

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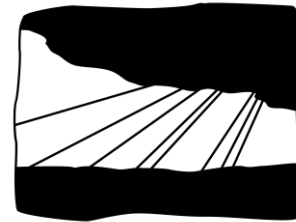
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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*"Our Audiovisual Savior"*



**5:30PM — August 18, 2018**

**8:00AM — August 19, 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. Jerry Starner .....	Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland 343-4366 .....	Elder on Duty for August 20-August 24, 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.

**AS WE GATHER** We are an audiovisual culture. Everywhere you turn, people use a wide variety of means to get your attention: billboards along the highway, commercials on the radio, pop-up advertisements on social media, telephone surveys that interrupt your family dinner. The list could go on and on. Jesus, too, used a variety of means at His disposal in the first century to communicate His message of life and salvation. He Himself is the greatest communication in any time and place—the very Word made flesh. Christ gives words that are spirit and life. He speaks. We listen. Christ also does the saving work of removing darkness by His death and resurrection. He shines. We see and live. Talk about an audiovisual Savior! Today, let us listen, touch, taste, and see. As we respond to God’s grace with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, let us lift up thankful hearts to our Father in the name of Jesus.

**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.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Let us come into the light and approach our Lord in prayer. Together, we pray.

**People:** **O God our Father, light-creator, Your perfect glory exposes the darkness of our ways. As children who stray from their Father’s instruction, we have wandered in disobedience and stumbled in what we have thought, said, and done. By the rescuing work of Your Son, the light of the world, shine on us the bright beams of forgiveness. Wash us in the light of His resurrection victory so that we make melodies with our lips and honor You with our lives. Amen.**

Pastor: In Christ Jesus, You who once were darkness are now light. Walk as children of the light. Be who you are! As a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**People: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**People: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

**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.**

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**People: His praise endures forever!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”.....[LSB 649]***

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant us grace to know Your Son, Jesus, who alone has the words of eternal life, that we would walk in the light of His glory and truth; 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**..... **Proverbs 9:1–10**  
*(Wisdom is seen and heard.)*

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup> “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, <sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” <sup>7</sup> Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. <sup>8</sup> Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. <sup>9</sup> Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints,

People: **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**EPISTLE**..... **Ephesians 5:6–21**  
*(We walk as children of light.)*

<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything

that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,<sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... "O Sing To The Lord"..... Music by Jeffrey Blersch**

Psalm 98:1 – O sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things!

**HOLY GOSPEL..... John 6:51–69**

*(Jesus speaks words of spirit and life.)*

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

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

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?" <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." <sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve,

“Do you want to go away as well?”<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,<sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

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

### ***APOSTLES' CREED***

***HYMN OF THE DAY ..... “Fight The Good Fight”..... [LSB 664]***

***SERMON..... “Practice, Practice, Practice”...1 Timothy 4:15 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp***

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY ..... “Praise And Thanksgiving”.....[LSB 789]***

### ***8AM PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS***

### ***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 of God’s children, both here at and throughout the world, that the darkness of sin would scatter and we be filled with the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Light of the world, shine on us.**

**Pastor:** For the mission of the Gospel, that the Holy Spirit touches hearts wherever God’s Word is preached, and many souls be brought to saving faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Word made flesh, speak to us and through us.**

**Pastor:** For all servant leaders in this church and in the world, that their work for our benefit be a blessing and that they be guided by wisdom from on high, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Light of the world, lead our way.**

Pastor: For the living out of our vocations, that we see our various roles at home, at work, in society, and at church as ways to serve the living God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Word made flesh, grant that we serve You by serving others.**

Pastor: For all who are willing to lay down their lives for their fellow citizens, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Light of the world, grant safety and strength.**

Pastor: For all who are broken in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they receive healing mercies from our faithful Father, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Word made flesh, touch the lives of all who are sick.**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Light of the world, we praise and glorify Your holy name! 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..... “Christ Be My Leader”..... [LSB 861]**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **GREETING OF PEACE**

### **POSTLUDE**

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