

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
*"The Preacher Among Us"*



**5:30PM — January 26, 2019**

**8:00AM — January 27, 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organist
Mrs. Meghan Wahl and Makenna Duckwitz .....	Song Leaders
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Camille Zeigler & Kateleigh Zeigler .....	10:30AM Acolytes
Mr. Chris Niebrugge 821-8851 .....	Elder on Duty for January 28-February1, 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.

**AS WE GATHER** Today we welcome to our church an honored proclaimer of the Word. Despite the rejection He often has faced over the years—even from the people who knew Him best—let us welcome Him today with open ears and open hearts. This preacher is like none other. The way He communicates the Word of God makes you feel that He knows the Bible inside and out—and that’s because He does! This proclaimer is none other than your Savior Jesus Christ. Much like He did in today’s Gospel, Jesus stands among God’s people to deliver the Good News of life and salvation. Unlike the neighbors in Nazareth, who ended up rejecting their hometown preacher, let us receive Him with glad and sincere hearts. In humble faith, we fix our eyes on Jesus and receive all He comes to give.

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN**..... *“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”*..... **[LSB 904]**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Psalm 19:14

**Pastor:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,

**People:** O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Pastor: O Lord, hear us as we silently come before You. Father, thank You for hearing us as we pray:

**People: Too often we have neglected Your Word and ignored Your work in our lives. Instead of focusing on You, we have focused on ourselves. Instead of serving others, we have expected to be served. Forgive us, gracious Father, and renew us through Your Word of life. Help us to see Jesus in our midst as Your Word made flesh—crucified for our sins and raised to life again. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, give us hearts to joyfully worship You. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus stands and proclaims the Good News in your hearing this day! As your pastor and as His servant, it is my joy to announce His forgiving 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 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13***

Pastor: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

**People: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,**

Pastor: to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

**People: that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**

***KYRIE***

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us!

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us!**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us!

***SALUTATION***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon us in our weakness and lift us up through the power of Your Word, that our eyes of faith may behold Jesus Christ, who has come to fulfill all that You have spoken; through the same 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..... Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10**

*(The people gather as one to hear God’s Word.)*

8 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.

<sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.

<sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.

<sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**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 12:12–31a**  
*(In Christ, we are one Body with many members.)*

- <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
- <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
- <sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many.
- <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.
- <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.
- <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?
- <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
- <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be?
- <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.
- <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”
- <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,
- <sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,
- <sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,
- <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.
- <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.
- <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
- <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.
- <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?
- <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?
- <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 4:18a*

Pastor: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,

People: **because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... **Luke 4:16–30**  
*(Jesus reads and fulfills God’s Word in His hometown synagogue.)*

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

<sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

<sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”

<sup>23</sup> And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”

<sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

<sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,

<sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

<sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

<sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.

<sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... *“Take My Life And Let It Be”*..... [LSB 783]

**SERMON** *“Welcome To The Team”* by Rev. Gary Fortkamp 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** ..... *“Create In Me”*..... [LSB 956]

**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 work of our triune God among us and among all people in the Holy Christian Church, that Jesus would be the One upon whom all eyes are fixed and in whom we see all the Scriptures find their fulfillment, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.**

Pastor: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Means of Grace, that the Lord Jesus would be glorified and His people edified through the faithful teaching and preaching of the Word of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.**

Pastor: For the world in which we live and for all who work to care for the land and the people who dwell in it, that our gracious God would stand with those who serve in our government, military, and in all positions of public service, that they work wholeheartedly as for the Lord and not for men, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.**

Pastor: For each member of the Body of Christ, the Church, that all of God’s children would identify and put to use their God-given talents and that no members of the Body would see themselves as insignificant or unneeded but rather find their place of joyful service to Jesus and to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.**

Pastor: For those who are shut-in and homebound, hospitalized and undergoing treatment, awaiting surgery and recovering from procedures, [*including . . .*], that our merciful Lord would fill them with the healing and peace that comes from His mighty presence in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.**

Pastor: For these petitions and all others we silently carry before the Lord in our minds and hearts, that our faithful Father would hear and answer our prayers in the name of the One who stands among us and fulfills God's Word in our hearing, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You. 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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. 208 in hymnal)

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive fulfillment of the Scriptures, found in Christ alone, and give You thanks for the salvation He accomplished for us when He suffered and died upon the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we who have received the Word that Jesus has proclaimed also now receive Him as He personally comes to us in His body and blood. For to You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

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. 210 in hymnal)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** ..... *"At The Lamb High Feast We Sing" [LSB 633]*  
*"Word of God, Come Down on Earth" [LSB 545]*  
*"Lamb of God" [LSB 550]*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE..... “O Lord, We Praise Thee”..... [LSB 617]**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the world as the fulfillment of the Scriptures and preacher of the truth, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 Psalm 19:14**

**Pastor:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,

**People: O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**Pastor:** Our gracious Redeemer now sends us out, with His Word in our hearts and our lips, that we may declare His grace to the world He came to save. 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..... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” .....[LSB 918]**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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