

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

***"Shepherd of Righteousness"***

**5:30PM — July 21, 2018**

**8:00AM — July 22, 2018**



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp .....	Liturgist
Mrs. Sandy Esker .....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller .....	Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jerry Pruemer .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler .....	10:30AM Acolytes
Mr. Jake Wendling 536-5931 .....	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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flowers which grace our altar are given by James & Megan King in honor of their wedding on Saturday.

**AS WE GATHER** The Old Testament Reading for today speaks of Israel's failed shepherds. They scattered the flock and failed to care for their people, yet Jeremiah records God's promise of a righteous branch who would reign as King. That righteous one is the Good Shepherd, Jesus. In the Gospel, He fulfills the words of Psalm 23 by making the crowds of five thousand sit down in the green grass to be fed with five loaves and two fish. Jesus is the promised righteous Shepherd.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN**..... *"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"*..... **[LSB 904]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** The Lord is our righteous Shepherd.

**People:** **He does not scatter us, but gathers us together.**

**Pastor:** He makes us lie down in green pastures

**People:** **and feeds us with the bread of life.**

**Pastor:** He leads us in paths of righteousness

**People:** **by breaking down our dividing walls of hostility.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we have not lived a life worthy of our righteous Shepherd. We have all built dividing walls of hostility. Let us then confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father. Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have been divisive and have failed to live at peace with one another. At times, we have treated others as inferior because of differences of language and race, intelligence and appearance, gender and age. Forgive us for our prejudice, and break down the walls that divide us from one another and from You.**

Pastor: You were once foreigners and strangers to God, but now you have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He Himself is our peace. Jesus Christ died and was raised for you so that you might be reconciled with God and with one another. 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. Through Christ we are no longer strangers, but we are members of the household of God.**

**+ WORD +**

## **INTROIT Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

**People: <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup> He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

**People: <sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**People: <sup>16</sup> You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 23:1–6**

(God warns lazy, divisive shepherds of their future and promises a righteous branch to reign as King over His flock.)

**23** “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. **2** Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. **3** Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. **4** I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. **5** “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **6** In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE..... Ephesians 2:11–22**

*(Christ makes peace and breaks down all dividing walls by His cross.)*

**11** Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—  
**12** remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility **15** by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, **16** and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. **17** And he came and preached peace to you

who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Psalm 78:25*

Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... **Mark 6:30-44**

(Jesus feeds the five thousand.)

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

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

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup> Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup> But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."<sup>39</sup> Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED.....(as found on the last page in the hymnal)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ..... “The Church’s One Foundation”..... [LSB 644]**

**SERMON..... “Breaking Walls Down!” ..... Ephesians 2:11–22**

**OFFERING**

Pastor: God has given us many gifts.

People: **He has given us clothing and shoes, house and home, food and drink, money and possessions.**

Pastor: He richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support this body and life.

People: **With thanksgiving, we offer back to Him the firstfruits of His good gifts.**

**OFFERTORY ..... “We Give Thee But Thine Own” [stz 1, 2 6 LSB 781]**

**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. For all families and family relationships, especially those that are strained by division, that God would break down the dividing walls of hostility and reconcile people to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the nations of the world, that there be peace among all people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all immigrants and refugees, that they be welcomed to their new homes and not treated with hatred and hostility, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all pastors who shepherd their congregations, that they not scatter their flock, but serve faithfully under our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who mourn the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*], that they find hope in the resurrection and return of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who celebrate special occasions and answered prayers, [*especially . . .*], that their joy be a witness to the goodness of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises.

**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. 208 in hymnal)**

***LORD'S PRAYER***



**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

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

People: Amen.

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** ..... *“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness” [LSB 636]*  
*“Blest Be The Tie That Binds” [LSB 649]*  
*“How Wide The Love Of Christ” [LSB 535]*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: 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**

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**..... *“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”* .....[stz 1 & 4 LSB 711]

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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