



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool

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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

Gathering Hymn: "Spirit of Gentleness"

Hymnal #396

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

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- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 - 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 - 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 - 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church hymn.

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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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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, ³⁸and 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

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

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”
Annemarie, Kylie, Makenna & Janae Hansen

by Josh Groban

The Lord's Prayer:

**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**

The Benediction

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

Closing Hymn

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Hymnal #800

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” with “You Are My All in All”



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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.stjohncharlescivcity.org, there is a link to the website on the E-skinny, & 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

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| General Receipts | \$ 7,408.00 |
| Designated offering | 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 20th 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.