

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

“Bringing Peace Amid Storms”

5:30PM — June 23, 2018

8:00AM — June 24, 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
Ms. Julie Vahling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall	5:30PM Elder on Duty
A. J. Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135.....	Elder on Duty for
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.

AS WE GATHER Wind. Storm. Waves. This describes what Jesus' disciples experienced on the Sea of Galilee, and they thought they were perishing! Can you relate? Perhaps you've felt the bluster of sickness or the storm of financial crisis or the waves of worry and anxiety. In the storms of life, know that the same Savior who was with His followers in the tempest on Galilee is with you today. The One who brought peace with His Word still gives peace in His Word and Sacrament today.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below. (*LSB 752:2*)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN.....“From All That Dwells Below The Skies”..... [LSB 816]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 107:29–30

Pastor: He made the storm be still,

People: and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Pastor: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,

People: and He brought them to their desired haven.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 124:8; 2 Corinthians 6:2

Pastor: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, we take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 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, and 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.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 107:29–32; antiphon: v. 28*

Pastor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

People: He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Pastor: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven.

People: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!

Pastor: Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

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.

Pastor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

KYRIE *“Lord, Have Mercy”* (p. 186 in hymnal)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God,

People: **in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness;**

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 **Job 38:1–11**

(The Lord answers Job out of the whirlwind.)

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 124; antiphon: v. 8*

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side— let Israel now say—

Men: ***if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,***

Women: *then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;*

Men: *then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;*

Women: *then over us would have gone the raging waters.*

Men: *Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!*

Women: *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;*

Pastor: the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

EPISTLE..... 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

(Having nothing, yet possessing everything)

6 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

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 4:35–41**
(*Jesus calms the storm.*)

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

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

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”** [LSB 715]

SERMON..... **“God Is With Us”** **Mark 5:35-41 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY **“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”** [LSB 806]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us come before God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
O God, in the midst of the storms of life, be our rock and fortress, an ever-present help in times of trouble. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Father, raise up workers for Your harvest field, for the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Help us to encourage children and youth to consider roles of service in Your Church. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Almighty, guide and give wisdom to the leaders of our nation and lands around the world. Watch over those who serve in the armed forces of our land, [*especially . . .*], granting them safety in their serving. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Maker of heaven, bless with healing and restoration according to Your will those who are weak and suffering, [*especially . . .*]. In their time of trouble, assure them of Your presence and love. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Maker of earth, give us faith to receive the body and blood of our Savior for our blessing, that we would rejoice in the forgiveness, life, and salvation You give us in Your Supper. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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. 195 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.198 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS **“Be Still, My Soul” [LSB 752]**
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” [LSB 743]
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” [LSB 717]
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” [LSB 621]

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE **(p. 199 in hymnal)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *LSB 715:1*

Pastor: Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life’s tempestuous sea;

People: **Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal.**

Pastor: Chart and compass come from Thee.

People: **Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

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..... **“Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me”** **[LSB 722]**

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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