

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

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Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
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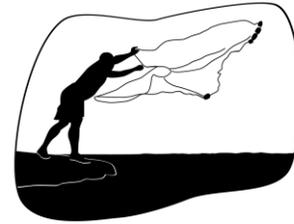
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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

*"I Will Make You Fishers Of Men"*



**5:30PM — January 20, 2018**

**8:00AM — January 21, 2018**

**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 .....	5:30PM Organist
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	8AM Organist
Mrs. Meghan Wahl.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks & Ella Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall 347-0893 .....	Elder on Duty for January 22-January 26, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan .....	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India .....	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation .....	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Julie Scott .....	(343-3047) 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 loving memory of Alex Polzin and are given by Ursula Polzin.

**AS WE GATHER** Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen by trade. Jesus invited them to follow Him, promising He would make them fishers of men. What could this possibly mean? The prophet Jonah may provide a clue. Swallowed, and then regurgitated by a great fish after running from God, Jonah was given another chance to cast a Gospel net for the people of Nineveh. With only the lure of Jonah's brief, Law-heavy sermon, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!", God reeled in a bountiful Kingdom-catch, saving more than 120,000 people and animals in that city. Jesus' own preaching announces the fullness of time, the presence of God's reign, and invites repentance and faith in the Good News from God, which He embodies and enacts. This message—proclaimed and sacramentally enacted—is the net by which the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies people under God's gracious reign.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN**..... *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"* .....[LSB 915]

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 62:1–2, 5–6, 8*

**Pastor:** For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him

**People:** comes my salvation.

**Pastor:** He only is my rock and my salvation,

**People:** my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

**Pastor:** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope

**People:** is from Him.

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation,  
People: **my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;  
People: **God is a refuge for us.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 145:9*

Pastor: God, whose Word establishes reality,  
People: **we admit that we have turned from the face-to-face relationship of love with You for which we have been created. Sin infects us through and through. Yet, we trust in Jesus alone whose life, death, and resurrection bring Your healing power to bear on our grave condition. Hear us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: "The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made."  
Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: O Lord, who sent Jonah with a message of repentance for the people of Nineveh,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Christ, who calls our marriages a picture of You as Bridegroom and the Church, Your Bride.

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Lord, who proclaimed the present reign of God, inviting all people to repent and believe Your Gospel,

People: **have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"..... [LSB 805]**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our

infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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.....** *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*  
*(The people of Nineveh repent at the preaching of Jonah.)*

**3** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,<sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE.....** *1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35)*  
*(Time is short. Jesus claims our attention.)*

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. <sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE** Mark 1:15

**Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC .... “If You’re Happy And You Know It” ..... by Jubilatee Ringers**

**HOLY GOSPEL ..... Mark 1:14–20**  
*(Jesus invites His followers to become fishers of men.)*

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”<sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ..... “Hark The Voice Of Jesus Crying” ..... [LSB 826]**

**SERMON..... “Sent With God’s Message” ...Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - by Rev. Gary Fortkamp**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY ..... “Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart” .....[LSB 806]**

**INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS**

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**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. God, the center of our lives, help us to recollect the parts of ourselves from the compartments of isolation in which we hide, returning to You who are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People respond: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God, the center of our lives, Jesus announced the presence of Your gracious reign among us here on earth. Turn our hearts and the hearts of all people to You that we all may come to trust in Your mercy through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: God, the center of our lives, send forth faithful preachers of Your Law and Gospel. Help pastors, missionaries, and all Your baptized children to see ourselves as fishers of men in our daily callings and vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: God, the center of our lives, bring healing and hope to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, [especially . . .]. Grant them patience in every affliction and hearts that rest in Your unfailing love, trusting that underneath it all are Your everlasting arms. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.  
Numbers 6:24–26

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN..... "Spread The Reign Of God The Lord" ..... [LSB 830]**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **GREETING OF PEACE**

### **POSTLUDE**

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