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We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

*Hebrews 6:19*



## **St. John Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

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### **07/26/20 Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ!**

*We cordially welcome all who are worshiping with us this week.  
May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom  
to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.*

**VISITORS** – you are invited to share your names and addresses  
in our Guest Book in the entryway of the church.

**Services can be heard Sundays at 8:00am on 99.9 FM**

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### **St. John Calendar July 26 – August 2**

Sunday/26      8:00a      Worship

Sunday/2      8:00a      Communion

#### **St. John Office Hours**

Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 12:00-3:00pm

**Office will be closed August 3-7, secretary vacation**

*Bulletin information needed by Wednesdays at 12:00pm.*

### **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

A divine call was issued to the Rev. David Weirauch of Sidney, OH to serve St. John and Immanuel. The congregation approved this in the call meeting, voting to call the second recommended pastor, should the first recommended pastor decline the call. We continue with prayer and patience as this process advances. The congregations are blessed to be served by Pastor Riddle in the vacancy time.

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

## AS WE GATHER

Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN "God Himself Is Present"

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| <p><b>1 God Himself is present:</b><br/>Let us now adore Him<br/>And with awe appear before Him.<br/>God is in His temple;<br/>All within keep silence;<br/>Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.<br/>He alone<br/>On His throne<br/>Is our God and Savior;<br/>Praise His name forever!</p> | <p><b>3 Fount of ev'ry blessing,</b><br/>Purify my spirit,<br/>Trusting only in Your merit.<br/>Like the holy angels,<br/>Worshiping before You,<br/>May I ceaselessly adore You.<br/>Let Your will<br/>Ever still<br/>Rule Your Church terrestrial<br/>As the hosts celestial.</p> |
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- 2 God Himself is present:**  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy!"  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear  
To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Your Church now raises.

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name

**People:** and to those upright in heart.

Pastor: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

**People:** the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

*Silence for self-examination*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**People:** O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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 within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;  
**make known His deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
**tell of all His wondrous works!**

Glory in His holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Seek the LORD and His strength;  
**seek His presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that He has done,  
**His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,**

O offspring of Abraham, His servant,  
**children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;  
**make known His deeds among the peoples!**

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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** *Deuteronomy 7:6–9 (on back of bulletin)*

(Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**    *Romans 8:28–39 (on back of bulletin)*

(Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior.)

Pastor:            This is the Word of the Lord.

People:            **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**    *Matthew 13:35b*

Pastor:            Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

People:            **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation  
of the world. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Matthew 13:44–52 (on back of bulletin)*

(The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.)

Pastor:            The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the thirteenth chapter.

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

*(The Gospel is read.)*

Pastor:            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CREED**        *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✕ everlasting. Amen.**

**SERMON HYMN**    “The Church’s One Foundation”

- 1    **The Church’s one foundation  
      Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
      She is His new creation  
      By water and the Word.  
      From heav’n He came and sought her  
      To be His holy bride;  
      With His own blood He bought her,  
      And for her life He died.**
  
- 2    **Elect from ev’ry nation,  
      Yet one o’er all the earth;  
      Her charter of salvation:  
      One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
      One holy name she blesses,  
      Partakes one holy food,  
      And to one hope she presses  
      With ev’ry grace endued.**
  
- 3    **Though with a scornful wonder  
      The world sees her oppressed,  
      By schisms rent asunder,  
      By heresies distressed,  
      Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
      Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
      And soon the night of weeping  
      Shall be the morn of song.**
  
- 4    **Through toil and tribulation  
      And tumult of her war  
      She waits the consummation  
      Of peace forevermore  
      Till with the vision glorious  
      Her longing eyes are blest,  
      And the great Church victorious  
      Shall be the Church at rest.**
  
- 5    **Yet she on earth has union  
      With God, the Three in One,  
      And mystic sweet communion  
      With those whose rest is won.  
      O blessèd heav’nly chorus!  
      Lord, save us by Your grace  
      That we, like saints before us,  
      May see You face to face.**

Sermon Text: Romans 6:19-23

<sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.  
<sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **OFFERING**

*Offering baskets are available in the narthex.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord:

Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise. Grant to us faith that we may believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift. Grant that we with bold voice may make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Merciful God, You established Your Church and endowed her with Your Word and Your Sacraments. Bless all pastors and missionaries as they serve us in Your name with Your gifts and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves. Give us a generous heart that we may give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has also taught 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.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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.**



## **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING HYMN** “Jerusalem the Golden”

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest—  
The promise of salvation,  
The place of peace and rest—  
We know not, oh, we know not  
What joys await us there:  
The radiancy of glory,  
The bliss beyond compare!**
  
- 2 Within those walls of Zion  
Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels  
And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever with them;  
The daylight is serene;  
The city of the blessed  
Shines bright with glorious sheen.**
  
- 3 Around the throne of David,  
The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph  
To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader,  
Who conquered in the fight,  
Who won for them forever  
Their gleaming robes of white.**
  
- D 4 O sweet and blessed country,  
The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country  
That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us  
To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father  
And Spirit, ever blest.**

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## **Those Serving the Lord This Weekend**

Officiant: Pastor Randy Johnson,  
Congregation Mission & Ministries Facilitator,  
Michigan District-LCMS, North Zone

Organist: Paula Streich

Ushers: Braden Idalski & Josh Altman

## **Those Sharing Their Faith With Us, July 19**

Attendance: 37; Communed: 37

### **Offerings for July 19**

Current envelopes (Excel in Giving and loose plate): \$2193

**Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$3500**

Mission: \$241; General Fund Memorials: \$10

M & I: \$351; Radio Fund: \$10

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## **Mission Grant Highlight**

### **Hope & Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln: \$50,000**

The University Lutheran Chapel is a connection to the young students in the University of Lincoln, Nebraska, community and provides those in need with Christian counseling services in an easily accessible space. This grant has made the Hope and Healing Hub building more inviting, offers Christian counseling services through GracePoint Institute for Relational Health, and reaches students with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### **CALL FOR ST. JOHN AUCTION HELP**

The PTL Auction Committee would appreciate help rounding up donation requests from area businesses for the school's Facebook Live and Silent/Chance Auction to be held this fall. If you would like to volunteer, contact Monica by phone 766-8114 or text 989-474-4155.

## ***In Our Prayers the Week of July 26***

If you have a prayer request you would like included on our public prayer list or on our private prayer chain, make sure the person gives approval to be included on one or the other and then call or send the request to Pastor Riddle. You may also use the Prayer Request Form.

### **Shut-ins at Medilodge**

Marlin Thomas  
Geraldine Barr

### **Shut-ins Orchard Manor**

Shirley Wenzel

### **Shut-in Sally's Care**

Betty Rusch

### **Shut-in at Home**

Mark Bruning

### **Shut-ins Birch Lane Adult Foster Care**

Ralph Kreft  
Royce Grulke

### **Awaiting Heart Transplant**

Al Hincka (at home)

### **Recovering from Surgery**

Sue Wilson (jaw reconstruction)

### **Recovering Car Accident**

Jeffery Greives, nephew of Ruth Greives

### **Service Men & Women**

Alexa Quaine, Megan Quaine, Carissa Lantz  
Elizabeth Wickersham, Karl Daniels II

### **Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones**

Gina Elowsky and family in the loss of her mother, Bonita Smith  
Family of Lori Brege, daughter of the late Herb & Shirley Brege  
Terry & Cindy Bellmore in the loss of her father, Donald Pickett  
Rosemary Howell and family in the loss of her husband, Robert Howell  
Gary & Joan Nowak in the loss of their brother, Jim Nowak



### **Cancer Diagnosis & Surgery**

Corey Hentkowski has been diagnosed with a rare cancer.

He will go in to have a brain tumor removed on July 28.

Please pray the entire tumor is removed, so further treatment is unneeded. Also pray peace, trust, love and hope for the whole Hentkowski family.



## **ROCKY RAILWAY AT-HOME VBS**

is a combined project of St John, Immanuel and Peace

A few people are still needed to help with snacks  
and a simple craft for the take-home packets  
for the weeks of August 3 & 10

Please contact Pastor Riddle  
or Mary Jo Hein at 989-370-3549 ASAP

Rocky Railway At Home VBS Packet Pickup  
every Monday July 13 – August 17, 10-11 am  
in St. John Lutheran School Parking Lot  
(Available after at Renewed Blessings Resale)

Rocky Railway At-Home VBS is for Ages 3-10