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## *Ministry Sunday*

04 August 2019 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome!** We are delighted you chose to spend this time here today. We are a Christ-centered fellowship of believers from many backgrounds and from all ages. We want to make a difference in our world by sharing the message of God's love with as many people as possible.

We *love* to have **Children** with us in the pews for worship. Our children's activity bags in the entryway have activities that can help them. We love babies in worship too because our Savior said, "Let the little children come to me." When babies need to cry loudly, the **Parent's Room** (just outside our worship area) is a good place for them to let it all out. Then come back so we can all worship together.

If your **hearing aids** have T-Coils, set them to "on" and the service will be piped wirelessly to your ears.

We would love to stay in contact with you. You may fill out a ministry card, which you can find at the end of your pew. God bless your week. Come hear God's Word with us again!

Members: please note that the ministry cards are designed to serve some of your needs too.

**Pre-Worship Pondering:**

— E Margaret Clarkson

*So send I you to bind the bruised and broken,  
o'er wand'ring souls to work, to weep, to wake,  
to bear the burdens of a world a-weary—  
so send I you to suffer for My sake.*

*So send I you to loneliness and longing,  
with heart a-hung'ring for the loved and known,  
forsaking home and kindred, friend and dear one—  
so send I you to know My love alone.*

*So send I you to leave your life's ambition,  
to die to dear desire, self-will resign,  
to labor long and love where some revile you—  
so send I you to lose your life in Mine.*

*“As the Father has sent Me, so send I you.”*

## The Lord Serves His People

**Worship Theme**

*God Wants Us to Listen to His Word*

**Hymn**

#436 (stanzas 1-3)\*

**Invocation and Call to Worship** *{remain seated}*

Pastor: *In the name of the one true God—Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit.*

Congregation: *Amen! He is the One we worship.*

*P:* *There are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit.*

*C:* *There are different ministries, but the same Lord.*

*P:* *And there are different activities in God's kingdom, but the same God produces each gift in each person.* [see 1 Corinthians 12:4-7]

*C:* *Each person is given from God something to do so that everyone benefits.*

### **Instructions about the Call into the Public Ministry**

*P:* *Jesus wants His followers to spread the good news about the forgiveness of sins through His blood, for He said [Mark 16:15]:*

C: “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

P: *Sharing the gospel is the work of the people. The apostle Peter [2:9] is talking especially to the lay people of every congregation when he says:*

C: “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

P: *So when God called you to faith in Jesus, He authorized each of you believers as His priests to declare His praises, that is, to proclaim the gospel. You are part of the Priesthood of All Believers. Yet Jesus also instituted the Public Ministry of the Gospel and provided called workers, as explained in Ephesians [4:11-12].*

C: The ascended Christ “gave some to be . . . pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

P: *So the called workers are here to train up God’s people for ministry work because the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran belongs to the congregation.*

C: This ministry is ours. It came to us from Jesus Christ. “From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” [Ephesians 4:16]

P: *“Public Ministry” is representative ministry, carried out by pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and others, on behalf of and for the sake of fellow believers, fellow priests. The call to serve as a public minister is, in essence, an invitation to serve the church,*

C: *...on behalf of the church,*

P: *...by carrying out the tasks (ministry) the Lord gave to the church. The purpose of Public Ministry is the same as that of the Priesthood of All Believers; to make use of God’s Word and Holy Baptism and Holy Communion in such a way that sinners are called to sainthood and then strengthened in the faith and equipped to serve yet more souls. So Paul told [2] Timothy [2:2]:*

C: The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable believers who will also be qualified to teach others.

P: *Are the called workers to think of themselves as rulers over the church?* [Congregation remains silent while the next response is read by ... ]

**Called Workers (active and retired Pastors, Teachers, Staff Ministers):**

No. Jesus taught: “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” [Matthew 20:25-28].

P: *May the congregation think of their called workers as their slaves?*

**Congregation:** No. The Bible teaches us that we are to respect our called workers as representatives of Christ Himself. We are to listen to them and obey them. [see 1 Timothy 5:17; Luke 10:16; Hebrews 13:7,17; Mark 9:4]

P: *Are any of us permitted to thrust ourselves forward and take the Public Ministry on our own?*

C: “No one takes this honor upon themselves; they must be called by God” [see Hebrews 5:4].

P: *In the past God called people into Public Ministry directly. Today He calls people into Public Ministry through the church. Although such calls come through the church, they are still divine calls as Paul explained to the elders of Ephesus:*

C: “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers” [Acts 20:28].

**Confession & Absolution**

P: *O Lord, we have sinned against You.*

**Called Workers:** We haven’t always acted like servants to the people You put into our care.

**Congregation:** We haven't always loved and shown respect for the called workers You sent to us as gifts.

*P: Jesus taught us to think about the act of forgiving as using a key to unlock heaven. He said, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" [Matthew 18:18].*

**C:** May the unlocking key be used on us.

*P: Your sins are forgiven because Jesus died on the cross as full payment for all sins. God counts you as heirs of heaven for the sake of Jesus, your risen and ascended Savior.*

**C:** Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you [Psalm 116:7]. Amen.

## **Hymn of Praise**

#436 (stanzas 4-5)\*

4. Father, draw us to Your Son. We with joy will follow on till the work of grace is done, there to live with You.
5. We, in robes of glory dressed, join th' assembly of the blest, gathered to eternal rest in the fold with You.

## **Prayer of the Day**

*P: Lord Jesus, it would be awesome to have You as the teacher in every classroom and the pastor in every pulpit, but in Your wisdom You decided to work through some of our fellow believers, whom You have called into public ministry.*

**C:** Bless their work by giving us hearts that are quick to hear Your voice in their teaching so that we obey You through them, for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Children Sing**

First Song of Isaiah

### *Refrain*

Surely, it is God who saves me.  
I will trust in Him and not be afraid,  
for the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and He will be my Savior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, “Give thanks to the Lord!”  
and call upon His name.     **Refrain**
2. Make His deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that His name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things  
and this is known in all the world.     **Refrain**
3. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
For the great One in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.     **Refrain**

## Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. <sup>2</sup>One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

*P: The person who belongs to God listens to God's Word.*

**C: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.**

(John 8:47 and Luke 11:28)

## **Duet Sings**

## **This Is My Word**

As the snow falls from heaven, as it comes in swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word. As the rains bring the water, to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word.

### ***Refrain***

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;  
it will bless the earth wherever it is heard, This is my Word.

As the rains bring renewal, and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word. Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive, so is my Word. ***Refrain***

O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain, my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.

Proclaim the Word and you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace, and the hills will break before you into song.

So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you. And when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done! As the snow falls from heaven and the rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my Word!

## **Gospel**

Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup>As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" <sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

P: *You have heard the Gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise be to Christ!

## Hymn of the Day

#465 (from CW but with TLH arrangement)\*

### Sermon

Colossians 1:21-29

<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. <sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup>I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the Word of God in its fullness— <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. <sup>29</sup>To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

*I Have Become the Church's Servant*

### Choir Sings

Ready, Lord

1. Ready, Lord, I'm ready, Lord, to follow where You lead.  
Oh, show me, Lord, just show me, Lord, the service You will need.  
Ready, Lord, I'm ready, Lord, I'm ready, come what may,  
so call me, Lord, just call me, Lord, and I'll be on Your way.

2. Feed Your lambs, I'll feed Your lambs, and first of all with food;  
give them drink and comfort them and build their fortitude.  
Then I'll feed them with the Word You fed me with until  
they're ready, Lord, so ready, Lord, to go and do Your will.
3. More than words, yes, more than words I know You want from me.  
Moving, Lord, I'm moving, Lord, I'm moving eagerly.  
Take my heart and take my hands, my feet, my life, my all.  
I'm ready, Lord, so ready, Lord, to follow till I fall.
4. If today's my final day, my final day on earth,  
thank You, Lord, oh, thank You, Lord, for life, for breath, for birth.  
If this town is gonna be my final resting place,  
I'm ready, Lord, yes, ready, Lord, to meet You face to face.
5. Feed Your lambs, I'll feed Your lambs Your words of truth alone.  
Fill their hearts with saving faith and claim them as Your own.  
Let me feed them with the Word You fed me with until –  
They're ready, Lord, so ready, Lord, to go and do Your will.

## **Thank Offering**

### **Prayers 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.

## Prayer about God's Word

*P: Almighty God, thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



## Exhortation and Blessing

*P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with His favor and grant you His ✠ peace.*



## Hymn

#360\*

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## Memory Verse of the Month

John 15:16

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.”

## SERVING THE LORD AND US

July 28, 2019

**Preacher:** *Pastor Nathan Cordes 651-448-3559 KnowJesusBetter@StJohnsLakeCity.com*

**Organist:** *Lynn Schmidt*      **Greeter:** *Joanne Sievers and Miriam Holtan*

**Flower Committee for August:** *Phyllis Thiel and Bonnie Dwelle*

**Ushers:** *Dave Balow, Randy Hinck, Max Balow, Tom Balow*

### Our LES Teachers:

Mr. David Zabel, Principal, Gr. 6-8

Miss Katie Siverly, Gr. PK

Mrs. Denise Steffenhagen, Gr. K

Mrs. Jamie Fischer, Gr. PK

Mrs. Erin Achey, Gr. 1-2

Miss Molly Ring, Gr. 3-5

### Some of the Ways We Responded to Jesus' Love

Attendance last week

**Sunday Morning Worship – 202**

**Sunday Bible Class – 50 Men's Bible Class – 9**

**G.R.O.W – 9**

***We thank the Lord for moving us to give generously for the spread of God's Word!***

*Monthly financial reports are available on the information desk.*

**THANKS** to all who helped to make this day special for Miss Ring and for the members of St. John's. Our guest organist is Lynn Schmidt, longtime friend to Miss Ring and former teacher here at St. John's.

**BIRTHDAYS** this week are; Jolayne Johnson, JoAnn Burfeind, Nathan Cordes, Mary Harteneck, Fredrick Nibbe, Shelly Pilger, Gabriel Schulz, Lori Bremer, Yvonne Wohlers, Ralph Kackmann, Curt Meyer and Andy Rolph. If you want your birthday added to our list please contact the office Monday - Friday, 8 am - 3 pm at 345-3523 or email [office@stjohnslakecity.com](mailto:office@stjohnslakecity.com).

**Opportunities for Learning, Serving and Spending Time Together**  
**August 4, 2019 – August 11, 2019**

**Sunday – Ministry Sunday**

Celebrating Miss Ring's  
 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the  
 teaching ministry

- 9:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:30 AM Potluck Brunch and  
 presentation in our  
 Fellowship Hall

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Board of Elders

**Wednesday**

- 8:00 AM Teacher In-service
- 10:00 AM LC Care Center  
 Communion

**Thursday**

- 8:00 AM Teacher In-service
- 8:30 AM-4:30 PM RtW field trip:  
 SeaLife Aquarium
- 9:15 AM God Renewing Our  
Women
- 1:00 PM Pastor at Winkel
- 7:00 PM Bible Discovery Class

**Friday –**

- 8:00 AM Teacher In-service

**Saturday –**

**Sunday –**

- 9:00 AM Worship Service with  
 Communion
- 10:15 AM Adult and Teen Bible  
 Classes

**SHARING THE BOUNTY** - Is your garden producing more vegetables than you and your household can use? During the remaining growing season, tables will be placed at the church/school entrance for you to place excess produce to share with others. Thank you for sharing your bounty!