

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
ST. JOHN'S EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL**

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**Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and Proclaiming!**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**"The Watchman For The House"**

**5:30PM — March 23, 2019**  
**8:00AM — March 24, 2019**



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Worship Leader
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller .....	Organist
Mrs. Meghan Wahl.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler.....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jim Schroeder.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis .....	Elder on Duty for March 25-29, 2019
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** - Someone's always watching. At least it seems that way, doesn't it? In a world full of security cameras and alarm systems, there seem to be millions of ways to keep your property secure and guard your valuables from intruders who would seek to cause trouble. But what are your thoughts about having someone—an actual living, breathing person—to watch over you and your family at all times and in all places? Lest we think that a security detail like that is available only to the rich and the powerful, listen to what the Lord God said to Ezekiel: "Son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 33:7). The entire house of God, which has been watched over by the prophets of old, is now under the authority and care of the Son of God and Son of Man, Jesus Christ. He is your ultimate watchman who guards and protects you from the threats of the evil thief who "comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Place yourself under the watchful eye and merciful care of this watchman today! Watch Him, hear Him, and receive Him as He serves you in His Father's house and fills you with the life that He alone can provide.

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN**..... *"Jesus, Thy Blood And Righteousness"* ..... **[LSB 563]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

**People:** **You call Your people to turn to You and live.**

**Pastor:** Therefore, we turn to You, Father, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Hear us as we come before You in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Pastor:** Father, Your voice of truth confronts us in our sin.

**People:** **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

**Pastor:** Your Son stands as the watchman over Your house, calling us to repentance and faith.

**People:** **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**Pastor:** Your Spirit leads us to acknowledge our rebellion against You so that, confessing our sins, we might receive Your pardon and peace.

**People:** We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house. I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You.

Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me.

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.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**KYRIE** ..... (p. 204 in hymnal)

**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways.

**People:** Bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word.

**Pastor:** We pray this 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..... Ezekiel 33:7–20**  
(The prophet serves as a watchman for the house of Israel.)

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** Hebrews 12:2

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**People: the Founder and Perfecter of our faith,**

Pastor: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**EPISTLE ..... 1 Corinthians 10:1–13**

*(Our faithful God provides the way of escape to help us endure our trials and temptations.)*

**10** For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”<sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE 2** *Peter 3:9b, c*

Pastor: The Lord is patient toward you,

People: **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 13:1–9**

*(Jesus warns us that we will all perish unless we repent.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**13** There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless

you repent, you will all likewise perish.” <sup>6</sup> And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’<sup>8</sup> And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED** (as found on the back page of the hymnal)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... *“Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways”*..... [LSB 707]

**SERMON** .....*“Repent Lest You Perish”*.....*Luke 13:1-9 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp*

**OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY** ..... *“We Praise You, O God”* .....*LSB 785; Stz 1*

**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. Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for sending Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, into this world to bear our sins and be our Savior. Under His watchful eye, we live as Your children, protected from all danger and guarded in heart and mind. Hear now the prayers we bring before Your throne of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **watch over us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In Your great love for all who dwell in Your house, You appoint pastors, teachers, and other servants of Your Word who call us to repentance and faith. Grant that as we are confronted with the reality of our sin through the preaching of Your Law, and as we are comforted with the reality of Your forgiveness through the preaching of Your Gospel, we daily turn to You with hearts of worship and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **watch over us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, Your eye is always on Your creation. Grant that our land be fruitful because of Your faithfulness. Bless all those who labor as You give us strength for the fulfillment of our daily callings. Guide the members of our government and all those who lay down their lives to guard and defend us that we be protected from the threats of our adversaries and give thanks to You for Your constant care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **watch over us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Healer of the broken, work mightily in the lives of all who experience hardships in their health, [*including . . .*]. Grant that all who ask for healing mercies lift up their eyes to You, the watchman for our bodies and souls, and find peace in knowing that Your face is shining upon them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: watch over us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Watch over all who gather at Your Table this day, O Lord, to eat and drink the true body and blood of our Redeemer, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Receiving the tangible sign of Your favor toward us, Grant that all Your children share with others the goodness we have received from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: watch over us and hear our prayer.**

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

**People: 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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** ..... “Your Table I Approach” [LSB 628]

“Children of the Heavenly Father” [LSB 725]

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” [LSB 637]

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** .....(p. 211 in hymnal)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, that we forever dwell under the watchful eye of our watchman and Savior; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord, who watches over us.

People: **Thanks be to God for His never-failing love!**

**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..... “Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me”..... [LSB 722]**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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**WE EXIT TO SERVE!**

**If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with Pastor after the service.**

