

## First Reading: Acts 1:12–26

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it";

and

"Let another take his office."

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as

a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the  
sinner?"

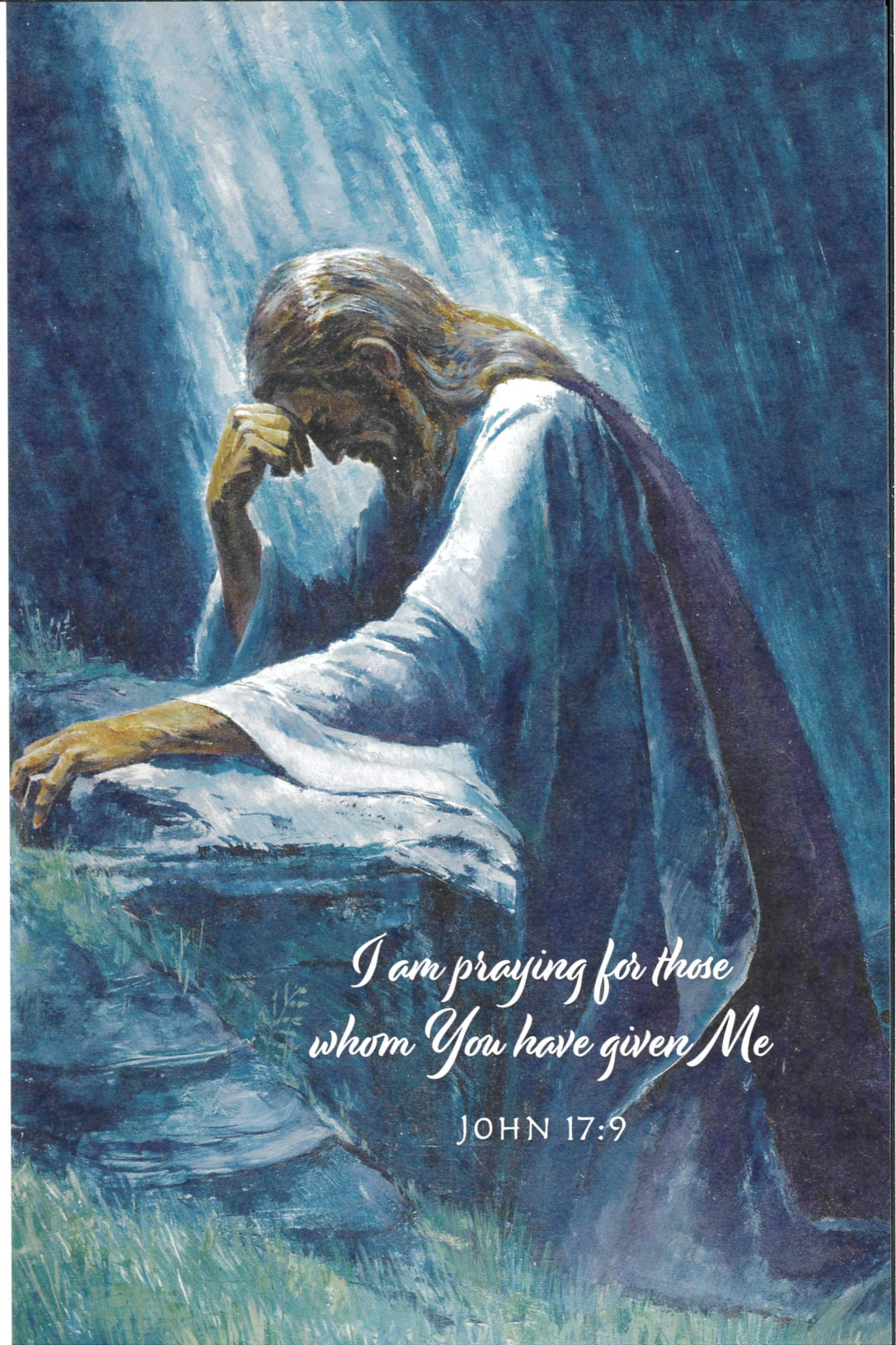
<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>50</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Holy Gospel: John 17:1–11

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."



*I am praying for those  
whom You have given Me*

JOHN 17:9



Easter

**About the Cover:** When Jesus prayed, He interceded for us. His perfect and holy prayers were heard by our Father in heaven. Jesus—the crucified one, the risen one—ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He continues to intercede for us. He does so by the atoning blood He shed for us in His once-for-all sacrifice on the cross nearly two thousand years ago. There is no cessation to His intercession for us because He has been raised and will never die again (see Romans 6:9).

**St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

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**815-989-2025**

**May 17, 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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*Divine Service Three (Lutheran Service Book, p. 184)*

**Hymn of Invocation 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels**

**Invocation and Versicles (p. 184)**

**Introit**

*Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD  
with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are  
his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
to you, O LORD, I will make music.**

**Gloria Patri and Kyrie (p. 186)**

**Gloria In Excelsis (p. 187)**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)**

**P** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all  
heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit  
of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and  
reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen. (sung)**

**Readings (on back of bulletin)**

**Gradual**

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

**He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

**Alleluia (p. 190)**

**The Nicene Creed (p. 191)**

**Hymn of the Day 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**Sermon**

**Offertory (p. 192)**

**Presentation of the Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** ...one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Service of the Sacrament (p. 194)**

*(Please read the statement below before receiving Holy Communion.)*

**Distribution Hymns**

**468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives**

**623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

**649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

**Nunc Dimittis (p. 199)**

**Hymn to Depart 486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death**

*Silent Prayer*

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**Receiving Holy Communion at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and confidence that, as he says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our fight against sin and grow in His likeness, to assure us of our own bodily resurrection on the Last Day, and to increase our unity of love with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, so that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and judgment, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to first speak with the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.

For further study: Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:17-34; 27-30; Acts 2:42; 20:27.

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Greeter: Janet Bertson

Videographers: Joel Werling, Nicole Nerud, or Heidi Nerud

**WE PRAY:** Holy God, at once our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, hold martyrdom far from us, but should it be required of us, keep our commitment to You so constant that it is only the doorway to the mansions for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

## WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

## OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead  
Pastor Tuesday—Friday please call ahead

**STREAM SERVICES** <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>  
and on the website: [www.stjohnsgeneseo.org](http://www.stjohnsgeneseo.org).

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—3 Adult Bible class—12 Worship—54

## OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$2,992.00  
Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship/Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Youth Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	SS Teachers
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Confirmation
Thursday	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1*

**WAYMAKERS: Your Change Changes Everything!** - Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle campaign is underway. Grab a baby bottle, sign your name on the sheet found next to the bottles, fill the bottle with change or a check (**make check to Pregnancy Resources**) and return the bottle anytime until June 21, leaving filled bottles on the office desk. Thank you for caring for the unborn and their parents!

**Building Healthy Families:** Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby? Kids certainly can't. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by letting them "accidentally" overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly! [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service.**



**ALTAR FLOWERS**—Please consider providing Altar flower for a Sunday. Sign the flower chart found on the bulletin board next to the rest rooms. Sign your name for the date of your choice. Use the yellow envelope write the occasion you are celebrating and to pay for the flowers

(\$30 for two arrangements, checks made out to St. John's church). Place the envelope in the offering plate. The rest will be taken care of.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

*Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:*

**MISSION**—Pray for all LCMS partner churches, some of which only have a handful of congregations. Pray that they would never feel alone in their service to Christ and His Church.

**ST JOHN'S—Ms. Kira Roberts**—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Kira asking Your blessings on her.

**ST. JOHN'S FAMILY**—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

<b>Linda Aper</b>	<b>Paula Chapa</b>	<b>Joyce DeFauw</b>
<b>John Erdman</b>	<b>Betty Firch</b>	<b>Marcia Helke</b>
<b>Jessica Johnson</b>	<b>Rosalie Jorgensen</b>	<b>Linda Lundquist</b>
<b>Mary Jayne Nash</b>	<b>Aaron Raschke</b>	<b>Drew Schillinger</b>
<b>Dave Schmidt</b>	<b>Carolyn Werner</b>	<b>Denice Winchell</b>
<b>Carolyn Wildermuth</b>		<b>Marilyn Woods</b>

**Jon/Anita Clausing** (missionaries in Kenya)  
**Jodi Martins** (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)  
**Justin Rittenhouse** (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)  
**Marty Cavato** (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)  
**Ellen Bauer** (grandmother of Joel Werling)  
**Joline Parrish** (sister of Gayla Kroll)  
**Ann Behrendt** (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)  
**Lyll Talarico** (niece of Mary Jo Gehn)  
**Cindy Davenport** (cousin of Terri Hock)  
**Chad Gehn** (nephew of Brad Gehn)  
**Jeff Schreck** (cousin of Terri Hock)  
**Ralph Boney** (uncle of Larry Hock)  
**Gerry Viero** (aunt of David Neumann's wife)

**MILITARY**—Pray for our military and their families:

**Luke Thompson** (son of John/Kindra Thompson)  
**Karl Flynn** (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)  
**Casey Powers Jr.** (step son of Lisa Powers)  
**Brittany Lenni** (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

**Rylie Hallendorff** (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)  
**Chase Werling** (nephew of Joel Werling)  
**Carter Martwig** (nephew of Joel Werling)

### LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“We are no longer terrified sinners but God's own children because of what Jesus has done for us. And so, the Day of Judgment becomes good news for us—because it is the day when the One we love most returns to bring us home in peace.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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**LIFE LINE EVENT**—St. John's will host this event June 25th 8am-5pm. More details will be coming to our congregation, but this is open to the public. Share this phone number (**800-324-94158**) with neighbors, family and friends to schedule their appointment. *Just a note, the special code listed above is just for St. John's members as a thank you for hosting.*