

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Division and Perfect Peace”



5:30PM — August 17, 2019
8:00AM — August 18, 2019

THOSE WHO SERVE US

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| Each Member of St. John's | A Minister |
| Worship Leader..... | Rev. Gary Fortkamp |
| Mrs. Sandy Esker..... | Preschool Director |
| Mrs. Jerry Starner | Organist |
| St. John's Praise Band..... | 10:30AM |
| Mrs. Amy Kohnert | Song Leader |
| Mr. Dave Wall | 5:30PM Elder on Duty |
| Sophia Jansen | 5:30PM Acolyte |
| Mr. Chris Niebrugge..... | 8AM Elder on Duty |
| Makenna Duckwitz..... | 8AM Acolyte |
| Mr. Jim Schroeder..... | 10:30AM Elder on Duty |
| Aiden Hanks | 10:30AM Acolyte |
| Mr. Jeff Stremming.....(217-821-3891) | Elder on Duty for August 19 – 23, 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 “By faith . . .” With these words the writer to the Hebrews describes the manner of life of the saints of old. The writer records that “by faith” God’s people did things. They did not just believe stuff—they acted! This echoes James who challenges us, “Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works” (James 2:18). Life is changing all around us. Entrusting our life and will to the care of the founder and perfecter of our faith, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, God’s people act . . . by faith.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN.....“*How Great Thou Art*”..... **[LSB 801]**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: My soul longs for Your salvation;
People: **I hope in Your word.**

Pastor: My eyes long for Your promise;
People: **I ask, “When will You comfort me?”**

Pastor: In Your steadfast love give me life,
People: **that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Loving God,
People: **we confess our alienation from You both by nature and by choice. Help us to know and believe how much You love us. Let us abide in Your love even as You abide in us always. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.**

Pastor: Our dear Holy Trinity in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I 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 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, whose Word is like fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ, who is the founder and perfecter of our faith,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord, who kindles a fire of love among all the peoples of the earth,

People: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”.....(LSB 805)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Loving God, You have kindled the fire of Your love among all the peoples of the earth. Grant that we who walk by faith in Jesus be kept by His peace in the midst of every tribulation and conflict with our fellow human beings; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Jeremiah 23:16-29
(Ignoring false prophets, we listen to God's Word.)

¹⁶This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷They keep saying to those who despise me, 'The LORD says: You will have peace.' And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts they say, 'No harm will come to you.'

¹⁸But which of them has stood in the council of the LORD to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word?

¹⁹See, the storm of the LORD will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly. ²¹I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds. ²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you His saints,
for those who fear Him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE.....Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3
(The people of God living by faith)

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. ²³ By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. ²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. ³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect..

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

Alleluia. Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 12:49 – 53 (54 - 56)**

Following Jesus is not always an easy thing to do – just like He faced the cross, so we too must bear our crosses and follow him. Let us not settle for a false peace with those who would have us deny Jesus as Lord of our lives. Being united with Christ means belonging with Him and being separate from seeking the things of this world, whether that is material things or relationships. Our primary relationship must be Christ. When we put other things before Him, even religion, we lose our ability to see clearly and understand what God is doing in our lives and in our world.

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

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

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**.....**[LSB 655]**

SERMON.....**“Be Still and Know That I Am God”****Psalm 46-10a**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”[LSB 782; vs 1]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

For faith to act in love and service to people, as we follow Jesus through the seasons and changes of life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For peace in the midst of conflict rather than freedom from it, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For kind pastors who speak the peace Jesus embodied through the Law and the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who hold positions of public trust in this and every land that all people may live in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the healing of the sick and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the good of all who partake this day of the Holy Supper of Jesus’ body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For life eternal under God’s reign with all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.**

HYMN..... *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”* **[LSB 740]**

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.