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June 6, 2021: Second Sunday after Pentecost



Mark 3: 20-35

Prelude:

“All is Safely Gathered in”

George Blake

Welcome

Opening Hymn:

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.
Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Reading:

2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

Read by Lydia Johnson

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ⁵For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel Song:

"Alleluia"

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

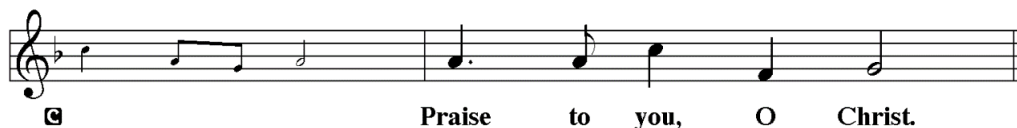
P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 3:20-35



²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

P: The Gospel of the Lord...

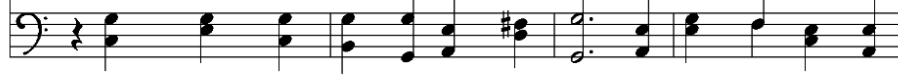


Sermon

Pastor Anita Nuetzman



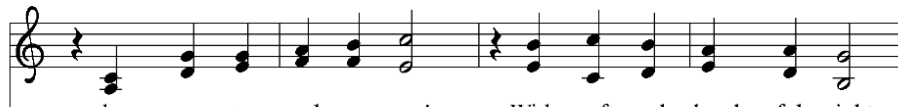
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



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	Sandra Link
Ed Friest	Lynn Poppen
Irene Gabe	Peg Poppen
James Grob	Yolanda Van Ausdall
Gary Lamprecht	

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

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”
Melanie Johanningmeier

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 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL'S
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
WILL BE JUNE 13, 2021
AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

From the Council President:

Hi everyone! The recent easing of Covid-19 restrictions by the CDC means that it is time to hold the 2021 St. John annual meeting. The annual meeting was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic preventive measures in place earlier this year. The agenda includes the ministry support plan, election of officers and board members, and discussion/vote of extending a 30% call to Pastor Anita Nuetzman. Pastor Brackett from the Northeast Iowa Synod will describe the process for making a partial call. **Please attend the St. John annual meeting at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 13, 2021 in the sanctuary.**

Greg Buenger, Congregation President

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!

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 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 1 & August 15.

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

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 25th or 50th).

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 worshipping 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

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

Drive Through Communion June 6th 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
This will be the last scheduled time.

Call the church office at 641-228-3397 if you would like to continue to receive communion in your car or in your home.

St. John will be providing a worship service at 9th 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!

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!



**Offering from the week of
May 30, 2021**

General Receipts	\$ 4,030.00
Designated offering	85.00

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

Attendance: 147

Do Day Quilters

St. John has a group called “Do Day Quilters”. They make tied quilts to donate to the local homeless shelters. They will begin meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (June 16) from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (bring a sack lunch). All are welcome to come! You don’t need to be an experienced quilter to help out! If you are interested in joining the quilters, call Kathy in the office at 641-228-3397 for more information!



St. John & Messiah have a team in the church softball league! They play at Westwood Park & their next game will be June 8th at 6:00 p.m. on the West Diamond. Go cheer on our team & enjoy an evening of softball!



Vacation Bible School is coming July 26 – 29th!

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Who: Preschool age – 5th grade

Theme: “Rocky Railway – Jesus Loves to Pull Us Through

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

Registration information will be available soon.



St. John Sesquicentennial 2022. The church we know today as St. John started forming 150 years ago. If you would like to be on a committee and help plan and organize activities for the St. John sesquicentennial, please contact the church office.

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!