

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
ST. JOHN'S EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL**

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
Proclaiming!

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***"Growing In Hope"***

**5:30PM — June 9, 2018**

**8:00AM — June 10, 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. Andrea Wendling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
A. J. Radloff .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge 868-9879.....	Elder on Duty for June 11-June 15, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan .....	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India .....	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation .....	in Blidene, Latvia
Adopted Chatelain School.....	Haiti
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 celebration of the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of Ilda Wendling and are given by her family.

**AS WE GATHER** “Rejoice in hope.” Paul’s timeless directive to the Christians at Rome in the first century speaks to us today. We are in a season of hope—a season when seeds are planted and creation is being renewed. Even in times when situations in life have challenges for us, in Christ we are being renewed day by day. As we live in our baptismal grace, the Holy Spirit works in us and through us. The invitation of Joachim Neander, the seventeenth-century hymnwriter, is for each of us: “Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you” (LSB 790:4).

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

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

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 71:1–6, 14, 23–24a adapted*

**Pastor:** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

**People:** **In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; be to me a rock of refuge.**

**Pastor:** You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

**People:** **For You, O Lord, are my hope; my praise is continually of You.**

**Pastor:** I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more.

**People:** **My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You, my soul also, which You have redeemed. And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness. We are sinful from our birth and since that time have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have brought injury to others. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins. Graciously hear this our confession, O Lord, and grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that each day we grow in righteousness and in hope to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: Jesus, our Redeemer and God’s greatest gift, promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

**+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 28:7–9; antiphon: v. 6*

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People: **The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

People: **Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever. 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.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE..... “In Thee Is Gladness” ..... [LSB 818]**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to live in hope as we

seek to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Genesis 3:8–15**  
*(The fall into sin in the Garden of Eden)*

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM HYMN ..... “From Depths Of Woe I Cry To Thee”..... [LSB 607]**

**PSALM Psalm 130**

**People: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**Men: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

**Women: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**People: 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.**

**EPISTLE..... 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1**  
*(We look with hope to the things that are unseen.)*

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

<sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. **5** For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

**Pastor:** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

**People:** **On Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness.**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 3:20–35**  
*(Jesus teaches about who truly is His family.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

<sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> “Truly, I say to you, all sins

will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— <sup>30</sup> for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” <sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.”<sup>33</sup> And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CREED** *The First Article*

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

***HYMN OF THE DAY* ..... “God Loves Me Dearly” ..... [LSB 392]**

***SERMON* “Not Me – A Curse – A Blessing!” Genesis 3:8-15 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp**

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY* ..... “Lord Of All Good” ..... [stz 1 LSB 786]**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***

Pastor: As dear children ask their dear Father, let us bring to the Lord our prayers, knowing He will hear us and respond to our petitions. Lord, in Your mercy,

People respond: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As citizens of our blessed land, we pray for the world in which we live and for the leaders of every nation, including our own, that peace would prevail around the globe and that we live without fear in our times. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: In this season of growth, we pray for the Church, that it grow and flourish even in those places where persecution for our Lord's sake is known. Let the light of the glory of God be reflected in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Gathered in heart and mind, we pray for those in need of special petitions, including those who are ill, those dealing with special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who grieve this day, [*including . . .*]. According to Your good and gracious will, bring strength to the weak, assurance to the fearful, and hope to those in peril. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: With thankfulness, we remember those whose earthly lives have been completed, including relatives, friends, and members of this household of faith and so many others. Bless us by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, as in blessed hope we await the resurrection to life eternal. Lord, in Your mercy,

Pastor: Confident of our identity in Christ and assured that our heavenly Father hears our petitions, we say with hopeful hearts and voices:

**People: Amen.**

**THEME CELEBRATION** "Growing in Hope"

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, Creator and Preserver, bless the seeds that are sown in the ground in hope. Bless also the soil and graciously send us such weather as will nourish the growth of the seeds into a bountiful harvest. Grant that we ever be mindful of Your goodness and be led to share Your blessings with others. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Together we sing a hymn of thankfulness.

**HYMN..... "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" ..... [LSB 782]**

**+ 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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because Your mercy attends us all our days. Graciously You provide for all our wants of body and soul. In Christ, our hope of eternal life is realized, and we are assured of His abiding presence in our lives and days. 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 us and have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Strengthen us in hope, 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** ..... “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” .....[LSB 633]  
“You Are The Way; Through You Alone” [LSB 526]  
“God Of Grace And God Of Glory” [LSB 850]

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

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal, that we live in hope and confidently show forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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**..... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” ..... [LSB 918]

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**