

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and Proclaiming!**

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

***"Blessed By Jesus' Presence"***



**5:30PM — January 19, 2019**

**8:00AM — January 20, 2019**

**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
Mrs. Jerry Starner .....	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler.....	10:30AM Acolytes
Mr. Jim Schroeder 821-1426.....	Elder on Duty for January 21-January 25, 2019
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 memory of Alex Polzin and are given by his wife, Ursula.

**AS WE GATHER** Right here. Right now. Jesus is present. Take a moment and let that sink in. Jesus—the very Son of God and King of the universe—is present! As He was at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, where He gave the first sign of His glory, He also is present with us today through the Word proclaimed and the “sign” received in His body and blood. The Table will be prepared. The bread and the wine will be plentiful. And you will be invited to come: “Take, eat. Take, drink.” Christ’s true presence is here for you, and you are richly blessed! Savor this hour as we gather and receive Jesus into our midst. What a holy hour this is! Right here. Right now. You are blessed by Jesus’ presence.

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN**..... **“God Himself Is Present”**..... **[LSB 907]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *LSB 394:5*

**Pastor:** Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—  
**People:** **Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou.**

**Pastor:** Let us come before our holy God, seeking the blessing of His peace through the purifying work of our Savior Jesus Christ. Holy God, merciful Father,  
**People:** **we confess that we have not followed our Savior as we ought. By what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You in lives of holiness. Purify our hearts, merciful Father, through the presence of Jesus Christ, that we be blessed with the forgiveness He freely offers to us all. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus stands in your midst today and speaks into your ears the words of life that bring healing to your souls. As His called and ordained servant, I announce His grace to all of you and, in His stead and by His command, I 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 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Songs 2:4*

Pastor: The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,

People: **and His banner over me was love.**

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

People: **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Pastor: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

People: **Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.**

Pastor: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

People: **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Pastor: They feast on the abundance of Your house,

People: **and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

Pastor: For with You is the fountain of life;

People: **in Your light do we see light. 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: The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,

People: **and His banner over me was love.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**..... *“Praise The Almighty”*.....[stz 1 LSB 797]

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us the blessing of Your presence and peace through all our days; 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..... *Isaiah 62:1–5***

*(God is the Bridegroom to His people.)*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 128; antiphon: v. 2b*

Pastor: Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways!

People: **You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;**

Pastor: You shall be blessed,

People: **and it shall be well with you.**

Pastor: Your wife will be a like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

People: **Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.**

Pastor: You shall be blessed,

People: **and it shall be well with you.**

Pastor: The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

**People: May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: You shall be blessed,  
**People: and it shall be well with you.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People: Extol Him, all peoples!**

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,  
**People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
**People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**EPISTLE..... 1 Corinthians 12:1–11**  
*(God gives the gifts of His Spirit for the common good.)*

**12** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

<sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

<sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

<sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

<sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

<sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *John 2:11*

Pastor: Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory.

People: **And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... **John 2:1-11**

*(Jesus works His first sign at the Cana wedding feast.)*

**2** On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

**2** Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

**3** When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

**4** And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

**5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

**6** Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

**7** Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

**8** And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

**9** When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom

**10** and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

**11** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... **"Children Of The Heavenly Father"**..... **[LSB 725]**

**SERMON**..... **"Hands That Knit, Arms That Hold"....by Rev. Gary Fortkamp**  
**Psalm 139:13-14; Mark 18:13-16**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY .....“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”  
[stz 1 LSB 782]**

**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. Father in heaven, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in sending Jesus Christ, Your Son, who revealed His glory by His presence and first miracle at Cana in Galilee.

**People:** **Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.**

**Pastor:** We pray this day for the ministry of the Gospel, both here at St. John’s and throughout the world. Wherever the name of Jesus is proclaimed, grant that hearts be changed by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, continue daily to add to our number those who are being saved.

**People:** **Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.**

**Pastor:** In Your earthly ministry, O Lord, You were often surrounded by family and friends. We, too, are blessed with loved ones who give us opportunities to show our love for You by loving them also. Bless all Christian families that in our worship to You and our service to one another we rejoice in Your goodness all our days.

**People:** **Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.**

**Pastor:** Your work of healing, Lord Jesus, caused Your fame to spread as people beheld Your glory. Your healing ministry continues on earth even now through the gifts of medicine, health professionals, and all who care for those in need. We lift before you all those in our faith family who need Your healing touch today, [*especially* . . .]. Great Physician, we ask that You take great care of each of these for whom we pray.

**People:** **Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.**

**Pastor:** Lord God, Your presence is known among us by the ongoing work of Your Holy Spirit. Enable all who are baptized to proudly bear Your name each day, that we use our various vocations to give You glory. Be especially with those whose work is difficult and dangerous, including all public servants and members of the military, that we dwell in safety and peace.

**People:** **Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.**



Pastor: These and all other prayers, which are upon our minds and hearts, we commit to You, dear Father, in the saving name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: **Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence. Amen!**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICTION** *Psalm 128:1–2*

Pastor: Your God says to you, “Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

People: **you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.”**

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**

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