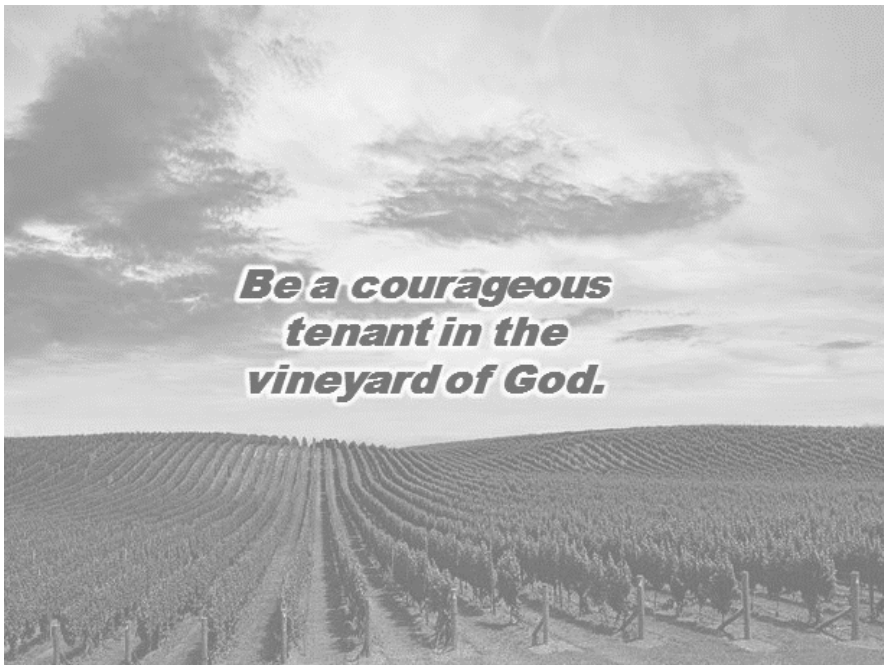




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Sunday, October 8
19th Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 21:33-46

******Songs chosen by Confirmation Class of 2023***

Prelude:

“Amazing Grace”

Welcome

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Kent & Lorie Hoeft in memory of Leslie Miller.

Treats for After Worship Social Time are being provided by Shirley Holm & Kathy Crooks.

******Gathering Song:***

“10,000 Reasons”

Video

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:

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17

Read by Bennett Hansen

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your

neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

“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

*****Song of the Day:**

“Baptism”

**Video
(Kenny Chesney & Randy Travis)**

L: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 21:33-46**



Matthew 21:33-46

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death,

and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Pastor, Russ Leeper

Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation)

Presentation of the Affirmation of Baptism Class of 2023

At the conclusion of the song of the day, the Confirmation class will stand.

A representative of the congregation will present those making affirmation.

I present these Confirmands who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters & brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen

Profession of Faith:

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I reject them.

Do you reject the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I reject them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I reject them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation in the presence of the Assembly

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and
deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor to Congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ:

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmands be seated. Come forward with your family & sponsors as your name is called.

The pastor, family & sponsors lay hands on the head of the person

*Pastor: Stir up in Confirmand the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen***

After each Confirmand has affirmed their baptism and returned to the pew, you will stand and face the congregation and ...

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

Congregation: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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	Lou Streich
Joyce Boehmer	Beverly Sears	Imani Sande	Colleen Ortmayer	Skip Ward
Edna Stott	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Jeanette Brinkman	Don Knowlton	
Linda Hoy	Noa Mulholland	Dorothy Solberg	Larry Brewer	

We celebrate the confirmation of...



Jonah DeVore (1 Peter 1:8-9)
Blake Dean (2 Timothy 4:17)
Bennett Hansen (Romans 12:2)
Carson Holm (Matthew 19:26)
Luke Jacobs (1 Corinthians 16:13)
Alison Mehmen (1 Corinthians 10:31)
Katlyn Parson (Genesis 2:23)
Emma Prichard (Matthew 6:33)
Donaven Sande (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

Emilee Sande (Ephesians 2:8)
Simon Schmidtke (James 1:19-21)
Kayla Streich (Psalm 23)
Addyson Vance (Philippians 4:13)
Jacob Vance (Psalm 128)
Bryce Walker (John 3:16)

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

***Offering Hymn:

“Born-ing Cry”

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1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
2 “When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.”
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

**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

Sending Hymn

“Set a Fire”

Video

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful”



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October 8 -- October 15

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
		Confirmation Sunday
	10:05 AM	Kids Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Adult Catechism Class
Monday	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Finance
	6:00 PM	Council (PH)
Wednesday		Wednesday Night Activities
Friday	5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Saturday	8-11 AM	Coats for Kids
	4:00 PM	Youth Event
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion
		Pre-School Sings
	10:05 AM	Kids Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Adult Catechism Class

Join us for Spark Sunday School
 at 10:05am!!
 Ages 3 to Grade 6

Offering from the week of:

October 1, 2023

General Receipts:	\$4,973.70
Designated:	\$105.00
Total	\$5,078.70

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

Sunday Attendance: 194

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

Coats for Kids:

October 14th
 From 8:00 am to
 11:00 am

Volunteers Needed

Please contact:

Lisa Kreger 330-0696

Or

Lori Janssen 330-2044



***Pre-School
 Sings!!!***



LaVonne would like to shout out a very appreciative **THANK YOU**...to all who assisted in the cleaning and organizing of the **Clothing Room**.



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.



SAVE the DATE!!!!

NERF 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



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.

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 11th:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Baked Beans, Chips & Cookie

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)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the months of

November and December.

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade

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!

Celebrate 25 Years
TODAY!!

Norm Bauer 's retirement
2-4pm at
Messiah Lutheran Church
Charles City

Refreshments will be
served!!



MYLE Multicultural Youth Leadership Event of the ELCA JULY 13-18, 2024

the tAble An ELCA Gathering of Youth with Disabilities JULY 13-18, 2024

Young Adult Gathering A new ELCA Gathering for Young Adults JULY 18-20, 2024

[@elcayouthgathering](#) [@tablegathering](#) [@younggathering](#)

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



AFTER SCHOOL: 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!