

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"The Gift of Humility"



5:30PM — September 22, 2018

8:00AM — September 23, 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Gayland Bourland	5:30PM Elder on Duty
A. J. Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall 347-0893	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 All three Readings today ring out with the gift of humility. Jeremiah, deeply hurt by those who sought to destroy him, still humbly leaves vengeance to the Lord. James exhorts believers not to think of themselves as wiser than anyone else, especially when the evidence of their lives was full of bitter jealousy and selfish ambition. James urges the wise to repent and to exhibit the humility Christ demonstrated by being “peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.” When Jesus makes clear that He is on a path that leads to humiliation on the cross, the disciples haughtily argue about who among them is the greatest. By this they demonstrate that they did not understand what Jesus was saying. Jesus then teaches that the greatest thing in life is to be the servant of all. To show them the simplicity of it, He picks up a child and exhorts them to receive him in humility. We live in a world still ruled much of the time by brashness, boasting, and exulting in lording over others. At times we are tempted to treat others who are not Christians in these sinful ways. Yet these Readings work together to show us another way to live—humbly trusting God.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... “All Who Believe And Are Baptized”..... [LSB 601]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES James 4:7–8, 10

Pastor: Submit yourselves therefore to God.

People: Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Pastor: Draw near to God,

People: and He will draw near to you.

Pastor: Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts.

People: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 25:6–7*

Pastor: God is our helper. The Lord is the upholder of our lives. Let us then, assured of God's love, confess our sin before God and one another. We confess to You that we are by nature sinful.

People: We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves.

Pastor: We thought we were wise, when we were actually foolish.

People: We have acted out of jealousy or selfish ambition.

Pastor: We have relished and reveled in conflict both within and outside the Christian community.

People: We have failed to seek Your help in resolving differences great and small.

Pastor: We have laughed when we should have mourned.

People: We have had joy when we should have sorrowed. Lead us to true repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, both what we have done and left undone. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! 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.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

Pastor: Delight yourself in the LORD,

People: and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD;

People: trust in Him, and He will act.

Pastor: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
People: **and your justice as the noonday.**

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
People: **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! 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. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Now Thank We All Our God”[LSB 895]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 11:18–20*
(Jeremiah entrusts his life to the Lord as enemies plot to kill him.)

¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” ²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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.**

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... *“Come Christians Join To Sing”
by Praise and Worship Choir*

Traditional Spanish Hymn (Madrid) **Arranged by Jay Althouse**
Revelation 19:4-5 - And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying 'Amen! Alleluia!' And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him small and great.'

EPISTLE..... **James 3:13–4:10**
(Christians are called to humbly submit to God and seek peace with one another.)

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **4** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Mark 9:35b*

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: **Alleluia.**

Pastor: If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.

People: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL..... **Mark 9:30–37**

(Who is the greatest?)

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED.....(as found on the back page of the hymnal)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Children Of The Heavenly Father”..... [LSB 725]

SERMON..... “Who Is The Greatest?”.....Mark 9:30-37

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”..... [LSB 955]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: The Lord God calls us to turn to Him and live. So now let us turn to God in prayer, looking not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. For the Church throughout the world, that, rather than argue about who is the greatest, we serve the lost and the least of this world and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. For missionaries at home and abroad, that their proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel bring hope and healing to people in despair. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the world, that the leaders of our nation and of nations throughout the world promote peace and well-being for all whom they serve. For those who serve in dangerous occupations that help to keep the peace—soldiers, police officers, judges—that they be kept safe from harm and fulfill their tasks confident that they are part of establishing and keeping the good order of society that God desires for us. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of our local community, that the hungry are fed, that the homeless find shelter, that the unemployed find work, that the wealthy share generously, that the peacemakers not lose heart. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who are experiencing distress, [*especially . . .*]. For those who are sick, that, according to God's holy will, they experience healing and renewal. For those who are dying, that they take comfort in knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. For those who are grieving, that they experience peace in the hope of the resurrection. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our own congregation, that we live by the wisdom from above—pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and have died, [*remembering . . .*], that their examples of faith and good fruits inspire us to the same, until that day when we are all gathered around the throne of the Lamb, singing His praise. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Fill us, Lord God, with Your wisdom that is from above. Keep us from jealousy and arguments. Fill us with mercy and good fruits. These petitions, and all else You know that we need, we submit to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 humbled Himself, suffered, and died on the cross and is now risen and exalted at the right hand of God, so that we be people who are peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 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)***

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI..... (p. 198 in hymnal)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” [LSB 623]
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” [LSB 633]**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” [LSB 643]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. God of steadfast love, we thank You that in this Holy Communion You have filled us with encouragement, comfort, and joy. Send us out into our daily lives renewed and ready humbly to look to the needs of others; 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 James 3:17

Pastor: The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 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..... “On What Has Now Been Sown”[LSB 921]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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