

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

*"A Man Of Prayer"*

**5:30PM — February 3, 2018**

**8:00AM — February 4, 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 .....	Organist
Mrs. Erin Wendling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jerry Pruemer .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge.....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland 343-4366 ....	Elder on Duty for February 5-February 9, 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** We are accustomed to giving appropriate titles to Jesus. Some are Biblical like “**The Lamb of God and The Good Shepherd**”. Others indicate a relationship or fondness we have with Him such as “**Beautiful Savior.**” But have you ever thought of Jesus as “**A Man of Prayer**”? I haven’t either! But in our text we read “**Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.**” *Mark 1:35* With this verse in mind, let us consider the theme “**A Man of Prayer**”.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REPORT ABOUT YOUTH QUAKE**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN..... “From All That Dwell Below The Skies” ..... [LSB 816]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION and INTROIT Psalm 13:3–6**

**Pastor:** In today’s Introit, David speaks for us as we, God’s people, waver between strong faith in Him and fear of other forces. Let us speak the Introit together as a guide for confession.

**People:** “I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.”

Pastor: God has blessed us so often!

People: **Yet we confess, heavenly Father, that we have wondered about Your care in times of distress. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, our God. “Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, ‘I have prevailed over him,’ lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.”**

Pastor: God is greater than any foe!

People: **Yet we confess, gracious Lord, that at times our faith has been shaky—when You have not answered our prayers immediately, and when pain, sadness, or fear have increased. In our distress, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, O Lord, our God. “But I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.”**

Pastor: God has indeed worked salvation for us! Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. He covers even our doubts and the weaknesses of our faith with Christ’s own righteousness. 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! 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. “I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.”**

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*KYRIE* ..... (p. 152 in hymnal)

*HYMN OF PRAISE*..... “How Great Thou Art” ..... [LSB 801]

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith

People: **that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power;**

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 40:21–31**  
(The Lord reminds His people that He is willing and able to defend them.)

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** ..... **1 Corinthians 9:16–27**  
(Paul changes his approach to win different people.)

<sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law

of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Mark 1:39*

Pastor: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout all Galilee,

**People: preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.**

**8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “Oh How Jesus Loves Me”..... by Jubilate Ringers**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 1:29–39**

(Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law and many others.)

<sup>29</sup> And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... *“Come, My Soul, With Every Care”* .....[LSB 779]

**SERMON**..... *“A Man Of Prayer”* .....*Mark 1:35 by Rev. E. Wade Helmkamp*

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for people around the world in their various needs and for the Church wherever it gathers around God’s Word and the sacraments. Let us ask God’s blessings on all who tend fields, and flocks, all who protect wildlife and parks, all who tend gardens and vineyards. Give them a sense of Your presence and answer their prayers with good weather and bountiful harvests. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us ask God’s blessings on governments and citizens, on armed forces and peacemakers. Sovereign Lord, guide and direct those who govern that they govern for the benefit of all. Give courage to those who defend freedom and protect lives. Instill wisdom in those who make, administer, and judge the laws in each nation, and those who seek peace across their borders. Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us ask God’s blessings on those near and dear to us, (including,...) all who are weary and heavy laden, all who struggle in the face of illness or injustice, all mourning the loss of family or friends, employment or home, freedom or opportunity. Give them an increase of faith to place their hope in Your power and love. Use doctors, nurses, counselors and us to answer their prayer with relief, health and comfort. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: These and many other things we ask of You, heavenly Father, to grant unto us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER (to be sung)**

Our Father which art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the Kingdom  
And the Power and the Glory  
Forever, 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..... "On Eagles' Wings"..... [LSB 727]**

**SILENT PRAYER**  
**GREETING OF PEACE**  
**POSTLUDE**

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