

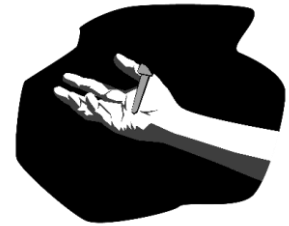
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
“Praying is More Than Saying”



5:30PM — July 27, 2019
8:00AM — July 28, 2019

THOSE WHO SERVE US

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| Each Member of St. John's | A Minister |
| Rev. Gary Fortkamp | Worship Leader |
| Mrs. Sandy Esker | Preschool Director |
| Mrs. Jerry Starner | 5:30 p.m. Organist |
| Mrs. Jerry Starner | 8:00 a.m. Organist |
| Mrs. Erin Wendling | Song Leader |
| St. John's Praise Band | 10:30AM |
| Mr. Dave Wall | 5:30PM Elder on Duty |
| A. J. Radloff | 5:30PM Acolyte |
| Mr. Jeff Stremming | 8AM Elder on Duty |
| Andrew Lotz | 8AM Acolyte |
| Mr. Jake Wendling | 10:30AM Elder on Duty |
| Elena Niebrugge | 10:30AM Acolyte |
| Mr. Jake Wendling | Elder on Duty for July 29 – August 2, 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 In the long, difficult path of persevering in faith, sometimes it can seem as if God is distant from our everyday problems, not responding to our prayers. This is a common experience faced by the people of God. Today's Readings work together to encourage us as we travel the arduous path of following Jesus. Abraham pleads with God on behalf of mercy for the righteous people in the city of Sodom. Will God spare the city for 50 righteous people? 45? 30? 20? 10? The Lord God hears Abraham's pleas and agrees that He will spare the city if even 10 righteous people dwell there. Lot and his family were delivered from Sodom. Abraham asked, he sought, he knocked. And God answered. Jesus encourages us to ask, to seek, to knock. Jesus promises that those who ask, receive; those who seek, find; and to those who knock a door will be opened. This doesn't mean that the answers will always be what we want or that bad things will not happen to us. It does mean that no matter the circumstance, God is there with mercy. Rooted and built up in Jesus, and established in this faith, we are led by God to abound in thanksgiving and to continue to walk in Jesus no matter the circumstances of life.

OPENING HYMN..... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee".....LSB 702

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

People: **We have been buried with Christ in Baptism and raised with Him through faith in the awesome power of God.**

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

People: **We were once dead in our trespasses. God made us alive together with Christ.**

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

People: **The debt of our sins has been paid by the sacrifice of Jesus.**

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gathered together as God's people in Christ, rooted and established in the faith, we confess our sins to God and to one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We have sinned against You, O God, in thought, word, and deed.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We have not loved You with our whole heart.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.

Pastor: We owe You a debt of sin that none can pay.

People: Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.

Pastor: When we were dead in our trespasses, God blotted out our debt of sin, nailing it to the cross. Having forgiven all of our trespasses, God has made us alive together with Christ. 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.

INTROIT *Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

People: With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

Pastor: I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

People: I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.

Pastor: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

People: Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love; O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.

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: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

KYRIE (*p. 152-153 in hymnal*)

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“This Is the Feast”..... [LSB, p. 155]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You invite us to ask, to seek, to knock.

People: By the power of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to turn to You in all things, that we live as those who have received forgiveness in You, the source of all truth, having opened our lives to Your grace;

Pastor: 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 (17-19) 20-33

Abraham pleaded with the Lord to not destroy the righteous ones living in Sodom and Gomorrah, whose sin was so great the Lord grieved. The Lord told Abraham that if there were ten righteous people in the city, he would spare the whole place. Unfortunately, only Abraham and his family were considered righteous.

Then the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? ¹⁸ Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰ Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.” ²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” ²⁶ The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?” “If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.” ²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?” He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” ³¹ Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.” ³³ When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

People: **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

Pastor: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

People: **and their words to the ends of the world.**

EPISTLE **Colossians 2:6-15**

(We were once dead in our transgressions but have been raised to new life in Christ. We must be careful to not follow false teachings and be fully devoted to the Word of God, spending time with Him and also studying His truths.)

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you^l alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE **Luke 11:9**

Pastor: Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;**

Pastor: knock, and it will be opened to you.

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL..... **Luke 11:1-13**

(The disciples were curious about how to pray in the way that Jesus was praying. So, Jesus taught them to say the Lord's prayer, but went on to explain more than just lip service. He compared Father God to a loving parent meeting the needs of His son.)

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

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

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” ² He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread.⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. ⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for ¹¹ a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”LSB 770

SERMON.....Luke 11:1-14..... “Talking with God is Vital”

OFFERING/OFFERTORY.....“We Give Thee But Thine Own”LSB 781 (vs 1,2)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus invites to ask, and we shall receive; to seek, and we will find; and to knock, and the door will be opened. So we bring prayer for the Church, the world, and ourselves before almighty God, trusting in the promise of our Lord.

For the Church, that rooted and built up in Christ and established in faith, we abound in thanksgiving by offering our lives as instruments of serving the lost and the least of this world. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. [*Other petitions may be inserted here.*] For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For this congregation, that, having been buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with Him to new life, we find ways to connect with people in our community in order to share the amazing treasure of the love of Christ:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone before us in the faith; we remember Abraham, who pleaded to God for mercy on the righteous people of Sodom. As You taught us, we pray for the coming of Your kingdom, both now and in eternity:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

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 both taught us to pray and invited us to ask, seek, and knock, assuring us that by His death and resurrection He hears us and helps us in every time of need. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*p. 161 in hymnal*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thank You, Father in heaven, for the mercy You have shown throughout the ages. You saved Lot and his family from sure death in Sodom. You called the Israelites out of Egypt, through the sea, and sent them to bless the whole world. You sent the prophets who, like Abraham pleaded for Lot, pleaded for mercy in troubled times. You gave Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. You provide us with Christ's body and blood to forgive our sins and to establish us in faith. For rooting us and building us up in Christ, for establishing us in faith, for teaching us to pray, we abound in thanksgiving to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus unto You. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*
1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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. 163 in hymnal*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS.....“*Your Table I Approach*”.....**LSB 628**

“*Lord Jesus Christ You Have Prepared*”.....**LSB 622**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (*P. 164 in hymnal*)

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord God, not only do You hear our prayers and pleas for mercy, but You also give us this feast of Christ’s body and blood to assure us of Your presence and to bring into our bodies the forgiveness won for us by the cross of Jesus. As we are nourished by Christ’s body and blood, lead us to persistently ask, seek, and knock, that we receive, find, and be opened to Your holy will; 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

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..... “*Praise the Almighty*”.....**LSB 797**

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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.