

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"His Work Is Our Rest"



5:30PM — October 20, 2018

8:00AM — October 21, 2018

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Preaching
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler.....	5:30PM Acolytes
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming 857-3891.....	Elder on Duty for Oct. 22-Oct. 26, 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 Imagine yourself on vacation. Perhaps you are staying at a nice hotel with people you love, enjoying your favorite activities, and savoring some much-needed rest. Now, notice something: while you are resting, others are working. They are cleaning rooms, making beds, preparing your food, serving your drinks. Someone else's work enables you to rest. So it is with God. Today your gracious Father invites you to enter into His rest, His Sabbath, through the saving work of Jesus. He has already done the work—savor it! Rest in His presence as He serves you with His living and active Word and as He prepares His Table of grace for you to enjoy.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... "O Worship The King"[LSB 804]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Hebrews 4:9–10*

Pastor: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

People: **for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 11:28*

Pastor: Today our Father invites us to enter into His presence and experience the gift of His rest. Let us come before Him in repentance and faith. Holy God, merciful Father,

People: **too often we pull away from the peace You promise to Your children. Forgive us for the ways in which our thoughts, our words, and our**

actions go against Your will for our lives. For our neglect of You and Your gift of grace, we ask for mercy. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross has secured our place in Your kingdom, renew us and lead us that we may rest in Your presence. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Receive the rest for your souls that only Jesus' work has secured. As an ordained pastor, I announce God's saving grace to you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18*

Pastor: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted

People: **and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;

People: **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

People: **let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

People: **and let us exalt His name together!**

Pastor: I sought the LORD, and He answered me

People: **and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears

People: **and delivers them out of all their troubles. 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. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" [LSB 805]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our Creator, You set in order all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of Your children. Grant that we rest from our labors and receive the peace Your Son has given; 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..... **Ecclesiastes 5:10–20**
(We rejoice and rest in the gifts of God.)

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 119:9–16* (We delight in the Word of the Lord.)

Pastor: How can a young man keep his way pure?

People: **By guarding it according to Your word.**

Pastor: With my whole heart I seek You;

People: **let me not wander from Your commandments!**

Pastor: I have stored up Your word in my heart,
People: that I might not sin against You.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O LORD;
People: teach me Your statutes!

Pastor: With my lips I declare
People: all the just decrees of Your mouth.

Pastor: In the way of Your testimonies I delight
People: as much as in all riches.

Pastor: I will meditate on Your precepts
People: and fix my eyes on Your ways.

Pastor: I will delight in Your statutes;
People: I will not forget Your word.

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you
People: to guard you in all your ways.

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

EPISTLE..... *Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16)*
(There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.)

4 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day

later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 10:27b*

Pastor: Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God.

People: For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... "Unending Praise"..... by Jubilate Ringers

HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 10:23–31

(How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!)

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

HYMN OF THE DAY **“God Loves Me Dearly”**..... [LSB 392]

SERMON.....**“Love One Another”****John 13:34-35** by Rev. Gary Fortkamp
HYMN LSB 588 “Jesus Loves Me” (Sung during sermon)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY **“We Give Thee But Thine Own”**... [stz 1 & 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 the advancement of Christ’s kingdom, that we be strong in the Lord and strive to enter into His rest and share this rest with others, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: For all those who are clothed in Christ by Holy Baptism, that joined to our Savior and to one another we show forth the goodness of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that their work be a reflection of Christ, whose work enables us to have peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that our Savior, upon whose shoulders the government rests, grant them wisdom, comfort, and satisfaction in their labors, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: For all who are broken in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially* . . .], that the Lord would bind up their wounds and grant them full healing and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION Hebrews 4:9–10

Pastor: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,
People: **for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

Pastor: In His presence, we continue our day and begin our week with His blessing: 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..... "When Peace Like A River" [LSB 763]

**SILENT PRAYER
GREETING OF PEACE
POSTLUDE**

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