

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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**Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and
Proclaiming!**

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

"Jesus' Amazing Authority"

5:30PM — January 27, 2018

8:00AM — January 28, 2018



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. Kiley Bohnhoff.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks & Ella Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler 821-6135.....	Elder on Duty for January 29 – February 2, 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.

AS WE GATHER When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land and Moses was about to die, he announced that the Lord had promised another prophet to follow him. While the people saw Joshua as that prophet, centuries later, Jesus was the complete fulfillment of the prophecy. When He spoke, all creation—including unclean spirits—obeyed, to the amazement of the people in today’s Holy Gospel. Unfortunately, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we do not always hear a clear command from our Lord as we deal with one another. But Jesus’ sacrifice for us frees us to put our neighbor’s needs above our own.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**..... [St. 1, LSB 809]

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: and of the Son,

People: **Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.**

HYMN..... **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**..... [St. 2, LSB 809]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 111:1, 4–10*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, today's Psalm teaches: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding."

People: We have not practiced it perfectly.

Pastor: Therefore, we cannot come into His presence as we are. "He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!"

People: Because the Lord is gracious and merciful, let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

Pastor: "He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever."

People: We confess that we have not always shared our daily bread with others, O Lord, and we have failed to keep all our promises. Forgive us.

Pastor: "He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations."

People: We confess that we have not always recognized the good gifts God has given us. Forgive us.

Pastor: "The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy."

People: We confess that the works of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our minds have been neither faithful nor just. We have not loved you, O Lord, with all that we are; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: "They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness."

People: We confess that we have wavered in honesty. Forgive us.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, "the Lord is gracious and merciful." Through Jesus' death and resurrection, "He sent redemption to His people." 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. Amen.

People: "Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. His praise endures forever!"

+ **WORD** +

ENTRANCE HYMN *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*[St. 3, LSB 809]

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace Christ spoke with authority 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 each brother and sister near us and for the Church of God around the world, 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 in peace and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... *“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”* [LSB 790]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright.

People: Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;

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 **Deuteronomy 18:15–20**
(*God promises a prophet to follow Moses.*)

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or to speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

EPISTLE..... **1 Corinthians 8:1–13**
(*Paul warns against hurting the faith of a weak brother.*)

8 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is

defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 1:22a*

Pastor: Alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching,

People: for He taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 1:21–28**

(People are amazed at Jesus' authority over unclean spirits.)

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

HYMN..... **"The Gospel Shows The Father's Grace"**.....**[LSB 580]**

SERMON.....**"Wow! Who Is This Guy?"**.....**Mark 1:21-28 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “Lord Of Glory, You Have Bought Us”.. [St. 3, LSB 851]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and HYMN OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray for all people in their various needs, for the Church wherever it is planted, and for ourselves, gathered in worship. Lord of the Church, whose Word is power at work for all who call out to You in faith, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders here and around the world. Give them compassionate hearts, clear minds, appropriate words, and the wisdom to use them so that the Church grows stronger in faith and closer to You and one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People respond: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, giver of life and health and peace, open our hearts and minds to share Your bounty with one another, among our neighbors, and through the agencies of the Church and government, with any people in need. Raise up leaders in our nation and around the world so that poverty and hunger will be lessened and health and human dignity increased. Protect and guide all who order society across the globe, and give patience and resolve to forces deployed for peace across national borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who bestows precious gifts throughout the Church, open the eyes of Your people to see avenues of peace and reconciliation, paths of concord and joy. We remember our brothers and sisters who call out to You for healing of all sorts, [*including . . .*]. Use the talents You have placed in counselors, health-care workers, medical personnel, first responders, and all who are called to work as Your instruments of care. Grant peace, health, and comfort according to Your gracious plans. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Although we in no way deserve Your gracious hearing of these our petitions, Lord, grant them for the sake of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, who has promised that what we ask in His name will be heard at Your throne of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

PAX DOMINI *Psalm 117:1–2a*

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Pastor: Let us share His steadfast love and the peace that it produces. 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. He was victorious over every evil foe in His earthly ministry and triumphant over sin, death, and the devil in His suffering, death, and resurrection. Gathered to receive His body and His blood in this Sacrament, together with the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation they bring, we pray that You grant us to receive our Lord in true faith until that day we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

People: **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;**

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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you strong in faith and love. The Lord make His face shine on you and through you. The Lord look on you in favor and give you peace to share with all people in His name.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN..... *"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"..... [LSB 643]*

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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