

**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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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*"Your Children and Your Children's Children"*



**5:30PM — September 1, 2018**

**8:00AM — September 2, 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. Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
A. J. Radloff .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming 857-3023.....	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 in honor of Beulah Ziegler's 80th birthday from her five children and their families.

**AS WE GATHER** Moses writes concerning the works of the Lord, "Make them known to your children and your children's children" (Deuteronomy 4:9). Each generation has the responsibility, and privilege, of passing on the works of God to the next generation. While much of this teaching happens in the setting of a local congregation, the Christian instruction that happens in the home, in our own family, is key. This teaching is always centered in Jesus Christ, the one through whom our Lord has worked the mightiest work of all—our salvation. That same Savior promises that even the gates of hell will not prevail against His Church!

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN**..... **"Fight The Good Fight"**..... **[LSB 664]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Ephesians 6:13*

**Pastor:** Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

**People:** that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,

**Pastor:** and having done all,

**People:** to stand firm.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 51:2, 7, 10*

**Pastor:** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**People:** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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, let us 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: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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 +**

***HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word" ..... [LSB 655]***

***INTROIT Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2***

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**People: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**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: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

***SALUTATION***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent,

**People: that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works;**

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..... Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9** *(“Listen to the statutes and just decrees that I am teaching you.”)*

**4** “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. <sup>6</sup> Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup> For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup> And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>9</sup> “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM Psalm 119:129–136; antiphon: v. 132**

Pastor: Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

**People: The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

Pastor: I open my mouth and pant, because I long for Your commandments.

**People: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your name.**

Pastor: Keep steady my steps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**People: Redeem me from man’s oppression, that I may keep Your precepts.**

Pastor: Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.  
People: **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep Your law.**

**ALL: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your name.**

**EPISTLE..... Ephesians 6:10–20**  
*(“Put on the whole armor of God.”)*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 7:14–23**  
*(What comes out of a man is what makes him “unclean.”)*

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit,

sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED** .....(as found on the back page of the hymnal)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” .....[LSB 657]

**SERMON**..... “Fight The Good Fight With All Your Might!”....Ephesians 6:10-20

**OFFERING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** Psalm 119:132

Pastor: We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, “Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your name.”  
O Lord, You spoke through Your servant Moses, instructing us to teach Your Word to future generations. Grant us diligence in sharing Christ with our children and our children’s children, that they may know Him as their Savior.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: **as is Your way with those who love Your name.**

Pastor: O Lord, the apostle Paul warns us of Satan and his schemes. We thank You that You do not leave us defenseless but give us Your armor to guard and defend us. Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: **as is Your way with those who love Your name.**

Pastor: O Lord, You have the power to heal and to restore, and so we humbly ask that You look with favor upon the sick and hurting in body, mind, or spirit, [especially . . .]. Give to them strength and restoration according to Your perfect will. Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: **as is Your way with those who love Your name.**

Pastor: O Lord, we thank You for those who serve on behalf of others, including teachers, first responders, and those in the armed forces of our land. Watch over and bless these individuals as they fulfill these vocations with selflessness and honor. Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: **as is Your way with those who love Your name.**

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

People: Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**BENEDICTION** *Ephesians 6:13*

Pastor: Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

People: **that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,**

Pastor: and having done all,

People: **to stand firm.**

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, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" ..... [LSB 924]**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

