

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

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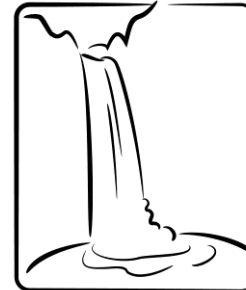
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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Food for the Soul"

5:30PM — August 5, 2017

8:00AM — August 6, 2017



THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Dean Manuel	Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Wes Radloff	8AM Acolyte
Mr. John Jackson.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer 690-2265	Elder on Duty for August 7 – August 11, 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 We face so many arguments about food these days. Go organic. Go gluten free. Go low carb. Go vegan. Go GMO free. Our culture is deeply concerned about what sort of food we put in our bodies, because the old saying “you are what you eat” is fairly accurate. While what sort of food we put into our bodies is an important concern, Jesus compels us to make another kind of food an even higher priority than the food we chew and digest. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus feeds five thousand people, thereby revealing that He is the Word of God Incarnate, the food that feeds more than our stomachs. Jesus feeds our souls. This was foreseen by the prophet Isaiah who wrote, “Come, everyone who thirsts . . . incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.” The food we put into our bodies is important. Even more important is to gather in church for food that feeds the soul!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”**..... **[LSB 655]**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Through Christ we are heirs of the gifts given long ago to the Israelites.
For the gift of our adoption into the household of God,

People: we thank You, O Lord!

Pastor: For the gift of God's glorious presence with us in Jesus,

People: we adore You, O Lord!

Pastor: For the covenants God made with us, especially the covenant of forgiveness
in Christ,

People: we praise You, O Lord!

Pastor: For the Law of God, which guides us and points us to Christ,

People: we worship You, O Lord!

Pastor: For freedom to praise and adore our giving God in worship,

People: we praise You, O Lord!

Pastor: For the gracious promises of God, fulfilled in Jesus,

People: we adore You, O Lord!

Pastor: For the patriarchs, whose struggles with faith teach us the way of following
God,

People: we thank You, O Lord!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 55:2b*

Pastor: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.
Together we confess:

People: We have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have been more concerned with the food that feeds our stomachs
than we are with the food that nurtures our souls,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we live as if the gifts God provides are less important than some of the
trivialities with which we use up our time,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: When we fill our ears with all sorts of things that cannot give us the life You
give,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Bring us to

repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.

Pastor: “Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,” says the Lord, “and delight yourselves in rich food.” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 +

INTROIT *Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: Psalm 105:1*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

People: **He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.**

Pastor: They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

People: **He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.**

Pastor: For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

People: **So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing. 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: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Crown Him With Many Crowns”.....[LSB 525]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord of creation, You open wide Your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

People: **You feed our souls with the true bread from heaven, Jesus, our Savior.**

Pastor: Help us to receive the Bread of Life with joy,
People: so that we may participate in Your providing bread for the world, both body and soul;

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 55:1–5*
(Come, eat and drink without cost.)

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE..... *Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)*
(Paul anguishes over the people of Israel.)

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the

adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹ For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹² she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³ As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 14:13–21**

(The Bread of Life feeds five thousand.)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE FIRST ARTICLE

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY ***“Come, Follow Me,’ The Savior Spake”*** [LSB 688]

SERMON..... ***“The Loaves And The Two Fish”***.....***Matthew 14:31-21***

OFFERING/OFFERTORY ***“We Give Thee But Thine Own”***[***Sts. 1–2: LSB 781***]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Relying on Your mercy, which tirelessly seeks the lost and the least and transforms the lives of sinners, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord. You give the gift of adopting us into the family of the faithful of this and every generation. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that walking together our voices give a clear, spirited, and compassionate witness to the gifts of God in Christ to this hungry world. We give thanks for adopting us as Your sons and daughters as we cry,

People respond: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give abundant promises to calm us in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Guide all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm’s way, and make Your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Preserve us from acts of terrorism. Reconcile us with our enemies. We give thanks for Your hope-sustaining promises as we cry,

Pastor: You give the gift of Your presence when our faith wanes and our hope is nearly lost. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning, [*including . . .*]. Help them to see that

even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. We give thanks for Your glorious presence among us as we cry,

Pastor: You give the gift of Your Word to guide us—the Word that brings us down a notch when we are prideful and lifts us up when we are faltering. We pray today for those in need who have requested our prayer. We give thanks for Your life-giving Word as we cry,

Pastor: You give the food that sustains both our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce an abundant harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We give thanks for Your gracious provision as we cry,

Pastor: You give the example of ancestors in the faith, all those who have gone before us in the faith and have now died and abide in Your tender arms, [*remembering especially . . .*]. We thank You for their life and witness, and how Your grace was shown in some way through them as we cry,

Pastor: You give the invitation to bring everything to You in prayer. We entrust these prayers to You, relying on the promise and trusting in Your gracious and merciful disposition toward us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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..... **“Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus”** **[LSB 660]**

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE