

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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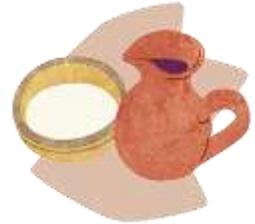
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"The Way of Peace"



5:30PM — November 10, 2018

8:00AM — November 11, 2018

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Liturgist
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Mrs. Erin Wendling.....	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. Jake Wendling	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall 347-0893	Elder on Duty for November 12-16, 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 “Blessed be the Lord God!” The words of Zechariah the priest recorded in chapter 1 of Luke’s Gospel have been echoed by faithful worshipers through generations. We rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Messiah, who shows us the tender mercy of our God. As He illuminates our steps, our Savior guides our feet into the way of peace. That peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. With Paul, we can be sure that, in our worship and in all parts of our lives, the God of peace will be with us.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... **“Before You, Lord, We Bow”****[LSB 966]**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 29:11; 34:14–15*

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.
People: Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to His people!
People: **May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

People: **Almighty God, who speaks peace to His people, Your salvation is near to all who fear You. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of peace both now and forever.**

Pastor: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!

People: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Women: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.

Men: He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

People: **The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. 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: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!

KYRIE “Kyrie! God, Father”[LSB 942]

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Sing Praise To The God Of Israel”..... [LSB 936]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... 1 Kings 17:8–16
(The prophet Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath.)

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him,

⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”

¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

¹² And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.

¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”

¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.

¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE..... Hebrews 9:24–28

(Christ will be appearing again.)

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own,

²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “A Thanksgiving Prayer”..... by Crosstones

HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 12:38–44

(Jesus honors the great gift of the poor widow.)

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces

³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,

⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.

⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.

⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.

⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CATECHISM The First Article

Pastor: In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess that God is our Creator and our Preserver. Not only does He graciously give us life, He also sees to it that we have all we need to support our body and life from year to year. We acknowledge His fatherly protection as we confess together:

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

***HYMN OF THE DAY* *"The Temple Rang With Golden Coins"*..... [LSB 787]**

***SERMON* *"How Could She Give So Much?"**Mark 12:38-44*
*by Rev. Dr. James F. Wright***

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY* *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* [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. We bless You, O God, for the gift of the Church, for our family of faith, and our place of fellowship and growth. As the Church, grant that we continue to walk in the way of faithfulness, joyfully proclaiming the message of salvation and sharing the gifts You have given. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We thank You, O God, for the world in which we live and for the human family of which we are a part. Grant that all who are in positions of leadership around the globe find ways of cooperation and that the leaders of our nation, state, and local communities seek to do that which brings blessing to all people and serves the common good. Today we remember our armed forces and the veterans of our nation, thanking You for the sacrifices they have made. Help us to walk in the way of peace as bringers of blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: When You created the world, O God, You called it good. We know that sin has darkened and marred much of that original good creation. Direct us in the way of wise stewardship that we leave a beneficial legacy for those who come after us until the time of the return of Christ, who will establish a new heaven and a new earth. In mercy, O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You know our needs and the needs of others even before we speak of them with our words or in our hearts. Graciously hear our petitions for those who are hospitalized or ill, for those who are shut in or find their lives limited in some way, for those whose work is unfulfilling or have no work at all, for those who are grieving on this day, and those who seek some special blessing, [*especially . . .*], that their lives know Your presence. Direct us into the way of sacrificial service that we ever be bringers of hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember all those no longer living on this earth, whose witness informs and strengthens us. We thank You, Lord, for all those people whose faith and faithfulness have inspired us, and we bless You for the lessons we have learned from them. Direct us to follow their example in the way that leads to light eternal. Grant that our days and our deeds bring glory to Your name for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

HYMN..... “Grant Peace, We Pray, In Mercy, Lord”[LSB 777]

+ 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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have called us to walk in the way of peace by the guiding of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we walk daily as children of the day and of the light here on earth until that time when, by Your grace, we will walk in the courts of heaven. 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)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We thank You, almighty God, that Your presence remains in our lives and days. According to Your holy plan You have created us and have called us as Your people. Accept our thanks for all that You have done for us in the past, for all that You are doing for us in these days, and for all that You will do for us at the end of time. Send Your Holy Spirit that we walk in the peaceable way of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Evening and Morning” [LSB 726]
“O Savior, Precious Savior” [LSB 527]**

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

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we continue as true members of the body of Your Son and, walking in ways of peace, do the good works that You desire. This we ask through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

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..... “Children Of The Heavenly Father”..... [LSB 725]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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