

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**"Take Heart"**

**5:30PM — May 25, 2019**  
**8:00AM — May 26, 2019**



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Trickey .....	Worship leader
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Linda White .....	Saturday, 5:30 PM Organist
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Sunday, 8:00 AM Organist
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Song Leader .....	Mrs. Kylie Bohnhoff
5:30PM Elder on Duty .....	Mr. Dave Wall
5:30PM Acolyte.....	Sophia Jansen
8AM Elder on Duty .....	Mr. Jeff Stremming
8AM Acolyte.....	Andrew Lotz
10:30AM Elder on Duty .....	Mr. Chris Niebrugge
10:30AM Acolyte .....	Aiden Hanks
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....217-821-6135 .....	(Elder on Duty for May 26 – June 1, 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** The troubles of the world confront us every day—troubles in the news, troubles in our families, troubles within ourselves, troubles at work or at school. Jesus knows the world. So He said to His disciples, “In the world you will have tribulation” (John 16:33). Yet the final word of this Easter season is not trouble. It is hope through the resurrection of Jesus in defeat of all of this world’s troubles. “Take heart; I have overcome the world,” Jesus said. Being a follower of Jesus never protects us from experiencing the world’s troubles. It does give us hope. It does fill us with courage. It does strengthen our hearts. As an ancient Easter hymn declares, “Were Christ not arisen, Then death were still our prison. Now, with Him to life restored, We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!” (LSB 459:2). We catch a glimpse of our future world in Christ in Revelation, where the city of God shines with the light of the resurrection—a city alight with God and the Lamb, a city with no night. Take heart! Jesus has overcome the world!

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN**..... **“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**..... [LSB 830]

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 67:3; John 16:33**

**Pastor:** Let the peoples praise You, O God!

**People:** Let all the peoples praise You!

**Pastor:** Jesus said, “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Let the peoples praise You, O God!

**People:** Let all the peoples praise You!

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** God of love, hear us as we confess our sin to You. We confess:

**People:** Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.

**Pastor:** We have been anxious and impatient.

**People:** We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Pastor: We have lived in ways that do not give witness to Your mercy in Jesus.

**People: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor: We have been attracted to other gods.

**People: Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do without thought. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." 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 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22*

Pastor: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;

**People: He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Pastor: My heart is in anguish within me;

**People: the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

Pastor: But I call to God,

**People: and the LORD will save me.**

Pastor: Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

**People: and He hears my voice.**

Pastor: He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

**People: for many are arrayed against 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.**

Pastor: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;

**People: He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. You, O Lord, are present with us always.

**People: Empower us to take heart in Jesus, who has overcome the world, so that we now experience the peace that Jesus promised;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**FIRST READING ..... Acts 18:1-4, 18, 24-26**

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup> and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** adapt. from *Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People: He has put all things under His feet.**

**EPISTLE** ..... **Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27**  
(A transformed city of God, with the Lamb at the center)

<sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. <sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People: In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.**

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL ..... John 16:23–33**

*(Peace in times of trouble)*

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

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

<sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.<sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

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

**NICENE CREED.....Page 191 in the LSB**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ..... “Dear Christians, One And All, Rejoice”.....**  
**[LSB 556, stz 1-4, 10]**

**SERMON ..... “Who Are You” .....Acts 18**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ..... “Take My Life and Let it Be”..... [LSB 783, stz 1, 4, 6]**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” Rejoicing in the resurrection, then, we bring before the Lord the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves. For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body: That all who are called to ministry tasks—pastors, teachers, and all the people—fulfill their callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ.

That missionaries called to various places in the world, especially the workers of Trinity Hope in Haiti and our sister congregation in Latvia, speak the Gospel boldly and live in ways that draw people to following Christ. God of mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For nations throughout the world: That governments and leaders strive for peace and exercise justice wisely. That care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten. That those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well. That those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ. That we and our enemies become reconciled. God of mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the needs of our local community: That businesses flourish for the good of all. That workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God. That those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them. That corruption and injustice decrease, and integrity, honesty, and responsibility increase. In thanksgiving for those who gave their lives in service to our nation as we remember them on this Memorial Day weekend. God of mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the needs of our church community: That those who are sick, [*especially . . .*], experience healing according to God's will. That those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God's promise never to leave them nor forsake them. That our Board of Elders and Church Council lead us not only to consider our own needs but also the needs of others. That the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love. That we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call and welcome newcomers in our midst. God of mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from the labors of this life. That we anticipate that day when we will join them in the city that has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light and its lamp is the Lamb. These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire us to flourish; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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. 195 in hymnal)

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**

### **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*

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI (p. 198 in hymnal)**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** ..... **“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” [LSB 633]**  
**“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” [LSB 465]**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 199 in hymnal)**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, we thank You for providing for us this gift of Christ’s body and blood, in which our sins are forgiven and we are given a foretaste of the feast to come. Throughout this week, when the troubles of this world weigh heavily on us, help us to remember that You have overcome the world; 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** *John 16:33*

Pastor: Jesus said, “Take heart; I have overcome the world.” 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**..... **“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”**..... **[LSB 643]**

**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.***