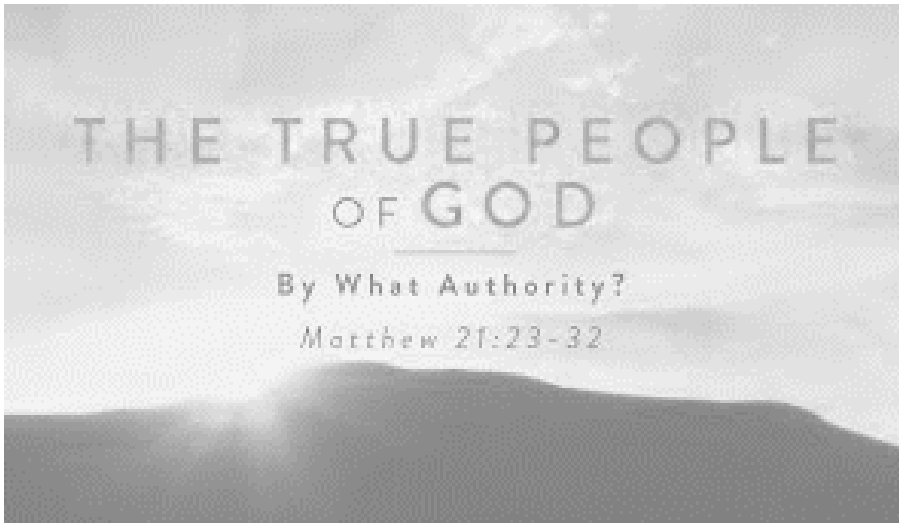




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Sunday, October 1, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 21:23-32

Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation, *** = Song Request

Prelude:

“Blessed Peace”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Mike & Tammy Quade, in honor of their anniversary.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Marilyn Isakson in memory of Leon Isakson.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

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

L: 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.**

L: 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.

L: 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 forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to find re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of the preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Apostolic Greeting:

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

C: **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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Read by Eric Johanningmeier

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

“My Church”

**My church is not the walls or the sign at the street.
My church is the people inside.
My church is not the buildings, it's the people I meet.
My church is the people inside.
Inside these walls, we pray and love.
Inside these walls, we give.
Inside these walls, we worship God above,
and learn together how to live.**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Song

“Alleluia”

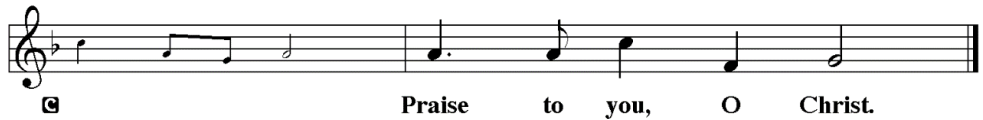
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:23-32



²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

*****Song of the Day**

“Way Maker”

Video

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 (L): Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Dan Marth

Bill Hollar

Linda Girken

Marilu Wohlers

Joyce Boehmer

Beverly Sears

Imani Sande

Colleen Ortmayer

Edna Stott

Bill Wohlers Jr.

Jeanette Brinkman

Don Knowlton

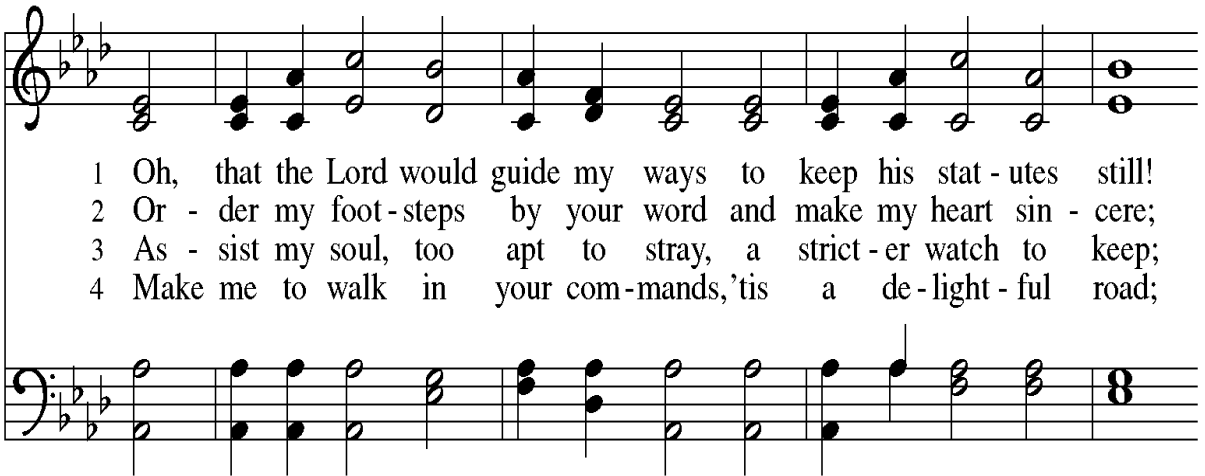
Linda Hoy

Noa Mulholland

Dorothy Solberg

Larry Brewer

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

***Response**

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray

The Words of Institution

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.

Communion Invitation

"One Bread, One Body"

#496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#759

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

“All Hail King Jesus”

All hail, King Jesus. All hail, Emanuel.
 King of kings and Lord of lords, bright morning star.
 Throughout all eternity, I'm going to praise Him;
 And for evermore, I will reign with Him.

“His Name Is Wonderful”

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,

His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He is the mighty King, Master of everything;

His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He’s the great shepherd, the rock of all ages.

Almighty God is He.

Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,

His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn

“He Is Exalted”

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high! **Repeat**

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Abide With Me”



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October 1 -- October 8

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Catechism Class
	10:05 AM	Adult & Kids Sunday School
Monday	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Do Day Quilters
	5:00 PM	Wed. Night Supper
	3:30 PM	After School Program
		Wednesday Night Activities
Friday	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
	5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Saturday	3:00 PM	Wedding
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Adult Catechism Class
	10:05 AM	Kids Sunday School
	<u>NO</u>	Adult Sunday School

Wednesday Night Schedule

3:30 p.m.	After School
5:00 p.m.	Supper
5:30 p.m.	Kids Choir
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
6:00 p.m.	Tone Chime Choir
7:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the months of
November and December.

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade

Offering from the week of:

September 24, 2023

General Receipts:	\$8,680.75
Designated:	\$315.00
Total	\$8,995.75

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 164

Church Cleaning Checklist

#1: PEOPLE/HELP

“After construction & deep cleaning”

Everyone is welcome to come help us clean our church!!

Additional Days:

October Thursdays: 12th & 26th

@ 9 am

October Saturday is TBD

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu for October 4th:

Chicken Bake

Au Gratin Potatoes, Pink Applesauce, & Ice Cream

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults

Children through 12th grade free thanks to

Kans for Kids

(Menu subject to change)

Please help support...

St. John Christian Preschool

Purchase Kwik Star gift cards and the preschool receives 5% of the face value!!

Please contact Whitney or Toni if you are interested.



CCLI #227-7055

Calling all 7th through 12th graders!
We want to invite you all to come join us for

**Youth Hour, every Sunday from
10:05 to 11 AM**

on the 3rd floor. We look to carry out the church's mission of
God's Love in Action
through fellowship, service and food!

Invite a friend!


Join us for Spark Sunday School at 10:05am!!
Ages 3 to Grade 6
Registration forms available in the church office.

**Adult Sunday School
10:05AM
Fireside Room**

**Adult Catechism
Class Begins Today
@ 10:15am!!**

AFTER SCHOOL: Begins October 4th. This is a fun program from 3:30pm-5pm on Wednesdays for 4year olds (that are attending preschool) through 5th grade students. Older students are welcome as helpers. Registration forms are available in the office.

The St. John bus will again be available to pick students up from school to bring them here. Registration is free thanks to Kans for Kids!

	Capture the Flag Nerf style	7th Grade and up Bring some friends
YOUTH EVENT		
Saturday, October 14 starting at 4:00		
Ending: When the Last Person Goes Home		
Location: 1634 Underwood Ave Charles City		
Watch for more info on St John Facebook		
Service projects: Build Bat Houses Quilts for Kids Group Meal Prep	Campfire message by Pastor Russ and Deacon Beth	

25 Years!!

Please join us to celebrate Norm Bauer's retirement on Sunday, October 8th, 2023 from 2-4pm at Messiah Lutheran Church (705 3rd Avenue, Charles City, Iowa (641) 228-6772

Refreshments will be served!!

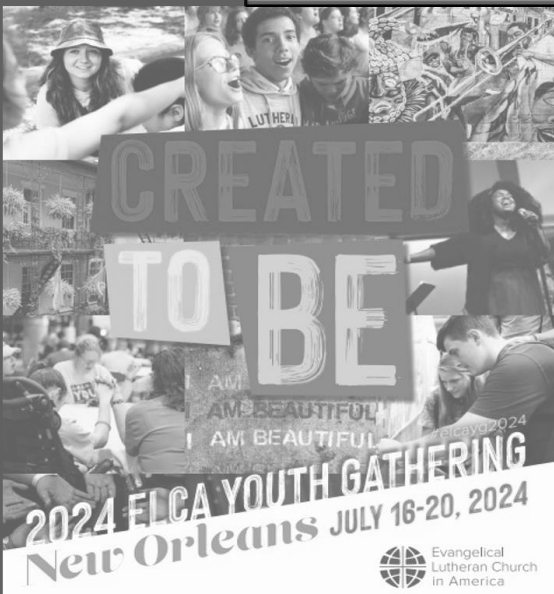
Pastor Norm Bauer
1103 Allison Street
Charles City, IA 50616

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a treat are served Outside or in the Parish Hall each Sunday!!

Special Note

We do need volunteers to sign up for bringing treats. There is a sign-up sheet by the Narthex doors.



MYLE Multicultural Youth Leadership Event of the ELCA JULY 13-16, 2024	the table An ELCA Gathering of Youth with Disabilities JULY 13-16, 2024	Young Adult Gathering A new ELCA Gathering for Young Adults JULY 16-20, 2024
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The sign-up sheet for the 2024 Youth Gathering is posted on the Youth & Family Bulletin Board