

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

“What Is The Question?”

5:30PM — March 3, 2018

8:00AM — March 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
Holly Hulskotter.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Tori Budde	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler.....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge 868-9879.....	Elder on Duty for March 5-March 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which grace our altar are in memory of Leroy Ziegler and are given by his 5 children and families.

AS WE GATHER John was driving home one evening when he noticed a big billboard that said “Jesus is the answer”. His inquiring mind wondered, “What is the Question?” As he thought about it he became incensed. “How do they know what I am asking? How do they know what is on my mind? How do they know what I need? So how can they say, “Jesus is the Answer”?”

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN..... “Glory Be To Jesus”..... [LSB 433]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The First Commandment. You shall have no other gods.

People: We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Pastor: The Second Commandment. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

Pastor: The Third Commandment. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Pastor: Consider these questions:

Do I despise the Word by neglecting or by paying little or no attention when it is read or preached?

Do I attend this church's worship faithfully, or do I attend sporadically because I prefer to be elsewhere?

Do I pray for my pastor and other church workers and support their efforts in service to the Word?

Let us see God's mercy.

People: I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

Pastor: "The Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." Exodus 20:11
Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

Pastor: For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

People: Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

Pastor: Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

People: Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

ALL: **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. For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray, O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,

People: **be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word;**

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*..... *Exodus 20:1–17*
*(The Ten Commandments)***

20 And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's

house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE..... 1 Corinthians 1:18–31
("We preach Christ crucified.")

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... "In The Bleak Midwinter"..... by Jubilate Ringers

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:13–22 (23–25)
(Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.)

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things

away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED..... (as found on the back page in the hymnal)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, Name Above All Names"..... [TOSB p. 115]

1. Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

2. Jesus, loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world

3. Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of Lords,
The way the truth, and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

***SERMON..... "What Is The Question?" by Rev. E. Wade Helmkamp
1 Corinthians 1:18-31***

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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. Zeal for Your house consumes us. We pray for

Your whole Church. Make her beautiful and welcoming to all. May she be a house of prayer for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: “The just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether” (Psalm 19:9b). We pray to You for those who govern our nation. May their laws be just and good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: “Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles” (1 Corinthians 1:23). We pray to You for those who ignore the Gospel. Enlighten their hearts and minds that they may recognize the wisdom and power of Your love through the cross of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: The Lord Your God brought you “out of the house of slavery” (Exodus 13:3). We pray to You for those who are prisoners of darkness, those who are chained to sin, and all who suffer in any way. Deliver them through Your Gospel; release us to the way of peace, health, and joy. Lord in Your mercy.

People: **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.**

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..... “Built On The Rock”..... [LSB 645]

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