

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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MISSION STATEMENT
Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and Proclaiming!

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"Freedom to Follow & Bear Fruit"
5:30PM — June 29, 2019
8:00AM — April 30, 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Mr. Brent Budde	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Howard Janis	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis	Elder on Duty for July 1 – 5, 2019
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
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 The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Gall's retirement after having served 40 years in the Holy Ministry and 17 years as our Pastor here at St. John's. The side arrangement is also in honor of Pastor Gall by Ruth's sister Wilma; Gary, Kate, Marie and Mitch.

AS WE GATHER When people are confronted by the claims of Jesus, they sometimes reject Him. We see this in today's Gospel as an entire Samaritan village rejects Jesus. The cost of following Jesus is high. We see Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem, to go toward suffering and death. As we follow Jesus, we must be aware that suffering and death may be where Jesus chooses to lead us. Following Jesus means denying ourselves, picking up our cross daily, and going where Jesus leads. It is a bit sobering, but we trust that Jesus is for us, and whatever trouble we face in this world, we know that Jesus has overcome the world.

+ PREPARATION +

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

Pastor: God makes known to us the path of life;

People: **in His presence, there is fullness of joy.**

Pastor: My heart is glad;

People: **my whole being rejoices.**

Pastor: For freedom, Christ has set us free.

People: **So we stand firm, using our freedom to love one another.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That is not how we always use our freedom. We have used our freedom for our own selfish gain, for our own gratification and ambition. As we come into God's house, we confess that we have used His gift of freedom wrongly and plead for His forgiveness.
Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we have not always used our freedom to love and serve our neighbors. In our freedom we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned in what we have done and what we have left undone. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive and free us from our bondage to sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives all your sins and frees you to live as His disciple. 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 are free to follow Jesus and bear the fruit of the Spirit.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 85:8-10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

PEOPLE: ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

PEOPLE: ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"(LSB 790; Vs 1-5)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....1 Kings 19:9-21(ESV)

(God reassures Elijah and sends him back to his people.)

⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.....Galatians 5:1, 13-25
(Our freedom in Christ is not permission to sin even more.)

5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Luke 9:51

Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 9:51-62

(Following Jesus is costly.)

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" [LSB 822]

SERMON..... "Stewards Are to be Trustworthy".....1 Corinthians 4:2

OFFERING/OFFERTORY... "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" ..[LSB 805]

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, many in this world have rejected Your Son and His grace. Soften their hearts, Lord, that they hear Your Word and receive You with joy and gladness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, many people in this world are in captivity. In Your infinite wisdom, liberate those who are held by evil and unjust people and systems. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, raise up faithful leaders who are committed to liberty and justice. Oppose all those who would use others for their own ambition and pride. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help, hope, and freedom among Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Look, 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: Dear heavenly Father, send Your servants to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel message of freedom, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son's death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *Philippians 4:4*

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..... **“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”****[LSB 660]**

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

WE EXIT TO SERVE

If this service moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with Pastor after the service.

