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**June 20, 2021: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Mark 4:35-41**

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are from Algie & Kay Slindee in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The radio broadcast is sponsored by Steve & Susan Shankland in memory of their parents.

Opening Hymn:

“This is My Father’s World”

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1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be will you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Prayer of the Day*

**O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Reading:*

*2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

*Read by Susan Leeper*

6As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

*Gospel Song:*

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41*



35On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord...*



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*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	Dennis Hollar	Lynn Poppen
Ed Friest	Doug Hollar	Yolanda Van Ausdall
Irene Gabe	Gary Lamprecht	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
James Grob	Sandra Link	Marilu Wohlers

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, 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.

*At the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we celebrate the baptism of...*

**Dawsyn Lorene Chatfield**  
Dawsyn is the child of Luke & Ashley Chatfield



*Special Music:*

“Father’s Eyes”  
*Lydia Johnson, Melanie Johanningmeier, piano*

*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 this 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!



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993  
Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey  
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PRECIOUS LORD  
Irregular



## After Worship Social Time!

Coffee & a treat will be served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday (weather permitting). Enjoy a moment to reconnect with each other!

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!

**St. John will be providing a worship service at 9<sup>th</sup> St** on the second Friday of the month at 10:15 a.m. We will need volunteers to play piano & to help distribute communion. Contact the office at 641-228-3397 if you would like to volunteer!

## Anniversary of Marriage - Recognition & Blessing

When a couple marries, a wide community of family and friends typically celebrates the relationship. However, the *anniversary* of this special day tends to be marked only by the couple themselves (with the exception of the 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup>).

What's more, many wedding *ceremonies* are religiously affiliated, either through location in a church or by the presence of ordained clergy. But fewer and fewer couples are continuing to be part of a faith community *beyond* the wedding day.

This month at St. John, we want to lift up the gift of marriage within the worshiping community, recognizing God's ongoing presence in the years *after* the vows are taken, in the midst of all the ups and downs, offering our love and support as a congregation. That's why we're inviting anyone who is celebrating a wedding anniversary in 2021 that ends in a "0" (10, 20, 30 years and so on) to come to worship on Sunday, June 27 for a special gift and blessing.

Please respond to Pastor Anita by Sunday, June 20 if you're able to take part. [pastoranita@outlook.com](mailto:pastoranita@outlook.com)

*~adapted from Milestones Ministry Manual: For Home and Congregation – Adult Milestones*



**Vacation Bible School is coming July 26 - 29<sup>th</sup>!**

**Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Who: Preschool age - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Theme: "Rocky Railway - Jesus Loves to Pull Us Through"**

**Cost: Free! Thanks to Stewardship Board's Kans for Kids program!**

**Register online at [www.stjohncharlescity.org](http://www.stjohncharlescity.org), or registration forms are in the office!**

# Time to Celebrate!

**St. John Sesquicentennial 2022:** IT IS TIME TO START PLANNING! We can plan for a lot of little things or one big thing, but whatever we do it will take some forethought.

We would like to have a meeting at **10:15 a.m. on July 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall**. With something as important to our congregation as this there should be involvement from every board and people of varied talents throughout our church family. Youth, music, crafters even possibly sports ideas could be ideas to toss around. After covid we deserve something to look forward to. This sort of thing only happens with “many hands making light work”. Everyone has some kind of talent that can be shared.

Possible activities include.... We could have a historical Sunday A few of us worked on putting together scrapbooks and gathered historical documents before covid stopped us. We could celebrate old fashioned music at designated times throughout the year. How about an old-fashioned baseball game with people wearing jeans and chambray shirts or bib over-all's and/or women with long dresses. What kind of old games could we come up with for a picnic on the lawn. Start forming some ideas and please come to the meeting to get things rolling.

If you can't attend July 18<sup>th</sup>, please let Kathy know that you are interested.

Janet Petefish

**During the pandemic St. John has provide worship by video on our Website & YouTube.** Attendance at in person worship has been rising and it has been decided that starting in June we will provide videos 2 times per month. Videos will be provided on June 27, July 11, July 25, August 1 & August 15.

**The radio broadcast will continue EVERY Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

Following CDC guidance, masks are **NO** longer required for fully vaccinated people in the building.

**However, those who are not fully vaccinated or at high risk from the COVID-19 virus are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.**

Everyone is welcome!

**Altar Flower & Radio Sign-up:** If you would like to sign up to sponsor the Altar flowers &/or the radio broadcast contact Kathy in the office at 641-228-3397! We will continue to have flowers as they are on the online service & the radio broadcast reaches many of our at home congregation!

## Offering from the week of June 13, 2021

General Receipts \$ 6,023.00

Designated offering 110.00

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

**Attendance: 117**

St. John & Messiah have a team in the church softball league! They play at Westwood Park & their next game will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. on the East Diamond. Go cheer on our team & enjoy an evening of softball!

