

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Services: Sat. 5:30pm – Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am

October 3, 2021 - The 19th Sunday after Pentecost



We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom. They place offerings in the boxes at the North and West doors, or give through our online portal on our website.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card (located in the pew) and to place them in the boxes at the North and West doors. Thank you!**

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's.....	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller.....	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30am Music
Lilli Wernsing, Ethel Stuckemeyer, Eva & Reese Wendling.....	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135.....	Elder on Duty for Oct. 4 – Oct. 8
Chatelain School & Baja School.....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins.....	Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott.....	(1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions.....	through our District and Synod

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LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SUNDAY

Order of Worship

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

"Overcomer"

Preservice #1

*Staring at a stop sign
Watching people drive by
T Mac on the radio
Got so much on your mind
Nothing's really going right
Looking for a ray of hope*

*Whatever it is you may be going through
I know He's not gonna let it get the best of you*

*[Chorus:]
You're an overcomer
Stay in the fight 'til the final round
You're not going under
'Cause God is holding you right now
You might be down for a moment
Feeling like it's hopeless
That's when He reminds You
That you're an overcomer
You're an overcomer*

*Everybody's been down
Hit the bottom, hit the ground
Ooh, you're not alone
Just take a breath, don't forget
Hang on to His promises
He wants You to know*

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Preservice #2

*There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling*

[Chorus]

*The same Man, the Great I am
The one who overcame death
He's living inside of You
So just hold tight, fix your eyes
On the one who holds your life
There's nothing He can't do
He's telling you*

*(Take a breath, don't forget
Hang on to His promises)*

[Chorus]

*You're an overcomer
You're an overcomer*

*So don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer
Don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer
Don't quit, don't give in, you're an overcomer
You're an overcomer*

"Overcomer" written by Ben Glover / Christopher Stevens / David Garcia© 2013 Ariose
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*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing (continued)*

*I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You see me through
And sing the songs You give*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

*I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And I fall down again*

"How Can I Keep From Singing" written by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman 2006
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Call to Worship

Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

Hymn #903

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made sts. 1–3

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne*

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?*

*I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

P 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.

Psalm 86:5–12

⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

⁷In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever!

Hymn #903

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made *sts. 4–5*

**4 Blessèd is He who comes to us
With messages of grace;
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us
To save our fallen race.**

**5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.**

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"Thy Word"

(10:30) **Opening Song**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near,

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me and yet,

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side,

and I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

And a light unto my path, You're the light unto my path.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:22–37

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you

shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. ³¹Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. ³²It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

³³“Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. ³⁴And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ ³⁶Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

³⁷“Thus says the Lord GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 51:1–2, 6, 10–12

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:18–22

¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Alleluia and Verse (*spoken*)

Alleluia!

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:28–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

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.

Hymn #700

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace*

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed*

*To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave*

*To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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*With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne*

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
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Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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Sermon

"Keep Loving One Another Earnestly"

1 Peter 4:8

Prayer of the Church

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.

LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn (5:30 & 8:00)

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Tune: LSB 662

1. “Serve the Lord with gladness!”

It is He alone

Who redeemed us sinners,

Guides us as His own

To enjoy the blessings

Of His love and grace,

Will at last in glory

Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name.

2. “Serve the Lord with gladness!”

He gave us command

To proclaim His Gospel

Now in every land

So that fellow sinners

May, like us, be blest.

Leading them to Jesus,

We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name!

3. “Serve the Lord with gladness!”

There’s no greater joy

Than to serve the Master,

Work in His employ.

As we build His kingdom

Angels, too, rejoice

Over every sinner

Brought to hear His voice.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name! --Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

“Sing Sing Sing”

(10:30) Closing Song

Sing, sing, sing

And make music with the heavens

We will sing, sing, sing

Grateful that You hear us

When we shout Your praise

Lift high the name of Jesus

What's not to love about You

Heaven and earth adore You

Kings and kingdoms bow down

Son of God

You are the One

You are the One

You are the love that frees us

You are the light that leads us

Like a fire burning

Son of God

You are the One

You are the One

We're living for

(continued)

*Sing, sing, sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing, sing, sing
Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus*

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Lift high the name*

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Postlude



Jaxson Pilcher is Baptized into Christ following our 5:30pm Service Saturday.
Welcome to the Lord's family, Jaxon!

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