

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

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. Kiley Bohnhoff	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM Music
Mr. Todd Zeigler	4:00 PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jake Wendling.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Lilli Wernsing	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135	Elder on Duty for Sept. 14 – Sept. 18, 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.

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*" 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 our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving by the family of Eileen Wall in celebration of her 80th birthday on September 16th.

Altar Centerpiece is from the Grandparents of Finley Kevin VanBlaricum, rejoicing in his baptism.



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

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Preservice #1

*Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name*

*Every blessing you pour out,
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say...
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

*Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering*

*Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name*

*Every blessing you pour out,
I turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say...
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, Blessed be your name*

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

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“Brothers and Sisters In Christ”

Preservice #2

*Sing Alleluia! Amen!
Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing
to our Lord God, our Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace.
We are gathered as friends in this place.*

*Chorus:
And assembled as one,
in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands,
Celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord,
All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*Man walked alone and in need,
Without faith, hope or promise or creed;*

Bells

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

Welcome

601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord’s salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ’s redemption they shall
stand
Among the glorious, heav’nly band
Of ev’ry tribe and nation.

“Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord”

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You*

*Wandering aimlessly lost
unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in His mercy would save
All His people from death and the grave.*

Chorus

*Lord, teach us how to proclaim
All Your goodness, Your love and Your
name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive,
and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song,
Help us tell all the world we belong.*

Chorus

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2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus’ blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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Opening Song

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You*

*To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You*

*Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You*

*Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You*

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5:30pm Service: **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Finley Kevin VanBlaricum**
Son of Troy and Lindsay VanBlaricum. Witnesses: Steven & Kelley Francis

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

P Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

#805 The Doxology (4:00, 5:30, & 8:00)

- 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴*Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another?* It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If

we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,

³who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your dis- eases,

⁴who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works righteousness

and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,

his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,

nor will he keep his anger for- ever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

843 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (alternate tune: “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” #673)

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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“The Faithful Love Of Jesus”

Sermon Song

*There are arms that we can lean into
That always will receive us
An endless wealth of living truth
The faithful love of Jesus*

*The light that moves
The hand that heals
The voice that speaks
The hope that's real*

*I pray you'll know the love of God
The love that never leaves us
The height the depth the width the breadth
The faithful love of Jesus*

*The light that moves
The hand that heals
The voice that speaks
The hope that's real*

*Beneath our broken hearts and wounds
Where no one else can reach us
He finds a way to heal us through
The faithful love of Jesus*

*I pray you'll know the love of God
The love that never leaves us
The height the depth the width the breadth
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The faithful love of Jesus*

*I pray you'll know the love of God
The love that never leaves us
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Sermon

“God’s Greater Story”

Romans 14:1-12

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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 a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. 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.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei (4:00, 5:30 & 8:00)

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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

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"Feed Us Now"

Communion Song

*Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know Your love a-new; We hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live within;
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.*

*Piece of bread, glass of wine; We receive from You
Your true body and true blood Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How Your mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.*

*God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you, On the bread that is true.*

*Thank You Lord for this gift, such a holy meal.
Only You can give us life; forgive all our sins.
Praises be to our God for the blessings here.
At Your altar Lord we say, "Praise be to our God"*

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, Your children, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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"Love The Lord"

Closing Song

*Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength*

*With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength*

*I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength*

*With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength*

*I will serve the Lord with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength*

*I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You (I will trust You)*

*With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength*

*I will love you Lord with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
I will love you Lord with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
I will love you Lord with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength*

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