



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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Sunday, October 22nd
21st Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 22:15-22

Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation

*** = Songs in the wedding ceremony of John & Myrna Culbertson 35 years ago today.

*****Prelude:**

“El-Shaddai”

(Piano/Organ Duet—Cherie Schafer & Melanie Johanningmeier)

Music

(CCHS) Cast of Godspell

Welcome

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Gary & Sandie Quade in celebration of their 52nd Anniversary.

Extra flowers for service today are sponsored by John & Myrna Culbertson in celebration of their 35th Anniversary.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Gary & Sandie Quade in memory of Loved Ones.

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.**

Prayer of the Day:

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Read by Diane Sande

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

“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 22:15-22



Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Pastor, Russ Leeper

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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	Lorna Scrimger
Joyce Boehmer	Beverly Sears	Imani Sande	Colleen Ortmayer	
Lou Streich	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Jeanette Brinkman	Don Knowlton	
Linda Hoy	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward	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 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**Response:*

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;

Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

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

Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!



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October 22 -- October 29

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	Music	Cast of Godspell
	10:05 AM	Kids Sunday School
	10:05 AM	Youth Hour
	10:15 AM	Adult Catechism Class
	10:15 AM	Youth Board
Monday	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	5:30 PM	Family Board
	7:00 PM	ELCA Youth Informational Meeting
Thursday	9:00 AM	Church Cleaning Day
Friday	5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship

Do Day Quilters (Quilt Blessing)
Consecration Sunday; Full Meal in PH
Bible Presentation (1st & 4th Graders)
Both Choirs Sing

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:

October 15, 2023

General Receipts:	\$12,211.23
Designated:	\$305.00
Total	\$12,516.23

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

Sunday Attendance: 213

Wednesday Night Supper

Menu for October 25th:

Baked Spaghetti

Lettuce Salad & Dressing, Scotcheroos

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.





A NEW
SEASON
should always
start with a
THANK
YOU for
the OLD

Laurie Heidebrink

...will soon be leaving her position as our
Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator.

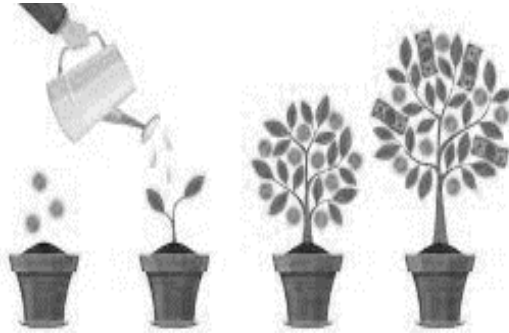
She has accepted a job at Natural Resources Conservation Service. This position allows her to use her Fisheries & Wildlife Biology degree and Geology minor to help conserve our natural resources. The Executive Committee is working to see that responsibilities are covered in the interim as we take time to determine what our next steps will be.

We're thankful for all that Laurie has done for our youth and families over the last 9 years!

*Please join us in saying thank you to her at
a reception in her honor*

After Worship
on
Sunday, November 5th.

NEXT SUNDAY



Consecration Sunday
October 29th
9 AM Worship
Followed By A *FREE*****
Celebration Brunch!

iNFORMATIONAL MEETING

Parents and Youth: Join us
 Wednesday Oct 25th @
 7:00pm (after Confirmation)
 to learn more!

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

<https://www.elca.org/youthgathering> [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/youthgathering) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/youthgathering) [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/@elcayouthgathering) [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

The sign-up sheet for the 2024 Youth Gathering is posted on the Youth & Family Bulletin Board

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.

This is for **ALL ATTENDEES** of the church.

It's a BIG JOB!!

CHURCH CLEANING
 WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

Thursday October 26th @ 9 am