

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church & School**



**Preacher &
Liturgist:** Pr. Matthew Moss
Organist: Duane Esterly

Thanks to all who serve this week:

Altar Guild: Beth Giefer and LeAnn Cummins

Processional:

8:00 am: Crucifer~
Torchbearer~ Rolf Preus
Torchbearer~

10:30 am: Crucifer~
Torchbearer~
Torchbearer~

Worship Assistants:

8:00 am: Erik Preus
10:30 am: Todd Haag

Acolytes:

8:00 am: Jeremy Kappel & Zach Kappel
10:30 am: Ava Kanz & Bella Kanz

Ushers:

8:00 am: Dan Kolander, Floyd Lieske,
Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland

10:30 am: Dave Giefer, Ed Kemna,
David Kliche

Money Counters:

Scott Brockberg, Scott Kulberg,
Courtney Oakland, Deb Weinand

The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: [sung] Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: [sung] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed p. 191

Hymn of the Day: *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* LSB 497

Sermon: "The Spirit Proclaims the Name of Jesus" (John 14:23-31)

Offertory: *Create in Me* (Psalm 51:10-12) page 192

Offering: O Day Full of Grace (Gerike)

Prayer of the Church p. 193

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar pages 194-202

Please review our statements about who may commune, found at the top of the strip on the front page of this bulletin.

Distribution Hymn: *Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid* LSB 500

Distribution Hymn: *Come Down, O Love Divine* LSB 501

The *Nunc Dimittis* p. 199

Collect and Benediction p. 201-202

Closing Hymn: *O Day Full of Grace* LSB 503

Postlude: Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid (Flor Peeters)

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church and School
(LCMS)**

Est. 1864



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† The Feast of Pentecost †

June 9, 2019

Pre-Service Verse, Prayer, and Music for Personal Preparation and Reflection

Verse: Alleluia. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. (Ps. 104:30; Liturgical Text)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your blessed Word, that He may rule and guide us according to Your will, strengthen us in every trial, and lead us out of error and into all truth, that we may stand fast in faith and increase in love to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Prelude: Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord (Zachau)

The Divine Service

Processional Hymn: *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* LSB 913

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Introit *Ps. 68:1, 4 a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 68:3*
The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

The righteous | shall be glad.
They shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

**God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!**

**Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;*
exult be- | fore him!**

**The Lord | gives the word;*
behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.**

**Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;*
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his | people.**

[The “Glory be to the Father...” is sung from page 186]

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Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect of the Day

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual is omitted and the Verse is expanded for Pentecost.

The Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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† The Feast of Pentecost †

- *Since the Lord’s Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*
- *Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord’s Table.*
- *Members may prepare by reading Luther’s “Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament” (LSB 329-330).*

Divine Service, Setting III

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This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY		<i>Pentecost</i> ; Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study
	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
MON:		Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study
	7:00 pm:	Summer Evening Divine Service
TUES:		Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study
	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study
WED:		Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study
THUR:		Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study
	7:00 pm:	Deacons Council Meeting
FRI:		Pastor Moss Day Off
		Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study
SAT:		Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study
SUN:		<i>The Holy Trinity, New Member Sunday</i> (Fathers' Day)
	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
		Pr. Johnson Out-of-Town Study

Those Serving This Week, Monday, June 10th:

Worship Assistant: 7:00 pm:
Acolyte: 7:00 pm:

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, June 16th:

Altar Guild: Beth Giefer and LeAnn Cummins

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Kevin Pomeranke
10:30 am: Dean Noren

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Jeremy Kappel & Zach Kappel
10:30 am: Sam Say & Sawyer Say

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Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
10:30 am: Dave Giefer, Ed Kemna,
David Kliche

Money Counters: Randy Bredenberg, Cindy Kiekow,
Mike McFerrin, Nichole Schilling

Those Serving Next Week, Monday, June 17th:

Worship Assistant: 7:00 pm:
Acolyte: 7:00 pm:

† The Day of Pentecost †

June 9, 2019

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort—Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Robert Malwitz, Alvin Cook, Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish), Ilene Shepherd, Brigitte Miest, Raelene Fairchild, Diane Lawrence, Ed Kemna, Carol Eastbourne, and Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller (vice-president of the LCMS). Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Alvin Cook, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Virginia), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (South Carolina).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—the family of Ron Conley, Steve Orbin & family (at the loss of his mother Vonnie), Russ Reznecheck & family (at the loss of his mother Doris), Mark Franz & family (at the loss of his mother Joyce), Beth Giefer & family (at the loss of her father Lyle Boyd), Dick Rau & family (at the loss of his sister Helen Kalthoff), the family of Millie Schumacker [sister of Dorothy Cooper], Kristine Eversman & family (at the loss of her father Richard Wild), the family of Vivian Schutte, and the family of Bruce O'Hern.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones—the family of Audrey Bauermeister, Rick Foggia & family (at the loss of his mother Virginia), Shirley Holthus & family (at the loss of her sister, Sharon Berndt), and the family of Dorothy Cooper.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Bill Hillyer.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Kantor Dr. Crystal Rossow together with the Choir members and the Instrumentalists, and also for our Pre-K Teacher Brittany Strohschein.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available by individual appointment through the summer. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

FROM THE PASTORS:

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *June 11 (Tuesday)—St. Barnabas, Apostle* Old Testament= Isaiah 42:5-12; Psalm 112 (antiphon v. 1); Second Reading= Acts 11:19-30 & 13:1-3; Gospel= Mark 6:7-13; Hymn of the Day= LSB 837 (“Lift High the Cross”).



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Lutherans are “The Singing Church” and truly our hymns are filled with the mighty wonders God has done. During the summer of 2019 we will spend the Bible study hour discussing the Hymn of the Day for each week. Children are welcome and encouraged to join us so they too can learn the music, the text, and the message of Christ beautifully proclaimed in these hymns of ours.

June 9- Come, Holy Ghost, God & Lord by Martin Luther (LSB 497)

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: This week we **finish** 1st John/ begin The Minor Prophets [Joel]. Join us Tuesday in the Auxiliary Room at **9:00 am**. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John’s Facebook page.



MONDAY EVENING DIVINE SERVICES will continue to be offered each week throughout the summer (June, July, and August) at 7:00 pm. Please encourage your friends and family who work on Sunday mornings or travel on the weekends to make use of this additional opportunity to hear God’s Word and receive His gifts.



LCMS NATIONAL OFFERING FOR 2019-2021: **TODAY**, Sunday, June 9, 2019 (Pentecost) St. John’s will take a special door offering that will go towards the mission initiatives identified for the Synod’s next triennium. Over the next three years, the National “Joy to the World” Offering will turn your prayers and offerings into witnessing among new immigrants, reaching out and strengthening the faith of college students, empowering the missionaries of our partner churches, carrying the Gospel into spiritually abandoned urban areas, planting new churches in strategic locations both here and abroad, and more. Individual pamphlets and envelopes from the Synod will also be available if you wish to send a gift directly during the next triennium.



FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:



PASTORAL APPRECIATION: A heartfelt *Thank you* to Pastor Moss and Pastor Johnson who visited Dorothy Cooper daily last week. Your prayers and songs lifted her spirits and the family is grateful for such pastoral care.

FROM THE SECRETARIES:

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

“**LUTHERAN HOUR**” this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN’S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! 763-420-2426 Julie A.: secretary@stjlutheran.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. Ruth D.: secretary2@stjlutheran.org



**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
June 9 – June 15**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Annie Pace Sarah Pace Amy Schalo Michelle Tillmann	Leona Cook Michael Magnuson
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Gwen Phillips Erin Pruhs Jan Stadler	Patrick Dadd
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Arleen Barrett Kathy Hebert Isaac Vogt Samuel Vogt	Christian Burfeind Luke Hebert Drew Heisler
WEDNESDAY	
Glen Kothrade	

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

BOARD OF EDUCATION (Stu Glock, Dan Kolander):



JOB OPENING: St. John's Lutheran School is looking to hire an Extended School Program Director! ESP is a critical component of our school, and the director serves as a key leader working with our students, parents, faculty, and staff. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the position, simply go to <https://tinyurl.com/StJohnsJobs> and apply by June 15th. If you have any questions about the position or your application, contact Suzanne.Haag@stjlutheran.org.

BOARD OF PROPERTY & GROUNDS (Kevin Pomerence, Dan Holthus):

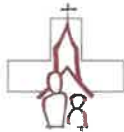
CONCRETE WORK: The concrete on the main lower level entrance is in need of repair. Please let us know if anyone has the expertise to help with this project.



WHITE BOARDS: We received free of charge over 20 white boards from another school. We need assistance mounting several of these around the school. Please let us know if you can help with this work.

FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:

CALLING ACTORS: Mayer CAST (Community Arts/Summer Theatre) is a Christian community theatre operating out of Mayer Lutheran High School (MLHS) in Mayer, MN. CAST is producing Mary Poppins this summer, and invites actors of all ages to audition. Auditions will be held June 8 & 9 at MLHS, and performance dates are July 25-28. More information about auditions and a link to the online audition sign-up form are available by visiting mayercast.org.



CIRCUIT EVENT: The Northwest Suburban circuit of eleven churches, of which your congregation is a part, invites you to a service of prayer that will be followed by an informational meeting ahead of this July's Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod national convention. Glory of Christ Lutheran Church (4040 Highway 101—Plymouth, MN 55446; office phone=763-478-6031) will host all interested laymen and women, church workers, and pastors on Wednesday, June 26 at 7:00 pm. Come learn more about your Synod and the business on the agenda of this summer's convention, ask your questions and give your input on the proposed resolutions that will come to a vote, and encourage the two delegates serving our circuit of congregations.

BASKETBALL CAMP LOCK IN: Mayer Lutheran High School, Thursday June 13-Friday June 14, for Girls 5th-8th grade. See additional info on the registration forms in the narthex.



BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM, WORSHIP, and ALTAR CARE (Mark Ellinger, Phil Schutte):



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **JUNE** are: Kid Treats/Popcorn and Stew. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



OUR GIFT OF LIFE TEAM has set up a flag display that shows the number of babies aborted each hour. The messages on the flags are "Abortion Kills Babies" and "Jesus Forgives". The purpose of the display is to show the impact of abortion on an hourly basis and to let those who have experienced the pain of abortion know that there is hope in Jesus. The phone number 888-217-8679 connects to Word of Hope, which is an outreach of Lutherans for Life.



USHERS NEEDED: We are in need of additional ushers, especially for the 10:30 service. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Julie Mazurowski at 763-519-1160 or julie.mazurowski@gmail.com.



LUTHERAN WITNESS: If you would like to get the monthly Lutheran Witness magazine, please sign up with the Usher or fill out a form at the narthex table. A magazine will be placed in the church mailbox for each family that signs up.



2019 MISSION PROGRAMS: St. John's currently supports the following mission programs: Synod, Issues, Etc., Japan/Jastrom, Lutherans for Life, and Nigeria/Wokoma. (These are the same programs designated in 2018.) Other or undesignated mission program contributions will be divided between all of the currently-supported mission options except Issues, Etc., which has a fixed annual contribution limit set by the Board of Stewardship.



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):

Reminders concerning weekly offerings/contributions:

Offerings received through weekly offering envelopes without contribution designations on the face of the envelope will be dictated to the General Fund, to pay the ongoing expenses of the Church and School.



Ways to Give ~~~

In Person...

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text... St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give. ***



Giving App...

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone! ***



Online...

Visit www.stjlutheran.org to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts. ***



***you can use the printed "I Give Electronically" cards to place in the offering plate during services.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

All School Closing Service, Wednesday, May 29 th ~	CT: 134
Feast of the Ascension, Thursday, May 30 th ~	CT: 65 CM: 59
Sunday, June 2 nd ~	CT: 303 CM: 243
Monday, June 3 rd ~	CT: 48 CM: 30

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Week
06/02/19

Year-to-date
since 07/01/18

Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 25,855	\$ 1,392,954
Amount Needed	\$ 17,841	\$ 1,546,235
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 8,014	\$ (153,281)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-10%



Current Building Mortgage Balance (May 31) \$514,803

Important Notes:

Amount Needed above includes the prior years' cumulative deficit of \$131,500 at June 30, 2018, plus the pro-rated portion of the \$53,217 Congregation-approved deficit for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2018.

Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH (Rich Oakland):



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 24th - 27th, 9am - 12, with a program and potluck on Thursday the 27th at noon. The link for VBS registration is: <https://vbsmate.com/events/STJL/18557>

We encourage help from the congregation in the form of donations; a list of items needed as well as props and decorations that we could borrow, will be available soon. Please note for dropoff, summer office hours are 8am-noon. Thank you all in advance for all your help in making our VBS program successful again this year. Any questions please contact Tara Eder at tara.eder@gmail.com.



BIBLES & BREWS will continue all Summer long on the fourth Tuesday of the month: June 25, July 23, and August 27. We will continue meeting at Under Pressure Brewing (8806 7th Ave N, Golden Valley) and the doors will open for us at 6:30 p.m.



Youth Group

Youth Group, including Bible Study, has wrapped up for the school year and will resume in the fall. Feel free to reach out to Jayme Kruse at Jayme.kruse@gmail.com/612-807-6526 if you need anything during the break. Have a great summer!

BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Sam Kulberg):

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**CONGREGATION PRESIDENT / DEACON CHAIRMAN (Erik Preus, Chris Kruse):**

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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

St. Paul reminds us, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 THESS. 5:16-18).

When the Thessalonians heard Paul's urging to rejoice, pray and give thanks, they did so. This July, so will we, when elected delegates and visitors from around the world gather in Tampa for the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. And through that rejoicing, praying and giving thanks, we will bear witness to God's love in Christ.

WILL YOU ALSO PREPARE JOYFULLY TO TAKE ON THIS WORK WITH US? HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

FIRST, PLEASE PRAY! Pray for me as your Synod President, for my brothers on the Council of Presidents, for my fellow pastors, deaconesses, DCE's, church musicians, teachers, and all church workers, our congregations and schools, our seminaries and universities, and all our partners in ministry throughout the world. Pray that we may all be strengthened in our joyful confession of Christ and renewed winsome witnesses to His love. Pray especially for the delegates and guests who will gather in Tampa, asking God for the gift of His Spirit that we may listen to each other in humility, speak in love, and plan together for ways to meet the challenges before us in faithfulness to God's Word.

SECOND, JOIN WITH ALL OF THE LCMS AS WE PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN THE 2019-21 LCMS NATIONAL OFFERING. This special collection of monetary gifts sets the tone for our next triennium under the theme, "Joy to the World," preparing hearts for prayerful rejoicing, gratitude and bold action. Any gifts received go directly to the mission of the LCMS to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, joy incarnate, to the world.

We know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings great joy to God's people through the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of eternal life. Your church's gifts will help support work that reflects the Christ-centered joy of Lutheran Christians everywhere, and share that joy across boundaries among those who have not yet heard the powerful message of His salvation.

Having joyfully received the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, let's come together for the 2019-21 National Offering and watch how it emboldens the work that God has given His people to do and brings true and lasting joy to the world, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God for every good gift.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

PRESIDENT, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD



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We know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings great joy to God's people through the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of eternal life. Your church's gifts will help support work that reflects the Christ-centered joy of Lutheran Christians everywhere, and share that joy across boundaries among those who have not yet heard the powerful message of His salvation.

Having joyfully received the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, let's come together for the 2019-21 National Offering and watch how it emboldens the work that God has given His people to do and brings true and lasting joy to the world, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God for every good gift.

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