

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
ST. JOHN'S EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL**

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and Proclaiming!**

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***ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***  
**“Will Those Who Are Saved Be Few?”**



**5:30PM — August 24, 2019  
8:00AM — August 25, 2019**

**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Gary Fortkamp .....	Worship Leader
Mrs. Sandy Esker .....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	5:30 PM Organist
Miss Coralin Ohnesorge .....	8:00 AM Organist (Communion hymns)
Miss Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall .....	5:30 PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Aiden Hanks .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	Elder on Duty for August 26 - 30, 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** How often don't we find ourselves exactly where the disciples were: Will those who are saved be few? After all, the Church seems increasingly isolated, the culture increasingly secular, and the barriers to mission increasingly greater. Jesus insists that no one whom the Father has appointed will be lost. That is our comfort. Not all who claim to belong to the Lord are His. That is the reality. The last will be first and many will come from east, west, north, and south to recline at the Lord's Table in the Kingdom. That is our faith. Numbers are God's to count. Trust in His Word is our foundation, and telling the good news of Christ is our calling.

**OPENING HYMN**..... *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"* .....**LSB 816**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Great is the steadfast love of the Lord toward us,

**People:** **and His faithfulness endures forever. Splendor and majesty are before Him, from this time forth and even forevermore.**

**Pastor:** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

**People:** **call upon Me in the day of trouble, says the Lord, and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**

*A time for silent reflection*

**Pastor:** Holy and gracious God,

**People:** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace.**

**Pastor:** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

**Pastor:** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

**INTROIT** *Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

**KYRIE** *(p. 204 in hymnal)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**.....*"Gloria in Exelsis"*..... [LSB, p. 204]

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**People: Amen**

## **✠ WORD ✠**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Psalm 50:1-15**

*As the song says, our God is an awesome God. He is perfect and mighty. And he has called us by name to be His people. What God requires of His people is follow-through and gratitude, not sacrifice or the pretense of martyrdom. There is nothing we could offer God that is not already His – and this is not what He wants from us anyway. He desires for us to faithfully live for Him (as we have committed ourselves to do), to give Him thanks and praise for what He has done for us, and to call on Him when we are in need of help.*

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup> “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!” <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah* <sup>7</sup> “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. <sup>8</sup> Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds <sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. <sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. <sup>12</sup> “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. <sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? <sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, <sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

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 ..... Hebrews 12:4-24**

*The author of Hebrews brilliantly reminds us that our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ has brought us to the heart of God's kingdom – Mount Zion. We no longer require earthly facsimiles like Mount Carmel to give us a glimpse of this Kingdom, which was still so glorious with God's presence that humans could barely stand to go near it. As we submit to the voice of God in reverent worship and service, as we are made perfect through the refiner's fire of His presence and his loving discipline, we stand with Him in an eternal unshakeable place of worship – the city of the living God.*

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." <sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. <sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,<sup>23</sup> and to the assembly<sup>[a]</sup> of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE (P. 205 – Alleluia and Verse)**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 13:22-30**

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

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

*To strive in the Greek is “AGONIZOMAI,” from which we derive the word “AGONY,” and it means to contend with adversaries; to enter into a contest. To contend with difficulties and in dangers; to compete for a prize; to endeavor with strenuous zeal. It simply means to make or exert an effort with earnestness. We are all contenders in our individual lives of faith – so we “strive” or exert a wholehearted effort to obtain this eternal reward. To enter into the narrow gate, we have to surrender everything to God. We must let go of any extra baggage that hinders our entrance to the door of life.*

<sup>22</sup> He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup> “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup> But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLE CREED..... (as found on the back page of the hymnal)**

**SERMON HYMN ..... “Amazing Grace”.....LSB 744**

**SERMON..... “Safe or You’re Out”.....Luke 13:22-30**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY.....“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”.....LSB 805**

**BACKPACK BLESSING**

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: With You nothing is impossible and the surprise of Your sufficient grace calls us to offer You the prayer and petitions of our hearts, O Lord, to whom we pray.

That the Lord call His elect from all nations and all peoples until the number is complete and the work of Christ is complete and gather us into His eternal presence around His throne of grace, to behold His glory and sing His praise forevermore, let us pray the Lord.

People: **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we hear His call to labor in His vineyard, supplying missionaries and church workers to speak His Word here and everywhere and that we well supply them with the tools and resources to accomplish this work, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we be good citizens and good neighbors and that those who lead us serve ably and well, for the benefit of all but especially for the protection of the weak, for equal justice before the law, and for the promotion of virtue, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we extend God's care to those in any need, including those seeking employment, those struggling with disability, and the poor, and that we well supply those in need with the abundant resources God has entrusted into our care, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we enjoy the gift of peace, an end to conflict and strife, safety from violence, protection against natural disaster, and an end to fear by trusting in the Lord for all things, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we come to the Lord's Table with clean hearts, recognizing and rejoicing to receive His flesh and blood to forgive our sins, to strengthen our faith, and to equip us for the service of love in His name, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear the prayers of Your people.**

*Local prayers and petitions may be added.*

Pastor: That the hurting find relief, the sick healing, the dying hope, the grieving comfort, and the mentally ill peace, especially those who have requested our prayers, [*including . . .*], that all those who cry to the Lord receive grace sufficient to their need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: That we remember with thanksgiving those who died in the Lord and now rest from their labors and that we be kept holy and blameless until that day when the last shall be first and we shall see the Lord face-to-face, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear the prayers of Your people.**

Pastor: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

**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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Pastor: **SANCTUS** *(p.208 in hymnal)*

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from Your tender mercy You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption; by the one oblation of Himself once offered He made there a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and in His Holy Gospel He instituted and commanded us to celebrate a perpetual remembrance of His precious death until He comes again.

Therefore, O Lord, heavenly Father, according to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, we Your humble servants celebrate and make here before Your divine majesty, with these Your holy gifts, the commemoration Your Son has willed us to make; remembering His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and His promise to come again. We give You most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits He has procured for us.

And though we are unworthy, because of our many sins, yet we beseech You to hear our prayers. Grant that our supplications may by the ministry of the holy angels be brought to Your holy tabernacle, before the sight of Your divine majesty, not weighing our merits, but freely pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: 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. 210 in hymnal*)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**.....*"Draw Now and Take the Body of the Lord".....LSB 637*

*"O Worship the King".....LSB 804*

*"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us".....LSB 851*

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** ..... (*P. 211 in hymnal*)

### **POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of mercy, You have promised that Your Word will not return empty but will accomplish Your purpose. Secure our hearts in this confidence so that we may be free from anxiety to rejoice in our own salvation and to joyfully proclaim the good news of our Savior to all people; 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**..... *"Take My Life and Let It Be".....(LSB 784)*

### **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.***