

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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ALL SAINTS' DAY

"God's Blessed and Beloved Children"



5:30PM — November 3, 2018

8:00AM — November 4, 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	Saturday PM Organist
Mrs. Dana Keller	Sunday Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge 821-8854	Elder on Duty for November 5-November 9, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which grace our altar are given in memory of Glen Miller by Helen and family.

AS WE GATHER This Sunday we observe the feast of All Saints' Day. While many congregations use this service to remember those saints who have departed this life in faith, we do well to remember that "saint" is simply another word for "believer" or "follower of Jesus." All of those who gather to confess Jesus as Lord are indeed already saints. The Gospel for today is a section of the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. Jesus begins this sermon by recounting the present reality of those who have faith: they are blessed. Even when it looks as though the faithful are the opposite of blessed, they are indeed blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. They are a part of the reign and rule of God. All saints, including you, are a part of the reign and rule of God; therefore, you are blessed.

RINGING OF THE BELLS
PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **PREPARATION** +

HYMN..... *"Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones"*..... **[LSB 670]**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 14:13; 7:14; Psalm 149:4; 1 John 3:1*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

People: **Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors.**

Pastor: They have washed their robes

People: **and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Pastor: The Lord takes pleasure in His people;

People: **He adorns the humble with salvation.**

Pastor: See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

People: **that we should be called children of God.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we celebrate God's salvation and remember the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, we are reminded that all saints, both living and dead, have led sinful lives. Even though we are God's children, what we will be has not yet appeared. We remain contaminated by sin and evil until Jesus returns. As we come before God, let us consider our sinfulness and ask God for His forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

People: **we are all guilty and ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We have not always lived as Your children. We have often failed to seek peace. We have not been pure of heart. Forgive us, renew us, and bless us, so that we may rejoice and be glad to be counted as Your children.**

Pastor: God has lavished His love upon us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise again for us all. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will be our shepherd, and He will guide us to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. As a called and ordained servant of the risen 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.

People: **Amen. We are God's children, and ours is the kingdom of heaven. Amen.**

+ **WORD** +

INTROIT Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

Pastor: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

People: **For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;**

Pastor: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

People: **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

KYRIE

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”.....[LSB 803]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING..... Revelation 7:9–17

(Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the

Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 149

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: ² Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: ³ Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

People: ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Pastor: ⁵ Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

People: ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

Pastor: ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

People: ⁸ to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

Pastor: ⁹ to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

People: 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.

EPISTLE..... 1 John 3:1–3
(Beloved, we are God’s children now.)

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.**3** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “We Gather To Give Thanks”.....by Jubilate Ringers

VERSE Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 5:1–12
(Blessed are the poor in spirit.)

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: **3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **5** “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. **7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. **8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. **10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY “For All The Saints” [LSB 677]

SERMON..... “An Enormous Crowd”.....Revelation 7:9-17

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “Create In Me” [LSB 956]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Matthew 5:3–9*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, in this world we are often overwhelmed by the difficulties of life, yet You have promised that in Your heavenly kingdom there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more scorching heat, and no more tears. Strengthen us to keep turning to You in the midst of struggle, for You say, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until Christ comes again. On this All Saints’ Day, we remember all who have died in the faith. *We ask Your resurrection comfort for the families and friends of* **CAROLINE BAHRNS, JEANETTE BLEDSOE, CAROLYN BRAASCH, JOYCE CONNOURS, FRANCES EDEN, THOMAS KOESTER, LEROY MELLENDORF, SHIRLEY NIEHOFF, DONALD PROSSER, EUGENE STEBEN, BETTY TABBERT, LLOYD TARRANT, ALBERT WEBER and GERTRUDE WINTER** . For You say, “Blessed are those who mourn,

People: for they shall be comforted.”

Pastor: Lord, this world is filled with power-hungry, prideful people who seek to rule the earth without any thought of You or care for Your creation. Keep us faithful to Your kingdom so that we do not run after the false gods of power and prestige, for You say, “Blessed are the meek,

People: for they shall inherit the earth.”

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .] Also, Lord, encourage those who struggle to belong in our society, including addicts, immigrants, refugees, those with mental and physical disabilities, and the poor, for You say, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they shall be satisfied.”

Pastor: Lord, we live in a world of cruelty and indifference, but You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light so that we might love our families and friends, our neighbors and enemies. Cheer the hearts of all those who show mercy to others, for You say, “Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they shall receive mercy.”

Pastor: Lord, protect those who cannot protect themselves, including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities, for You say, “Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God.”

Pastor: Lord, break and hinder the plans of Satan, for he always seeks division, war, and conflict in this world. Raise up those who will work for reconciliation and harmony, for You say, “Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they shall be called sons of God.”

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

People: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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 *“By All Your Saints In Warfare”* [Stz. 1, 4, 3 LSB 517]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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