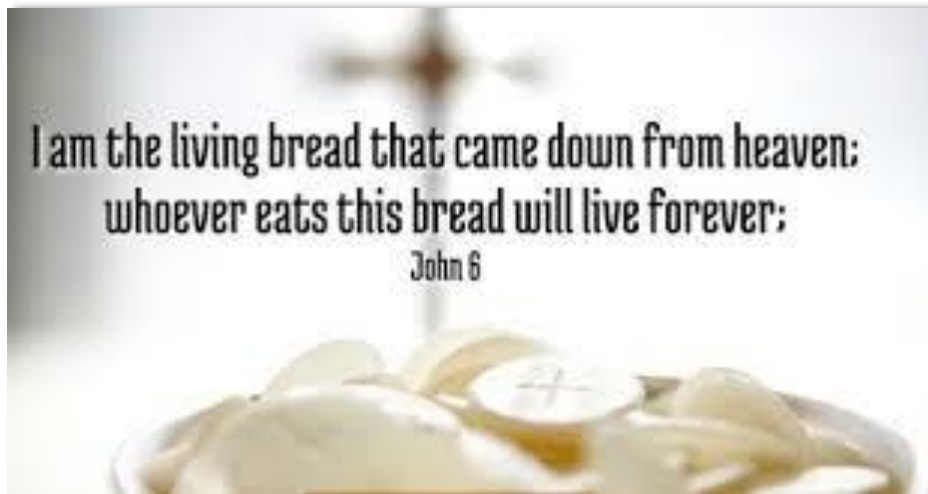




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**August 8, 2021: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**



**John 6:35, 41-51**

Prelude:

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar & the radio broadcast are sponsored by Marilyn Isakson in memory of Leon Isakson.

*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.**

Opening Hymn:

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

*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*

**Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Reading:*

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

*Read by Lydia Johnson*

4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: ‘It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.’<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, ‘Get up and eat.’<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, ‘Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.’<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

*Reading:*

**Ephesians 4:25--5:2**

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.<sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,<sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil.<sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.<sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.<sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,<sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.<sup>51</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,<sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Gospel Song:*

**“Alleluia”**

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

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John 6:35, 41-51*



<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’<sup>42</sup> They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven?”’<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord...

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Anita Nuetzman

Hymn of the Day

“Day by Day”

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1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

*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	Jack Hulbert	Janet Platte
Rodney Ellis	Amy Kubik	Lynn Poppen
Dan Foxen	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, 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:*

“Adoration Medley”  
*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 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.**

*Sending Hymn:*

“Great and Mighty is the Lord”  
Great and mighty is the Lord our God  
Great and mighty is He.  
Great and mighty is the Lord our God  
Great and mighty is He.  
Lift up your banner let the anthems ring,  
Praises to our King  
Great and mighty is the Lord our God.  
Great and mighty is He.

*Postlude:*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



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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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 on August 15. The **radio broadcast will continue EVERY Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**



#### After Worship Social Time!

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

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



#### Offering from the week of August 1, 2021

General Receipts	\$ 10,645.00
Designated offering	30.00
<i>General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.</i>	

**Attendance: 142**

### 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. There will be 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!

#### God's Work. Our Hands: The t-shirt!

If you'd like to order a God's Work, Our Hands t-shirt, you'll be able to do so after church on Sundays, August 8 and 15. They are \$7.75 each (and if you'd like to round up to \$8 and save the change, that's fine with us!). They will have our congregation's name on the back. You don't need to wear one of these t-shirts to volunteer that day, and if you aren't available on September 12, you can still order one!

**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!

**FOSTER GRANDPARENTS NEEDED:** The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for those who are 55 and older and interested in becoming a mentor and/or tutor for area children in schools, preschools, daycare centers and Head Starts. Many benefits including paid training, stipend, sick and holiday pay plus knowing you are making a difference in a child's life. Call Jennifer today at (641) 257-6327 for more information or email at [f.grandparents@mchsi.com](mailto:f.grandparents@mchsi.com). Bridging generations one child at a time with a touch of love.

**KANS FOR KIDS** – Wow! Has this ever turned out to be a super special outreach program. Your contributions have provided more than we ever could have imagined. We have received enough cans/bottles that we are able to provide enrollment support for all the children enrolled in our vacation Bible school program this year. That means VBS is FREE to all children who want to attend. How great is that? Thank you! If you haven't signed your children up yet – there is still time! It's a great experience for them as they learn about the love of our generous God and Father.

However, we have some housekeeping changes and requests. Please separate glass from cans. Cans fly over our fence very easily. Throw tightly bound bags of cans over. However, glass bottles don't bounce! – Please sit them on the outside of the fence line. There is such a risk of injury if we have to deal with broken glass. Please be considerate of the individual gathering your cans/bottles and the recycling people who need to sort them. Please contribute only return deposit items (no water bottles, please). We would ask that you not send us crushed cans if at all possible. Please – no food waste. We have had cans mixed with food waste and that is not fun to deal with. At our last meeting it was decided that any bags containing food waste would be sent to the dump – regardless of how many cans or bottles are mixed in that mess. Thank you for all the support you have given with this Project. Keep passing word of our Kans for Kids project around the area! Thank you! Stewardship Board