

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

You Sure You Want THIS Cup?

5:30PM — March 17, 2018

8:00AM — March 18, 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. Julie Vahling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Tori Budde	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler 821-6135.....	Elder on Duty for March 19-March 23, 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 As we draw closer to Holy Week, we may find ourselves dumbfounded by how dense the disciples seem to be! Again and again, they don't understand just exactly who Jesus is or why He has come. As they travel up to Jerusalem, Jesus can't be much more explicit about His mission than He is in today's Gospel. He says, "The Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise" (Mark 10:33b-34). Despite these specifics provided by Jesus, we see in the days to come that the disciples still don't get it! But before we are too hard on these followers of Jesus, we examine ourselves and see that we don't always take Jesus' words and promises to heart in our own lives. Thanks be to God that Jesus still came, died, and rose for dense disciples like us!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN..... "God Loves Me Dearly"..... [LSB 392]

OPENING SENTENCES LSB 418:1

Pastor: O Lord, throughout these forty days

People: You prayed and kept the fast;

Pastor: Inspire repentance for our sin,

People: And free us from our past. Amen.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION.... "Chief Of Sinners Though I Be"[Sts. 1, 5: LSB 611]

+ WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

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.
Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

KYRIE **“Lord, Have Mercy”**(p. 185 in hymnal)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray, Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people
People: **that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;**
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 **Jeremiah 31:31–34**
(“I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.”)

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 10*

Pastor: With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!
Men: ***How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your word.***

Women: *With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!*

Men: *I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.*

Women: *Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!*

Men: *With my lips I declare all the just decrees of Your mouth.*

Women: *In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.*

Men: *I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.*

Women: *I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.*

People: *With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!*

EPISTLE..... **Hebrews 5:1–10**
(“The source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”)

5 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Hebrews 12:2*

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

People: **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

VERSE *Mark 10:45*

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 10:(32–34) 35–45
(“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”)

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” ³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*[LSB 437]

SERMON..... *“Death Would Soon Be A Reality” Mark 10:32-34 -Rev. Gary Fortkamp*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/LITANY

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above 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 the Church of God, and for the unity of all, 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, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For our synodical and district presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For those who are ailing [*names*] and those who grieve [*names*], that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **“Glory Be To Jesus”** **[Sts. 1, 6: LSB 433]**

LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING SENTENCES *LSB 418:4*

Pastor: Be with us through this season, Lord,
People: **And all our earthly days,**

Pastor: That when the final Easter dawns,
People: **We join in heaven’s praise. 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..... **“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”** **[LSB 594]**

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