

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

“Restoration for Runaways”

5:30PM — September 7, 2019
8:00AM — September 8, 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
Holly Hulskotter	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming	8AM Elder on Duty
A. J. Radloff	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Elena Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	Elder on Duty for 9 - 13, 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

YOU are important to us
in our worship

in our study
in our fellowship
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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 Short yet powerful is a fitting description for the impact of Paul’s Letter to Philemon, which is today’s Epistle. Interwoven with the

story of Paul's appeal to a slave owner, Philemon, on behalf of a repentant runaway, Onesimus, is the powerful display of Christ's work of redemption for all who seek restoration in broken relationships. As we gather before the throne of the Lord this day, we are restored in the presence of our Savior and through the fellowship of His Table. For we, like Onesimus, are all repentant runaways when we turn to our Master, Jesus, and confess our guilt before Him. And we, like Onesimus, are all restored brothers and sisters in Christ when we both receive from Him and share with others the good news of His forgiveness.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by Dave & Kathy Wall in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary on September 7.

THE CENTER ARRANGEMENT is placed to the glory of God in honor of Joanna Goldstein's baptism by her grandparents, Neal & Sarah Mellendorf

BAPTISM (10:30 SERVICE).....JOANNA JEAN GOLDSTEIN
BORN: July 28, 2019
PARENTS: LUKE & MELISSA (MELLENDORF) GOLDSTEIN
WITNESSES: Shelly Beckman
Jessica Goldstein

OPENING HYMN..... "All People That on Earth Do Dwell".....LSB 791

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: By God's grace and peace, let us receive "the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father in heaven, in Your mercy You call us to turn from our sinful ways and live.
People: We confess that we have run away from Your presence. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have turned our backs on Your love. Forgive us, Father. Draw us again to the cross of Your Son that we may be restored in our relationship with You.

Pastor: Father, hear now the silent prayers of confession that we bring before You.
In a time of silence, we bring our sins to Jesus, our Savior.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are promised redemption and restoration in the presence of our Father, who hears your prayers, and for the sake of His

Son, forgives you all your sins. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 119:288-32; antiphon: v. 27*

Pastor: Make me understand the way of Your precepts,

People: and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.

Pastor: My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word!

People: Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me Your law!

Pastor: I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

People: I set Your just decrees before me.

Pastor: I cling to Your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame!

People: I will run in the way of Your commandments when You enlarge my heart!

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: Make me understand the way of Your precepts,

People: and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.

KYRIE.....LSB 204

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Gloria in Excelesis”.....(Pg 204 in hymnal)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all, even though we have run away from Your presence. Grant that we, restored into the fellowship of Your family, share with others the forgiveness we from Your hand receive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Israelites had a choice to make: choose life or choose death. To choose life meant to walk in obedience to the Lord’s commands and incur His blessings; to choose death meant to turn away from God to false gods and to face destruction.

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE **Philemon 1-21**

While Paul was in prison, he penned a letter to Philemon and the church that met in his home commending them for their love, encouragement, and faith. He also informed them that he was sending his beloved Onesimus to join them as a fellow brother rather than a slave.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— ² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. ⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything,

charge it to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Galatians 6:14

Pastor: Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:25-35

As Jesus was traveling with large crowds, He expressed the weight of being one of His disciples. A follower of Jesus gives up his or her life to live like Jesus to others and wholeheartedly for Jesus.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ ³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

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 “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”.....LSB 661

SERMON..... “Count the Cost”.....Luke 14:25-35

OFFERING/OFFERTORY..... “Gracious God You Send Great Blessings”.....LSB 782 v. 1

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Paul writes, "I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints." United in love and faith, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach into every corner of our broken world, that all who are running away from our heavenly Father turn from the path that leads to destruction, and by the Holy Spirit turn to Jesus for redemption and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, strengthen us to turn to You in repentance and faith.

Pastor: For all those within the Church of Jesus, both clergy and laity, that we join as one to share the restoring word of Jesus with those we are sent to serve, embodying the spirit of Paul's words to Philemon that "the sharing of [our] faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us," let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, grant that we know all the good things that come to us as we share Your Word.

Pastor: For all those who seek restoration with others, that the message of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation not only be received in humble faith, but also shared within the relationships we have, knowing that every one of us is dependent upon Christ's mercy and love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, help us to extend to others the mercy we receive from You.

Pastor: For all who labor in positions of service and leadership in our country, state, and local community, including the members of the armed forces, that they know the constant protection of our gracious God and joyfully serve others in the vocations they have been given, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for serving us through the lives of others.

Pastor: For all who are broken in heart, body, mind, and relationship, including those who are shut-in, hospitalized, in care centers, awaiting surgery, and recovering from medical procedures, [especially . . .], that the Lord would refresh the hearts of His saints and work mightily for their good, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, grant healing and refreshment to all for whom we pray.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

✠ 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, for the blessings You freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for the redemptive love shown to us when You sent Your one and only Son into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, handing Him over to death that we might not die eternally. All who have run away from Your presence are welcomed anew into Your arms of mercy through the restoring work of Jesus Christ. 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.208 in hymnal)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross the source of restoration for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the saving work of Jesus, by which we are restored as those who once had run away from You but now return to You in repentance and faith. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI.....(p. 210 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS..... “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”.....LSB 609

“By Grace I’m Saved”.....LSB 566

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE(P. 211 in hymnal)

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have restored, renewed, and refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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: Grace go with you and peace flow through you, for they are gifts from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: By God’s grace and peace, we have been blessed with “the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”

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 \times give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Lead Thou On”.....LSB 718

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.