

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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"Pray Always and Do Not Lose Heart"



October 19 and 20, 2019

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Mike Burdick	Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Ms. Linda White	Organist
Mr. Brent Budde	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Howard Janis	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Ziegler	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Kylie Lamb	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling 217-246-8667...	Elder on Duty for October 21-October 25, 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.

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 the 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 Have been given to the glory of God by Tony and Karine (Tappendorf) Castillo on their wedding day, October 19th.

ALTAR CENTERPIECE Has been given to the glory of God in honor of Kris and Molly Lipe's 5th wedding anniversary on October 19th.

5:30 PM & 8:00 AM SERVICES

AS WE GATHER The last lines of today's Gospel offer us a sober and haunting question: When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth? The problem does not lie with a God who wavers in His love for us but with our own fickle hearts, our doubts and fears. Today the Lord calls us to persist in the faith and to endure the struggles and sorrows of this life with confidence that God is for us. As we look up to the cross that adorns our sanctuary, we see there the unmistakable sign of God's love, affection, and saving will. Therefore, we will pray with confidence and will not lose heart, for the Lord will keep His promises.

OPENING HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [LSB 770]

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:00 Service)(p. 268 in hymnal)

.....**AINSLEY CATHERINE JEFFRIES**

.....**BORN: June 6, 2019**

.....**PARENTS: Brad & Laura Jeffries**

.....**SPONSORS : Meredith Jeffries and Chad Westjohn**

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Remember Your people, which You have purchased of old,

People: which You have redeemed to be the people of Your heritage.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 me, O Lord, according to Your mercy and steadfast love and restore me that I may rest in Your peace.

Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

RESPONSE “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” [LSB 601]

☩ WORD ☩

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; 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 Genesis 32:22–30
(I will not let You go until You bless me.)

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 121*

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

² **My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ **Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

EPISTLE READING *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*
(Continue in what you have learned and believed.)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

⁴ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:1-8*
(Always pray and do not lose heart.)

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

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

¹⁸ And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Come, My Soul, With Every Care" [LSB 779]*

SERMON *"Let Us Pray" Luke 18:1-8*

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord has urged us to be persistent in prayer on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need, and He has promised to answer, so let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son encouraged us to be diligent in prayer, and Paul called on us to pray without ceasing. Hear the prayers of Your people for the sake of Your Son, and grant Your blessing to all who come before You on bended knee. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You hold accountable all those who govern and lead Your people. Bless, guide, and instruct our president, Congress, governor, and all in authority that they govern according to Your will and purpose for the cause of peace among the nations, for the common good of all, for our protection against our enemies, and for the promotion of virtue and the punishment of evil. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, Your Word is the lamp to our feet and the light to our path. Bless those who gather to teach and learn Your Word, especially our Sunday School, catechism classes, and Bible studies, that we show ourselves wise and faithful sons and daughters who delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You carry the burdens of us all in Your Son, who was wounded for our transgressions. In your time and way, deliver the sick from illness, the suffering from their pain, the troubled from their distress, and the dying from fear, [*especially . . .*]. Give us courage and strength in our afflictions that we trust in Your promise and await Your promised healing with patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You give us all things and have made us managers of Your great creation. Bless the earth that its fruitfulness supply all that we need, and bless our stewardship of the land that we not squander what You have given. Bless our hearts that we learn generosity and return to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You know our frailty and our weakness, that we do not always know how to pray or what to pray for, so grant us all things good and profitable for our salvation. Deliver us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom all glory, honor, and worship are Yours, holy Father, in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**People: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” [LSB 924]*



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.