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August 29, 2021: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**You have let go
of the commands
of God
and are holding on
to the traditions
of men.**

Mark 7:8 NIV

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

Prelude:

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

Tornquist

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!

Gathering Hymn:

“Gather Us In”

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 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 Johanninger

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.”

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.**

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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



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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 & sign up 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	\$ 4,788.00
Designated offering	2,160.00
<i>General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.</i>	

Attendance: 120