

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
"Sinful, Saintly Sisters!"**

5:30PM — July 20, 2019
8:00AM — July 21, 2019

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Worship Leader
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	5:30PM Elder on Duty
A.J. Radloff	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming	Elder on Duty for July 22 – 26, 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.

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 Our only hope is Jesus! He is the eternal Word of God who in love entered our world to bring life and salvation to all people. Jesus proclaimed Himself Lord and Christ and then commissioned His apostles and disciples to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in His name to all nations. In churches, in homes, in crowded marketplaces, and along road and pathways, the Gospel has been proclaimed, and still is proclaimed, to save sinners. We've gathered to hear Jesus speak. The Spirit of God is working to draw us to our Savior. Lord, give us grace always to choose "the good portion."

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING 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.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:41, 49–50, 81, 89–90a*

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD,

People: **Your salvation according to Your promise.**

Pastor: Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope.

People: **This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life.**

Pastor: My soul longs for Your salvation;

People: **I hope in Your word.**

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: **Your faithfulness endures to all generations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

People: **and a light to my path.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: God's Word is a lamp and a light for us today. Through His Word, God reveals our true condition: we are by nature dead in sin and children of the domain of darkness. We therefore humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and in the presence of one another ask His forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge that we are poor, miserable sinners. We confess to You all our sins and iniquities, knowing that we rightly deserve Your punishment now and forever. But we are truly sorry for them, and we sincerely repent of them. We ask You, of Your infinite mercy and for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us. Forgive us our sins, and grant us the**

power of Your Holy Spirit that we may seek You and follow You to the praise and honor of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: God's Word, in the Good News of Jesus Christ, is also a lamp and light for us. The Gospel reveals the Father's forgiveness and salvation, accomplished for us in the life, death, and resurrection of His beloved Son. In Christ, we have all the riches of God's eternal mercy. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Psalm 119:114; The Third Commandment; The Close of the Commandments

Pastor: You are my hiding place and my shield;

People: I hope in Your word.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Pastor: You are my hiding place and my shield;

People: I hope in Your word.

Pastor: What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,

People: but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

Pastor: What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them.

People: But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Pastor: You are my hiding place and my shield;

People: I hope in Your word.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “In Thee is Gladness” LSB 818

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You once entered the home of Martha and Mary both to share Your hospitality and to invite all to hear Your Word, open our homes and hearts to welcome You in faith, our ears to listen to You in obedience, and our hands to serve You gladly and willingly in our callings; we pray all this in Your holy name, Lord Jesus, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Genesis 18:1-10a (10b – 14)

(Abraham’s supernatural encounter with three men near his tent changed his life forever. The Lord spoke to Abraham a prophecy that his barren and aged wife, Sarah, would bear a child. Upon hearing this, Sarah broke out into laughter.)

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. ³He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” ⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.” ⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. ⁹“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. ¹⁰Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” ¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 27*

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,

People: it is they who stumble and fall.

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

Pastor: to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

People: and to inquire in His temple.

Pastor: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

People: He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

Pastor: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

People: You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Pastor: Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,

People: O You, Who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Pastor: For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

People: but the LORD will take me in.

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

People: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

Pastor: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

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

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

EPISTLE.....Colossians 1:21–29

(We have been reconciled to God through the physical death and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that we are no longer alienated from God but are holy in His sight.)

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Colossians 2:6b–7a

Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him.
Alleluia.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:38–42

(Sisters, Mary and Martha, opened their home to the Lord Jesus. While Martha was busy preparing for her special guest, Mary was sitting at His feet listening to all Jesus said. Martha felt upset and asked the Lord to tell Mary to help her with the work, but Jesus described the true problem. Hospitality is important, but unless Jesus is the center of our lives, we truly have nothing to share with our guests.)

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN..... “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”.....LSB 580

SERMON TEXT.....Luke 10:38-42

SERMON THEME “One Thing is Necessary”By Pastor Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING/OFFERTORY..... “Take My Life and Let it Be”.....LSB 783; vs.1, 4

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: Lord, Your strong Word shattered the darkness in the beginning. Thank You, God, for the light of this day. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, You spoke Your mighty Word and brought order out of the unformed void. Thank You, God, for the rhythms and seasons of Your world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, You called Your ancient people in Your mercy, and You revealed Your holy will and ways. Thank You, God, for Your wisdom and truth, which fills the universe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, in nature You displayed Your laws and commands to all people, inviting them to know You and to honor You. Thank You, God, for the revelation of Your eternal power and divine nature. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into our fallen world to be the radiance of Your glory and the exact imprint of Your nature. Thank You, God, for displaying and sharing Your fullness in the incarnation of Your one and only Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, give us grace always to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, give us grace always to trust Your Word and put it into practice in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, give us grace always to share Your Word, relying on Your Spirit for the strength to “speak Your truth in love.” Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, give us grace always, that by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we embrace and hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord, be with, encourage, and sustain those who need the consolation of Your Word and presence at this time, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer!

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Giver and Perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the proclamation of the Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You. Every day grant that we be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world, and that we finally receive the salvation of our souls. For You, Lord Jesus, reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Other petitions may be included here.

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

People: Amen.

DEDICATION OF WEDDING PARAMENTS.....(10:30 service)
(The Holy Matrimony paraments were given by Carla Fox in loving memory of her mother, Jean Fox and by Dick and Sharon Dammerman in loving memory of his mother, Elnora Dammerman.)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING HYMN..... "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word".....LSB 655

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.