

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
"That They May All Be One"

5:30PM — July 6, 2019
8:00AM — July 7, 2019



THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Worship Leader.....	Rev. Gary Fortkamp
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Linda White	5:30 PM Organist
Mr. Jamie Lotz	8:00 AM Organist
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Brent Budde.....	Song Leader
Mr. Howard Janis	5:30PM Elder on Duty
A.J. Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall(217-343-6482)	Elder on Duty for July 8 - 12
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 We reflect upon our status as children of God. God has made us His children by Baptism as He placed His trinitarian name upon us. Being adopted as God's children is excellent news because our heavenly Father cares for us. Yet, sometimes we lose our way as God's children. We struggle with sin and sin's ultimate consequence: death. Yet God has shown His extraordinary care for us in sending His Son, Jesus, to deal with sin and death for us. God provides for us now and into the everlasting future because He cares for us.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... *"Today Your Mercy Call Us"* **[LSB 915]**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: With those very words, we became God's children;
People: **He placed His name on us in Baptism.**

Pastor: God cares for all of His children;
People: **we rejoice in His provision.**

Pastor: He has given us food and drink, house and home;
People: **He has given us clothing and shoes, spouse and children.**

Pastor: He has given us land, animals, and all that we have;
People: **He gives us all we need to support this body and life.**

Pastor: Come and see what the Lord has done!
People: **His works for His children are awesome and glorious.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Yes, God has given us all that we need, yet sometimes we use His good gifts for evil rather than good. Sometimes we do not rejoice in His awesome deeds, but we despair and forget our gracious Father. As we come before our heavenly Father, we recognize our sinfulness and our childish inability to live rightly before Him. Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have grown weary of doing good. We have chosen evil instead of good, laziness instead of service, ignorance instead of love. We are without excuse. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Restore us to be Your rejoicing children.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise 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. We rejoice in the mercy of our Father. We go forth as His dear children because He cares for us.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 19:2, 4–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Pastor: Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

People: In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (pgs. 186-189 in hymnal)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

2 Chronicles 7:14

¹⁴if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

HYMN“God Bless America”

**God bless America, Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above**

**From the mountains to the prairies
To the ocean white with foam
God bless America, my home, sweet home
God bless America, my home, sweet home!**

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PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF AMERICA

**“I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands –
One nation, under God
Indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.”**

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Isaiah 66:10-14
(*God's children rejoice and are satisfied.*)

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.”

¹²For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133; antiphon: v. 1

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

People: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore. 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: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

GRADUAL *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

Pastor: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

PEOPLE: Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE..... Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18
(*Bear one another's burdens.*)

6 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work,

and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 10:5b, 9b*

Pastor: Alleluia!

People: Peace be to this house!

Pastor: The kingdom of God has come near to you.

People: Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 10:1-20**

(Christ sends out the seventy-two)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of

God has come near.’ ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸ And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

PLEDGE TO THE CROSS OF CHRIST

***“I pledge allegiance
To the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ
And to the faith
For which it stands.
One Savior eternal
With mercy and grace for all
So help me God.”***

HYMN OF THE DAY..... “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” [LSB 575]

SERMON..... “Messengers Sent” Luke 10:1-20

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

HYMN “God Bless our Native Land” [LSB 965]

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.

Dear heavenly Father, send out messengers and missionaries to every corner of the earth, that people from every tribe, nation, and language would hear the saving message of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, help Your Church throughout the whole world to bear one another's burdens. Humble those who need humbling and strengthen those who need to ask for help. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, [*especially* . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we rejoice in many things in this world. Thank You for providing so many blessings and reasons for us to rejoice. Help us not to lose sight of our main reason for rejoicing: we are Your children, and our names are written in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all children, especially those who are orphans and in foster care. Lead them all to families that will love them and care for them as You love and care for all Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, extend Your peace upon the whole earth, that the nations and kingdoms of the world stop their warring madness and live together under You in peace and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

5:30PM-COMMISSIONING OF NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

Response to prayer: God's presence is our refuge and strength.

Pastor addresses the congregation:

Pastor: Parents, family members, and friends, you have supported this group and helped them prepare for the Gathering. Will you pray for them while they are gone, asking God to fill them with His Holy Spirit enabling them to celebrate in His name?

All: Yes, we will remember these people in our thoughts and prayers.

Pastor: Let us pray:

Lord, You have called us to be Your people by the power of the Holy Spirit in our baptism and through Jesus Christ give us our confession of faith. We give thanks for Your gracious love and mercy, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the community we share with each other through Jesus our Fortress.

All: Our real, present, God, we give you thanks.

Pastor: We commend these loved ones into Your care as they travel. Watch over and protect them. When they arrive in Minneapolis, give them opportunity to grow in their faith and strengthen them in understanding Your love for them. Direct them to see and experience Your love in all they do. Empower them to do the work of Jesus for the benefit of others with confidence, conviction and joy.

All: Our real, present, God, we give you thanks.

Pastor: We give You thanks and praise for the opportunities ahead of these youth and adults as they gather in Minneapolis. When it is time to return, bring each one safely home to us, enriched by their experiences. In Christ's most gracious name we pray.

All: Our real, present, God, we give you thanks.

Pastor: Lord God, Loving Father, You show us Your love, compassion, and acceptance through Jesus Christ. Grant that we may listen to your promises. Help us to be still and rest in you our God and rescuer. There are many challenges in this world — trembling mountains, foaming water, and desolations — fix our hearts where true love and joy are found; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

BENEDICTION *John 17:20–21*

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.

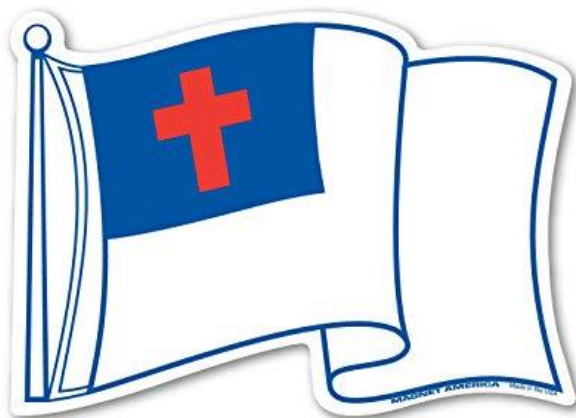
HYMN..... *“When Peace Like a River”*..... **[LSB 763]**

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.