

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool Rev. Russ Leeper, Pastor Melanie Johanningmeier, Director of Music

May 31, 2020: Day of Pentecost

Prelude: "Jesus Shall Reign" with "Great is the Lord Almighty!

Welcome

Announcements

Radio Broadcast: Wanda Sprout in memory of Lyle Sprout



when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind. With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

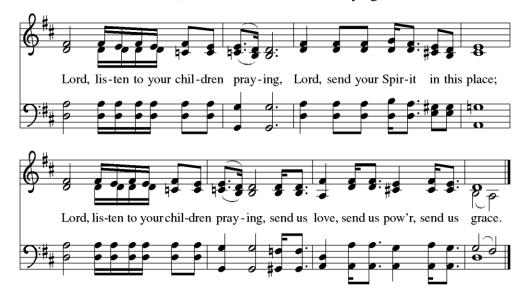
Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Response: **And also with you**

Hymn of Praise

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Hymnal #752



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Prayer of the Day:

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
 - before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Gospel Song:

"Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to

John 7: 37-39

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified....

Sermon Pastor Russ Leeper



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy, Response: hear our prayer

Please keep the following in prayer:

Dan Carey Don Poppen

Alan Farmer Yolanda Van Ausdall

Sandra Link

The Lord's Prayer:

Sioux Green & family on the death of her daughter

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Dalton Schutjer, Robson Shankland

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Special Music: "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban

Annemarie, Kylie, Makenna & Janae Hansen

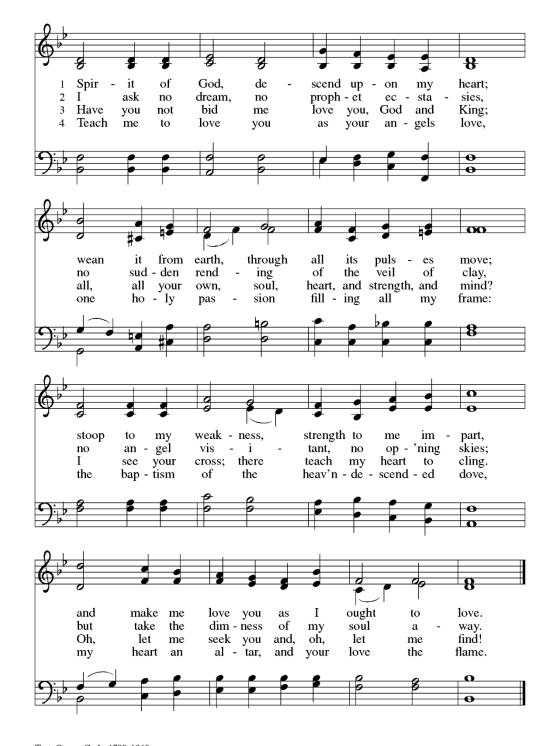
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen

P: Let's hold each other in prayer & stay safe!

Closing Hymn

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Hymnal #800



Text: George Croly, 1780–1860 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1897



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A message from the St. John Executive Board: The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of our lives since March 2020 when churches were closed to prevent the spread of the virus. The St. John Lutheran Church Executive Committee, Council, and staff are committed to protecting the health and welfare of the members of our congregation and have prepared a reopening plan that outlines what church activities are allowed as we progress further into the COVID-19 pandemic. This was based on reviewing current government and ELCA publications, health authority publications, and interviews with local health providers. It is a complicated situation with no easy answers. Once the plan is approved, it will be made available to the congregation.

No matter what phase of the plan we are operating under, we ask that all members follow the recommendations to help mitigate the spread of the virus, practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and proper hand hygiene (soap and water or 60%+ alcohol hand sanitizer). Be responsible. Do not attend or visit the church if you are feeling ill, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, have a compromised immune system, or are at high risk of exposing others. The best way you can love your neighbor is to protect their health and yours. If at any point in time a parishioner becomes ill with COVID-19 and has been in attendance at church, a small group, or worship service, the parishioner is highly encouraged to contact Pastor Leeper or church office staff immediately in order that the church may assist with contact tracing and initiate appropriate disease mitigation processes.

The Executive Committee and Church Council asks that the members of St. John please remain patient throughout the reopening process, keeping in mind this may take some time to work through. This is new territory for all of us and we are endeavoring to make the best decisions we can. As the people of St. John, we must be prepared to take a few steps forwards and possibly many steps backwards at any point in time. The Church Council is committed to regularly reviewing the reopening process and making scientific, fact-based decisions in conjunction with thorough moral deliberation that benefits the well-being of all the people of St. John and the greater Charles City community.

Though the St. John building is closed to the public, you can call the office with any questions or concerns. When staff is there your call will be answered, otherwise leave a voicemail for Kathy. When you call the office after the announcement there is a short pause and then her voicemail. Kathy can check her voicemail from home. You can also reach her by emailing khoeft@stjohncharlescity.com.

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Dennis & Jan Brinkman and Florence Beek for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Sylvia Frascht. Thank you!"

St. John Board Meetings in June:

June 2: Building & Grounds – 5:30 p.m.

June 7: Deacons, Family Board, Stewardship – 10:30 a.m.

June 9: Council – 6:00 p.m.

June 10: Parish Ed -5:15 p.m., Finance -5:30 p.m.

June 14: Youth Board – 10:30 a.m.

The June Good Newsletter is available! You will be able to view it online at www.stjohncharlescity.org, there is a link to the website on the Eskinny, & copies of the newsletter will be in the outdoor mailbox in the afternoons!

Your offering can be mailed to St. John Lutheran, 200 S Main St, Charles City, IA 50616

OR...

If you would like to sign up for Simply Giving, the program that allows you to give to the church through electronic transfer, call Linda at 228-3397 & look in the May newsletter for the form to fill out and send to St. John

Offering from the week of May 24, 2020

General Receipts
Designated offering

7,408.00 515.00

\$

General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget

Kans for Kids Kickoff!



The Stewardship board will be collecting pop bottles & cans (NO glass) as a fund raiser for youth activities such as Bible camps, preschool, etc. They have placed a fenced area at the top of the hill by our small shed to collect cans. On **Saturday, June 20**th from 10:00 a.m. – noon board members will be there to collect your cans! If you cannot make it during that time, please call the office and we will arrange a time to pick up your cans so they can be counted during the Kickoff. Our pop can/bottle collection site will be a year-round fundraiser.

Music at St. John!

If you have a favorite hymn or song (including Praise songs from the radio) let Melanie know and she will include the song in summer worship services!

You can call 641-228-3397 with your favorites!



Also happening...

The Synod Assembly in June has been postponed. The 2020 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will be held August 22 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Please note change of location. Due to the unknown duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, updated registration forms will be mailed to congregations on June 22. Registration forms will also be available on the synod website. The Synod Council and staff will continue to monitor restrictions on large gatherings. If we need to cancel/postpone August 22, a decision will be made by July 15. The alternate date of August 22nd has been selected for the main purpose of electing a new bishop.