

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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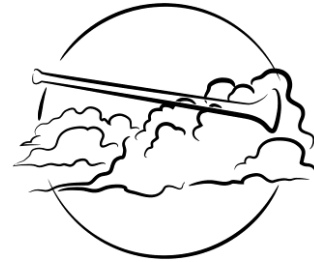
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"The Resurrection of the Body"



5:30PM — November 11, 2017

8:00AM — November 12, 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
Mrs. Meghan Wahl	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. John Jackson	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Tori Budde	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Jon Perry & Evan Pryor	10:30AM Acolytes
Mr. Jeff Stremming 857-3891	Elder on Duty for Nov. 13-Nov. 17, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Prayer Chain Coordinator, Julie Scott	217/343-3047

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 attitude 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 honor of Grant Daniel Goldstein and are given by his grandparents Neal & Sarah Mellendorf.

AS WE GATHER The final three weeks of the Church Year are traditionally concerned with “the last things.” The lessons of the Church bring a special opportunity to reflect on the end of time and on the end of our earthly lives. In the Apostles’ Creed, we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, which is God’s good but temporary gift to us while we are living on earth. With all who have died in the faith before us, we await the coming of the Lord. Paul writes, “We shall all be changed.” Our faithful worship helps us prepare for that glorious event!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... *“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”*..... **[LSB 830]**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 15:3–4*

Pastor: Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: **Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!**

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

People: **For You alone are holy.**

Pastor: All nations will come and worship You,

People: **for Your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful Father, we bring before You our confession, imploring Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many**

things that could have brought glory and praise to You. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.

Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, God promises full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

Pastor: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed!

People: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Pastor: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

People: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

Pastor: No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You! 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: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

HYMN..... “When Peace, Like A River”..... [Sts. 1, 4: LSB 763]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Amos 5:18-24
(The Lord calls for justice.)

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
(The Day of the Lord is coming.)

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “Jesus Take All Of Me”.....by Crosstones

GRADUAL Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

(The parable of the wise and foolish virgins.)

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED The First Article

Pastor: In the First Article, we confess that our bodies are a gift of God. It is the gracious action of our Creator that continues to preserve us during our earthly life. That care continues beyond death as we look forward to everlasting life. We confess:

People: 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..... “Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”..... [LSB 516]

SERMON “Wedding Party! Are You Ready?” Matthew 25:1-13

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

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. We pray for the Church, the gathering of God's forgiven people, that we may support and encourage one another as we await the day of the Lord's return.

People: **In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for our nation, our state, our local community, and our neighborhoods. May justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream in our courts and in all centers of government, that we may lead lives that are peaceful and peaceable.

People: **In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those who serve among us as leaders in the Church, that they may find support and joy in their service. We pray that many young men and women would be led into vocations of service in the Church, encouraged by our prayers and our gifts.

People: **In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those with special need for our petitions in these times, including the sick and hospitalized, the shut-ins, those facing challenges in employment or in other parts of their lives, that their needs may be met according to God's gracious plan. This day we remember [*names . . . and*] all those in need of our prayers.

People: **In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray, O Lord, that we may use all of the good gifts You have given us with thanksgiving, caring for our own bodies, using the talents we have been given, and seeking to be the neighbors and friends You have designed us to be.

People: **In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You, Lord, for the witness left to us by Your saints, those we have known personally in our lives and those from times past whose witness continues to inspire and inform us. May Your Holy Spirit lead us each day to be those people who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You as we await the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

People: **In mercy, Lord, 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. And now we thank You that You have called us to prepare for and to await with joy the Last Day and return of our Savior Jesus Christ to earth in glory, when He shall judge the living and the dead and shall bring the fullness of Your eternal kingdom. With all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glory by joining in the eternal anthem 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: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI (p. 198 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS **"Feed Us Now" [TOSB 89]**

1. Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know Your love a-new; We hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with in;
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

2. Piece of bread, glass of wine; We receive from You
Your true body and true blood Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How Your mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.

3. Thank You Lord for this gift, such a holy meal.
Only You can give us life; forgive all our sins.
Praises be to our God for the blessings here.
At Your altar Lord we say, "Praise be to our God"

"I Lay My Sins On Jesus"..... [LSB 606]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. We ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God the Father bless your lives and your deeds with His peace. God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, fill your hearts and your days with hope. God the Holy Spirit be with you to make your lives expressions of God's gracious and abiding love, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN....."Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"..... [LSB 515 stz1, 4]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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