

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*"Jesus Keeps All Who Are Given To Him"*

5:30PM — May 12, 2018

8:00AM — May 13, 2018



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller .....	Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Wall .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland 217-343-4366 .....	Elder on Duty for May 14-May 18, 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** On this final Sunday of the Easter season, the apostles are gathered to select as successor to Judas one who had been with them from the beginning to become a witness of Jesus' resurrection. In the Epistle, John teaches us the Good News that God testifies concerning Jesus, the Son: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12). In the Gospel, Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, prays that all who have received His Word may be one and that His joy may be fulfilled in us. He sanctifies us together in the truth of His Word as we live as resident aliens in this world.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**5:30PM BAPTISM HYMN..... "See This Wonder In The Making"..... [LSB 593]**

**ORDER OF BAPTISM –[LSB 268-271]**

**5:30PM BAPTISM..... SOPHIA ANN BAHRNS**  
**BIRTHDATE: March 21, 2018**  
**PARENTS: Christopher & Kami Bahrns**  
**SPONSOR – Stephanie Upton**  
**Witness: Emily Pruitt**

**HYMN..... "God Himself Is Present".....[LSB 907]**

## **INVOCATION**

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

People: **Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 1:1–3, 6*

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

People: **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

Pastor: but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

People: **He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.**

Pastor: In all that he does, he prospers. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

People: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *1 John 5:12*

Pastor: God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son:

People: **We admit that we have turned from You. We have been led astray by our listening to the many voices spouting fake news in our world. Tune our hearts to Your voice speaking Good News about Jesus in Your Word. Forgive us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 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 guided Your apostles in selecting a faithful witness to Your resurrection,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Christ, Who is the only-begotten Son of God and Good News for all people,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Lord, Who prayed for Your people that we may be one and experience the fullness of Your joy,  
People: **have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices”.....[stz 1 LSB 811]***

**SALUTATION**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: **Amen.**

***FIRST READING..... Acts 1:12–26***  
*(Peter leads the apostles in choosing a successor to Judas.)*

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

<sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

<sup>14</sup> All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

<sup>16</sup> “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.  
<sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

<sup>18</sup> (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

<sup>19</sup> And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup> “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; And “‘Let another take his office.’”

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,  
<sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.”  
<sup>23</sup> And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.  
<sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen  
<sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”  
<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***EPISTLE..... 1 John 5:9–15***

*(Jesus the Son is the testimony of God that He has given eternal life to His people.)*

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.  
<sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.  
<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  
<sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.  
<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.  
<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.  
<sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “How Beautiful”..... by Crosstones***

**HOLY GOSPEL..... John 17:11b–19**  
*(Jesus' High Priestly Prayer for His disciples)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

<sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.<sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

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

**NICENE CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ..... "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine".....(TOSB p. 16)**

- 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**CHORUS**

**This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.**

2. **Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of heaven now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above.  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. CHORUS**
  
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. CHORUS**

**SERMON..... “Our Assurance” 1 John 5:9-15 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY ..... “We Praise You, O God”.....[stz 1 LSB 785]**

**8AM RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. O God, restore us to oneness among our family of believers even as You have restored us to oneness with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Your Good News for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, grant to all servants of Your Word attentive hearts to listen to Your voice as they speak Your Word among people who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, help the leaders of the civil realm both here and around the world to follow paths of justice for all people, protect the weakest and poorest in every society, and practice honesty and integrity in all their affairs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, be with all people who suffer affliction of body, mind, or spirit, [especially . . .]. Grant that all people look to You and experience healing and wholeness according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**



Pastor: O God, You have set the feast before us in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that all who come and dine this day both here and throughout the world do so trusting Jesus' words that His body is given and His blood is shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, in Your beloved presence the saints rest from their labors awaiting the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Bring us together with all Your saints into the fullness of Your reign on the day that Jesus comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All glory, honor, power, and might be unto You, dear Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, are living and reigning in communion and love with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

**People: Amen.**

**+ 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, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. 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. 208 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. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI..... (p. 210 in hymnal)**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ..... “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” [LSB 623]  
“I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table [LSB 618]  
“O Lord, We Praise Thee” [LSB 617]**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ..... (p. 211 in hymnal)**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**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..... “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” .....[LSB 643]**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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