

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.

Those Who Serve Us

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| Each Member of St. John's | A Minister |
| Rev. Mike Burdick..... | Pastor |
| Rev. Gary Fortkamp | Visitation Pastor |
| Mrs. Sandy Esker | Preschool Director |
| Ms. Jerry Starner | Organist |
| Mrs. Meghan Wahl..... | Song Leader |
| St. John's Praise Band | 10:30AM Music |
| Mr. Jim Schroeder | 4:00 PM Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Jeff Stremming..... | 5:30PM Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Chris Niebrugge..... | 8AM Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Jeff Weis | 10:30AM Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Jeff Weis 217-246-3963..... | Elder on Duty for Sept. 7 – Sept. 11, 2020 |
| Chatelain School & Baja School | Our Schools for feeding in Haiti |
| Mrs. Julie Scott | (217-343-3047) Prayer Partner 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.

Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

Offerings and Attendance Cards can be placed in the boxes at the doors.

*"5th Sunday Offering" (from last week) in support of our **Food Pantry** can be placed in the specially marked receptacles at the West and North doors.*

Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in honor of Beulah Ziegler's birthday by her children and grandchildren.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics.

"King Of My Heart"

Preservice #1

*I'm in a war every minute
I know for sure I'll never win it
I am David up against Goliath
And it's a fight for my attention
I'm being pulled every direction
This world tells me trust what I can see
Lord, won't You help me believe what I believe

You are bigger than any battle I'm facing
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me
Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart / The King of my heart, heart

All by myself I fall to pieces
But You are strong when I am weakest
I feel Your kingdom come alive in me
My feet are bruised but they'll follow where You lead

You are bigger than any battle I'm facing
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me
Jesus, You are, You are
The King of my heart, heart / The King of my heart, heart

Your love is deeper than the ocean
You wash away my brokenness
Your arms are always open
Come and rule in me, Come and be my king

You are bigger than any battle I'm facing
You are better than anything I've been chasing
Savior and royalty, the only hope in me
Jesus, You are, You are

The King of my heart, heart; The King of my heart, heart
You're the King of my heart, heart
The King of my heart, heart; You're the King of my heart, heart*

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"Goodness Love and Mercy"

Preservice #2

*Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You comfort me*

*Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
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Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go*

*Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You comfort me*

*Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go*

*I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever*

*Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go*

"Goodness Love And Mercy" written by Bear Rinehart, Bo Rinehart, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash© 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon Scripture Reference: Psalm 23:6CCLI Song: 7117450CCLI License: 51072

Bells

Prelude (4:00, 5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

#902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place; We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

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"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Opening Song

*Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come*

*One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly know You now*

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"Come, Now Is The Time To Worship" written by Brian Doerksen 1998 Vineyard Songs Scripture Reference: Phil 2:6-11 CCLI Song: 2430948 CCLI License: 51072

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (4:00, 5:30, & 8:00)

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P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 1

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.

P You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C 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.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C: whose sin is covered.

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to

avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Blessing of the Sunday School Staff (8:00 & 10:30)

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man

came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

#966 Before You, Lord, We Bow *sts. 1–2, 4–5*

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| 1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above And rules the world below, Boundless in pow’r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! | 4 Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified. |
| 2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land— Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay. | 5 And when in pow’r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav’n’s high King Salvation’s song! |

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“Holy Spirit”

Sermon Song

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit breath new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.*

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Sermon

“Faithful Obedience”

Romans 13:1-10

Prayer of the Church

“...Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**”

Lord’s Prayer

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C 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.

Catechism Review: Evening Prayer

In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.

Benediction

#686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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| 1 | Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove. | 3 | Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. |
| 2 | Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood. | 4 | Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day. <small>Text: Public domain</small> |

“All The People Said Amen”

*You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need*

*And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen*

*If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His Son to save us all*

*And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God*

*And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen*

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