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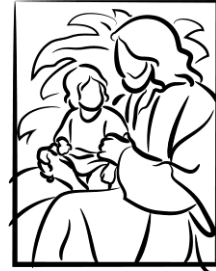
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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*"Family Chores"*

**5:30PM — September 9, 2017**  
**8:00AM — September 10, 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 .....	Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	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
Tyler Budde .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler 821-6135...	Elder on Duty for September 11-September 15, 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** Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). It is of great comfort that almighty God treats us as His dear children. As the hymn says, although “He knows how frail our powers,” still “His grace remains forever” and “His rule is over all” (LSB 820:3–4). Yet while we rejoice in God’s tender mercy for us, today’s Readings remind us that God intends that same mercy for those around us, our family, our own children, and our brothers and sisters of the household of God. As John said, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:11). In other words, we who have received mercy are the very channels and messengers of that same mercy to others. We renounce disgraceful ways that allow sin to drag either ourselves or others down, and we bring God’s merciful forgiveness of sins to everyone.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN..... “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”..... [LSB 685]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *Psalm 32:1, 5; Matthew 18:3–4, adapt.*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
People: **whose sin is covered.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we gather together as the baptized children of God. Let us come to Him confessing our need of Him and begging His forgiveness.  
People: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your children, confess to You our waywardness. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. We are sinful from birth. We do not deserve Your love. Yet by Your own Gospel promise we dare to come before You imploring Your grace. Forgive us our sins, gather us as Your own children, and give us Your love and life. Amen.**

Pastor: "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Upon this your confession and prayer, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

***HYMN OF PRAISE..... "This Is The Day" [TOSB #234]***

**This is the day, This is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.**

***SALUTATION***

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that

are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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**..... **Ezekiel 33:7-9**  
(*Ezekiel is Israel's watchman.*)

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

<sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

<sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

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 13:1-10**  
(*Submission to the authorities.*)

<sup>13</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,

<sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

<sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

<sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 18:1-20**

*(Who is the greatest?)*

**18** At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them

<sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,

<sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

<sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.

<sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup> “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

<sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

<sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **NICENE CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... **“Jesus Shall Reign”** ..... [LSB 832]

**SERMON**..... **“A Life Of Love”** .....**Matthew 20:1-20**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** ..... (p 192 in hymnal)

### **DEDICATION OF REMODELED PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS**

#### **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, we believe that without Your Son, we are dead in our trespasses and overcome by our own sinful desires. Be merciful to us, and grant us a repentant faith, believing that in Jesus Christ You have raised us from death to life and given us heaven instead of hell. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Fill us with a hatred for our sinfulness and the desire to please You. Grant us true humility as little children even as Your Son humbled Himself for our salvation. Deliver us from temptation and keep us in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for all the little ones who believe in You, the youngest members of our congregation as well as those of every generation who are called Your children. Bless parents, pastors, and teachers to teach Your truth and Your ways, that we may grow in Christ's forgiveness and live as Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us such love that cares for one another that we call those in sin to repentance in order to joyfully speak Your forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As the governing authorities receive their authority from You, so teach us to obey all God-pleasing directives. Provide us with wise rulers to make, administer, and judge our laws for the benefit and peace of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, fill us with care for the members of our earthly families and especially those of the family of faith. By Your Son's body and blood, sustain us in forgiveness and strength to live in love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through 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** ..... (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** ..... **“Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord” [LSB 637]**  
**“Just As I Am Without One Plea” [LSB 570]**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and 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**

Pastor: For the prophets, the watchmen, who show us the way, and for those who follow it,

People: **we thank You, Lord.**

Pastor: For the forgiveness that by Your grace we also give to our neighbor,

People: **we thank You, Lord.**

Pastor: Because You are here among us, and for the joy that You have given us of gathering together in Your presence,

People: **we thank You, 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..... “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”..... [LSB 698]**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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