

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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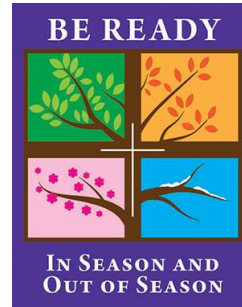
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LWML SUNDAY
"Be Ready To Confess Jesus"

5:30PM — September 30, 2017
8:00AM — October 1, 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. Meghan Wahl.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge.....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Eden Wendling.....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	Elder on Duty for October 2 – October ?
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 in memory of Harold and Mark Esch and are given by Irene and family.

AS WE GATHER 2017 marks two significant anniversaries: the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the *95 Theses* and the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Confessing the faith has not gotten any easier since these two events occurred. In fact, it may be more difficult to speak and to live as Christians now – and the future may even be more challenging. Yet God is faithful and has promised that His church will survive all the trials that the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh can throw at us. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraged and equipped Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and supported missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN..... "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"[LSB 912]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Glory Be To God The Father”[LSB 506]

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN..... “All Glory Be To God On High” [LSB 947]

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people, making us ready to confess Jesus. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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..... 1 Kings 8:54-61

⁵⁴ Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. ⁵⁵ And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, ⁵⁶ “Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. ⁵⁷ The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, ⁵⁸ that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. ⁵⁹ Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, ⁶⁰ that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other. ⁶¹ Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALMODY Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Pastor: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Pastor: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Pastor: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

People: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: 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.

EPISTLE2 Timothy 4:1-4

4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Acts 1:8

Pastor: Alleluia. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,

People: and to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....“Count Your Blessings”by Jubilate Ringers

HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 10:26-33

⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear

whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED.....(as found on the back page of the hymnal)

THE LEAGUE PLEDGE

Pastor: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

People: **In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;**

Pastor: God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 75 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

People: **and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.**

Pastor: That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;

People: **We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life,**

Pastor: We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.

People: **to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!**

SERMON HYMN..... "O God, Our Help In Ages Past".....[LSB 733]

SERMON....."Be Ready To Confess Christ".....Matthew 10:26-33

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

(Please be seated.)

HYMN..... “Built On The Rock”[LSB 645]

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. For the Church, that God our Father in heaven, may look with mercy on us and grant us grace so that His name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of His Word and the fervent love of our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the extension of God’s kingdom, that all who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom be brought to know Jesus Christ His Son through faith, and that the number of Christians may be increased, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the President of our Synod, the President of our District, and for all servants of the Church, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they do the work of ministry and missions You have given them to do with excellence and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the women of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, that they always be ready to confess in thought, word, and deed, here in our country and throughout the world, Christ’s work of redemption for all people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the leaders of these United States, for the President of our nation, our representatives and senators, and all public servants, that they may be faithful in their leadership and just in their decisions, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For vulnerable neighbors—the unborn, widows, orphans, the lonely, the poor—and all needy and suffering persons, that our gracious Lord would meet all their needs of body and soul according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, especially those whom we name in our hearts (*silence for personal intercession*) that they would be healed, comforted, consoled, and delivered, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Almighty God, since You have granted us the favor to call on You with one accord and have promised that were two or three are gathered together in Your name You are in the midst of them, fulfill now the prayers of Your servants, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord:

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN.....“Jesus Shall Reign”[stz 1, 5 LSB 832]

**SILENT PRAYER
GREETING OF PEACE
POSTLUDE**



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