYER
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

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.....“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”[LSB 922]

**SILENT PRAYER
GREETING OF PEACE
POSTLUDE**

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