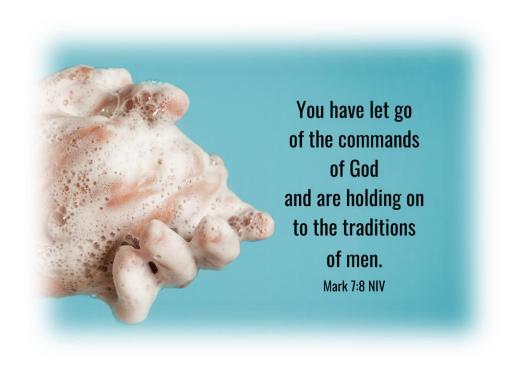


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August 29, 2021: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



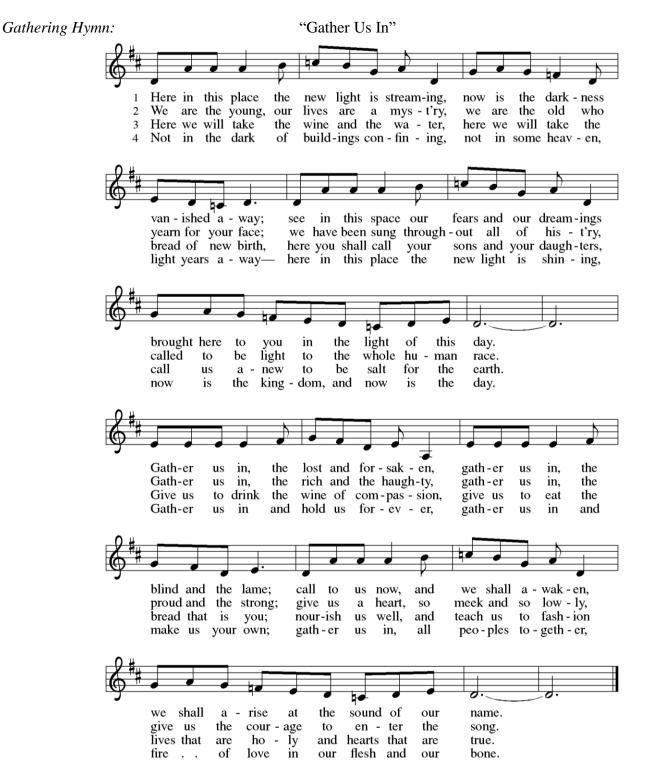
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Kurt & Kathy Hoeft

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Dave & Lorna Scrimger in honor of their anniversary Thank you, Leon & Jan Mulford, for providing the after worship treats this Sunday!



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.**

"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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: James 1:17-27 Read by Eric Johanningmeier

17Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Song: "Alleluia"

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**



7Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



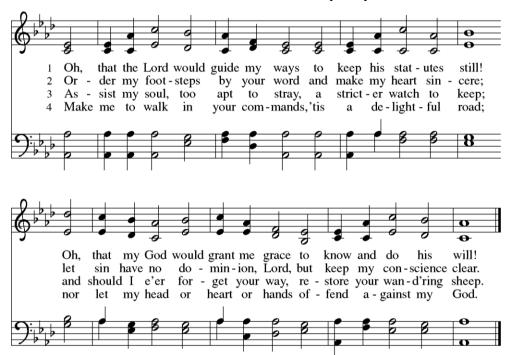
Sermon Pastor Russ Leeper

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Day "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" #772



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:

Peggy Anderson Jack Hulbert Carly Stevenson Sarah Bauer Gary Lamprecht Bill Wohlers, Jr. James Grob Sandra Link Marilu Wohlers

Family of Lynn Leroy Poppen
Family of Daniel Foxen
Scott Hansen & family on the death of his sister-in-law, Angie Hansen

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

Carter Johanningmeier, trumpet; 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Benediction

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Postlude:

"Isaiah6:3"
"Jesus, We Crown You with Praise"

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WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN!

Worship service will remain at 9:00 a.m. for the foreseeable future. Parish Ed will determine the time for Sunday School. Council is excited about having a fuller sanctuary on Sundays and allowing the whole congregation to be able to enjoy choirs, children's presentations, and special music together. Plus, having one service will continue to foster the sense of community they've been trying to strengthen.

Communion will be on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. Parishioners will have the choice to receive communion up front or use the pre-packaged cups in the pews.

A worship video will be provided each Sunday on the St. John website & YouTube. The radio broadcast will continue EVERY Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

After Worship Social Time

has been an enjoyable way to reconnect with each other!

Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday!

If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, please sign up on the chart just inside the doors on the table or call Kathy in the office.

What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you!

Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

Have extra garden produce you would like to share with others at St. John?

There will be a table in the Narthex for your veggies/fruits & plastic grocery bags to put them in!

God's Work. Our Hands: Coming Sunday, September 12

On Sunday, September 12, members of St. John of all ages are invited to participate in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. This event is held every year at ELCA congregations across the country. We'll have teams of St. John members head out into the community to serve in different ways (Team Blessing Box Planting, Team Sustain the Blessing Box, Team Cookie Decorating, Team Cookie Delivery, Team Mulch, Team Quilters, Team Shadow Ave Cleanup, Team cardmaking, Team Paint the Park, Team Helping Hands, Team Lions Field Park, Team Clothing Room). There are sign-ups in the narthex so you can choose your opportunity to serve! More information to come, so watch the E-Skinny, bulletin, Facebook page, and announcements at church!



Rally Day September 12th!

Join the Family Board in the Narthex for treats (including Cinnamon Rolls) & coffee/juice & signup your students for Sunday School & After School!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

On Rally Day, September 12th students can bring their backpacks to be blessed during the worship service!

The next meeting for the Sesquicentennial Committee will be Sunday, August 22nd at 10:15 a.m.

Offering from the week of August 22, 2021

General Receipts
Designated offering

\$ 4,788.00 2,160.00

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

Attendance: 120