

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 service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-PROPER 27

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev Mike Burdick	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Jim Schroeder	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming	8AM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728	Elder on Duty for Nov. 11, - Nov 15, 2019
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Adopted Chatelain School	Haiti
Mrs. Julie Scott	(343-3047) Prayer Chain Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

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!

AS WE GATHER

Only a few Israelites in Moses' time remembered the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the meantime, they were languishing in their servitude. But God had plans for their freedom; He would take them to a land of milk and honey. The Church after Jesus' ascension was impatiently awaiting His return. In the meantime, they had to deal with a pagan society and even false teachings within their group. But our Lord's promise to return is sure, validated by His resurrection from the dead. For those who have gone before us, the meantime is over; they live to God in eternity. In the meantime, those sure promises of gracious blessings in eternity and our Lord's presence with us now carry us through to the day when we join them around the throne. Meanwhile, today is another day on which to join the psalmist and praise the name of the Lord.

+ PREPARATION +

BELLS

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN **"The Lord, My God Be Praised" #794**

INVOCATION

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

People: **the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,**

Pastor: who has surely seen the affliction of His people,

People: **who has come down to deliver them,**

Pastor: whose name is I AM WHO I AM,

People: **who is to be remembered throughout all generations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: When God called out to Moses from the burning bush, Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

People: We, having sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and deeds, **cannot come into God's presence as we are, helpless in our fallen sinful condition. Forgive us, almighty Creator.**

Pastor: When God promised Moses that he would serve Him on Mount Horeb, Moses asked to know the name of God.

People: **And we, who bear the name of God from our Baptism, have failed to reflect His grace, love, and mercy in our daily living. Forgive us, gracious Savior.**

Pastor: When God told him to go Pharaoh, Moses could only say, "Who am I that I should go?"

People: **We have put our personal desires ahead of God and the people around us. Forgive us, strengthening Spirit.**

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

Pastor: God promised Moses that he and the Israelites, freed from slavery in Egypt, would worship on that mountain. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we have been freed from our sins. God now graciously invites us to worship Him here in time and hereafter in eternity. 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

Pastor: For the peace that comes from knowing the grace of God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the great I AM, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace in realizing that we have been freed from slavery in sin to look toward the promised land of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace and assurance that God calls us to work for Him and promises to accompany us to accomplish His will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity.

People: **Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence;**

Pastor: 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

Exodus 3:1–15

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But I will be with you, and this

shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE.....2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

(Although evil will be a part of history until the Last Day, Jesus’ return and our salvation are certain.)

² Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴ To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BELL CHOIR 8am & 10:30 am.....“All Glory Laud And Honor”

HOLY GOSPEL..... *Luke 20:27–40*
(*Those who die in faith remain alive in God's presence.*)

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

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

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸ and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the second ³¹ and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴ And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds [LSB 524]

SERMON.....“WHO AM I”Rev.Gary Fortkamp

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR VETERANS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the faith and for all people in their various circumstances.

Eternal Lord, You sent Moses to Pharaoh, giving him Your name and promising to go with him. Now You send us out into the world with Your name upon us from our Baptism and Your gracious presence going with us. Use us, we pray, and work through us to accomplish Your gracious will. Confident that You accompany us,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You saw the afflictions of Your people in Egypt. Look on all who are oppressed by harsh governments, denied their human rights by corrupt courts, or cast aside by uncaring cultures. Visit, relieve, strengthen,

and free them to worship You in peace and joy. Knowing Your answers are better than our prayers,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, You knew the sufferings of the Israelites in Moses' day. Listen to all who are struggling with illnesses of body, mind, or spirit, [*including . . .*], and guide those who seek to meet their various needs. Anticipating the contentment and health that await them in Your gracious plans,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, hear the prayers of all displaced from their homes or seeking asylum in foreign lands, and protect all who work for order within societies and peace across borders. Confident that You can bring good out of every circumstance,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Lord of the nations, Pharaoh did not know You in Moses' day, and today whole nations have not heard our Savior's name. Open doors of opportunity for lay and clergy leaders so that the Gospel may be proclaimed. Trusting that growth will come to the Church by Your will,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Your people have awaited Your return since Your ascension. During this time when lawlessness and rebellion are rampant in this fallen world, give us comfort and hope, protection and encouragement. Looking forward to joining those who have gone before and now live in Your presence,

People: we praise the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS

✠ 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 out of love for His fallen creation humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has called us as His instruments, promised to accompany us each day, and given us life everlasting. 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)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given You only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. During His life in time and space, He was obedient in our stead and died for our sins, thereby destroying death and assuring us that eternal life awaits us in the resurrection. We give thanks for His redemption and ask that by Your Holy Spirit we faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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 \times body, which is given for you. This does 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 does, 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 *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (p 210) *in hymnal*)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS.....At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing.” #633
“O Savior, Precious Savior.” # 527

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS (p. 211 *in hymnal*)

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father All glory to the Son
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood.

People: Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;

Pastor: 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.

HYMN “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” **LSB 917**

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.