

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

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**“My Sheep Hear My Voice, and I Know Them”**



**5:30PM — May 11, 2019**  
**8:00AM — May 12, 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. Andrea Wendling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis .....	Elder on Duty for May 13 - 18
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** have been placed to the glory of God by Candra Hulskotter and Brandon Kronewitter in honor of their wedding on Saturday.

**CENTER ARRANGEMENT** is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His many blessings and in honor of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary by John & Marla Jackson.

**AS WE GATHER** Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the familiar theme of the Fourth Sunday of Easter. He is our Good Shepherd because He lays down His life for us. We are His sheep because we hear His voice, and by the power of the Spirit, we recognize His voice and rejoice in Him. He knows us, and we know Him. That is our comfort and our hope. As we find peace in the words of Psalm 23, so do we find hope in its fulfillment in Christ. He shows us the Father, He gives us eternal life, and He keeps us safe in the face of all our enemies.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:.....Divine Service Setting One.....LSB pgs. 151-166**

**OPENING HYMN..... "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" .....LSB 740**

**INTROIT.....Psalm 78:70-72**

**Pastor:** I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**People:** **He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.**

**Pastor:** With upright heart He shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

**People:** **But we your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise. 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:** I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**FIRST READING..... Acts 20:17–35**

*(I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the whole counsel of God.)*

<sup>17</sup> Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE ..... Revelation 7:9–17**

*(The Lamb will be their Shepherd.)*

<sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> "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. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> 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.**

**VERSE**..... *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*  
Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... *John 10:22–30*  
*(No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd's hand.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

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)*

**SERMON HYMN**.....*"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us".....LSB 711*

**SERMON**..... *"God is Our Shepherd".....John 10:22-30*

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us come before the Lamb and His throne and bring to Him the prayers of all His people and everyone according to their needs. Shepherd of love, You have delivered us from our sins and from the power of death and made us Your people forever. Give to us Your Spirit that we know the fullness of Your goodness now until we know Your joy forever in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from all our enemies, keep us in safe amid the dangers and terrors of this mortal life, and bring us to everlasting life through Christ, our Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give wisdom to those who lead us in this land, peace to the nations, courage to pursue justice for all people, and protection for those who protect and defend us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Wipe every tear from Your people, and give to the sick and those who suffer in mind or in body healing, comfort, strength, and patience according to Your gracious will, [*especially . . .*]. Give peace to the dying, and comfort the grieving in their sorrow and loss. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us Your Holy Spirit and faith that we recognize Your presence in this Holy Sacrament, rejoice in its gift and treasure, and receive it for our eternal good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Help us to use wisely and well all the resources You freely and graciously bestow upon us, and direct our hearts to return to You the worship of lips that proclaim the name of Your Son before the world and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**(Pages 164- 166 in the Hymnal)**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS .....“What Wondrous Love is This”.....LSB 543**  
**“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” .....LSB 710**

**CLOSING HYMN..... “Have No Fear, Little Flock”..... LSB 735**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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*I give them eternal life,  
and they will never perish,  
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

## **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.***