

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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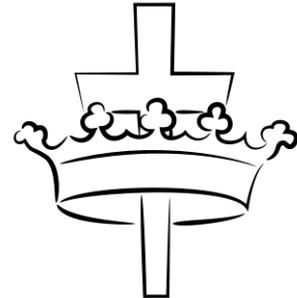
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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*"On The Other Hand"*

**5:30PM — October 21, 2017**

**8:00AM — October 22, 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
Ms. Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. John Jackson.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Eden Wendling.....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall 347-0893 .....	Elder on Duty for October 23-October 27, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan .....	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India .....	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation .....	in Blidene, Latvia

**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** Our God rules the lives of His faith-filled people by grace for Jesus' sake. It's what we pray for in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come." The Lutheran Confessions call this His kingdom of the right hand. But, on the other hand, the left, He also rules through civic authorities. Through Isaiah, He tells King Cyrus that he will be His servant. And the king did let the Jewish exiles return from Babylon! When Jesus' opponents thought to trick Him in saying something against Caesar, He taught about giving the powers that be their due. When the Church in Thessalonica spread the Gospel, they certainly benefitted from the orderliness of the Roman Empire. On the one hand, God is to be thanked for His grace and mercy; on the other hand, we praise Him for using the government that we may enjoy the physical life He gives us.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN**..... **"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"**..... **[LSB 711]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 96:9, 13b*

**Pastor:** Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

**People:** **tremble before Him, all the earth!**

**Pastor:** He will judge the world in righteousness,

**People:** **and the peoples in His faithfulness.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *Psalm 32:5; 124:8*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit is Lord over all, who rules in power over temporal and eternal powers. Yet He came to earth as one of us, lived under earthly authorities, died to pay for all our sins, and rose victorious. 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 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5*

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
I lift up my eyes to the hills.

**People: From where does my help come?**

Pastor: My help comes from the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved;

**People: He who keeps you will not slumber.**

Pastor: Behold, He who keeps Israel

**People: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

People: **He will keep your life.**

Pastor: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

People: **from this time forth and forevermore. 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. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE.....“God Of Grace And God Of Glory”..... [LSB 850]***

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You,

People: **have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal;**

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 45:1-7***  
*(The Lord tells King Cyrus He will use him for the sake of Israel.)*

**45** Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup> that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

**EPISTLE** ..... **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**  
*(Paul commends the Thessalonians for spreading the Gospel.)*

**1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. **2** We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, **3** remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **4** For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, **5** because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. **6** And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, **7** so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. **8** For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone orth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. **9** For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **10** and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... **Matthew 22:15-22**  
*(Jesus teaches about rendering civil authorities their due.)*

**15** Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. **16** And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. **17** Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" **18** But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? **19** Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a

denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

***NICENE CREED***

***HYMN OF THE DAY*** ..... ***"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"***..... ***[LSB 940]***

***SERMON***..... ***"Taxes, Taxes"***..... ***Matthew 22:15-22***

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

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Psalm 96***

Pastor: The psalm appointed for this day is Psalm 96. We read it responsively as we bring our requests to our heavenly Father.

People: **Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Protect and guide Your Church around the world, Lord Jesus, so that the news of salvation is preached in freedom and joy. Open the ears of all who hear it to respond in faith and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

Pastor: Provide just and peace-loving leaders among the nations of the world, heavenly Father, so that justice may prevail for all people within their borders and peace may break out across them. Protect and guide military deployed and police at home to maintain calm and security. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, the giver of all good gifts, awaken in poets and artists, craftspeople and musicians, the gifts You have given them. May they use their gifts to lift spirits from gloom and hearts from sorrow, praising Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, unite in love each family gathered here and all who call out to You around the world. Bless parents and children and their extended caring circles. Hear our prayers for those near and dear to us in their various circumstances, [*especially . . .*]. Give them relief, health, and comfort as fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."**

Pastor: Almighty Father, so order society that justice tempered with compassion will provide for the lowly and forgotten, the poor and the frail. Use police and medical personnel, advocates and social workers, to give them protection, dignity, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Pastor: Open our hearts and hands, our spirits, and voices to join all creation in praising Your name, O holy blessed Trinity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, grant to us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

**+ 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.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

***PAX DOMINI***

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**..... (p. 198 in hymnal)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** ..... “What Is This Bread?” [LSB 629]  
“Beautiful Savior” [LSB 537]

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. 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:** 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** ..... “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” .....[LSB 733]

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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*“But now, O Lord, Thou art  
our Father,  
We are the clay, and Thou  
our potter;  
And all of us are the work of  
Thy hand.”*

ISAIAH 64:8

