



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool  
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**Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**Matthew 25: 1-13**

**Prelude:**

**“The Power of the Word”**

**Music:**

**“Thankful” & “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”**

**SJCP**

**Welcome**

The flowers on the altar & the Radio Broadcast are sponsored by Yolanda & Paul Van Ausdall in memory & honor of Veterans.

**Service of Holy Baptism**

**Insert**

**Gathering Hymn:**

**“My Lord, What a Morning”**

**#438**

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn - ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris - tian shout,

*Refrain*

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

***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:***

**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Scripture Reading:***

**Amos 5:18-24**

**Read by Larry Michehl**

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**“Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Every color shape and size, they are precious in His eyes.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world.  
Jesus is the Shepherd true, and He'll always stand by you,  
For He loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Every color shape and size, they are precious in His eyes.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

***Children's Sermon***

***Gospel Song:***

**“Alleluia”**

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

*L: The Holy Gospel according to* **Matthew 25:1-13**



**Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*L: The Gospel of the Lord...*



**Sermon:**

Pastor Russ Leeper

**Song of the Day:**

“Forever”

**Video**

***The Prayers (L):*** Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

***Please keep the following in prayer:***

Deb Watkins	Bill Hollar	Linda Girken	Marilu Wohlers
Colleen Ortmyer	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Imani Sande	
Ruth Farmer	Noa Mulholland	Don Knowlton	
Lorna Scrimger	Skip Ward	Laurie Heidebrink	

**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

*We celebrate the baptism of...*

**Clayton James Heller**

*Clayton is the child of Vance Heller & Kierstin Heim  
Sponsors: Lexi Brase & Klair Heim*



**Ryatt Robert Heller**

*Ryatt is the child of Vance Heller & Kierstin Heim  
Sponsors: Brock Heller & Jessica Chapman*

**Aspen Ann Heller**

*Aspen is the child of Brock Heller & Jessica Chapman  
Sponsors: Vance Heller & Kierstin Heim & Ben & Katie Hron*

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

*\*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*



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

*L:* Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

**“For the Beauty of the Earth/ Give Thanks**





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**November 12 -- November 19**

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship Preschool Sings 10:00 AM <i>After Worship: Congregation</i> <i>"Thank You/Send-Off" for Laurie</i> Angel Tree Tag Pick-Up Today!!
	10:00 AM	Deacons
	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
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Finance Board
	6:00 PM	Council
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Do Day Quilters
	5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper & Activities
	7:00 PM	Dartball Begins
Friday	5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion Trinity Choir Sings 10:00 AM <b>After Worship Social Time</b> 10:05 AM <b>Kids Sunday School</b> 10:05 AM <b>Youth Hour</b> 10:15 AM <b>Adult Catechism Class...Last Class</b>

**WEDNESDAY**  
**NIGHT SUPPERS**

**HELP NEEDED**  
in the kitchen during the  
month of  
**February.**  
To Volunteer...  
Contact: Shirley Holm  
OR  
Sandie Quade

**Wednesday Night Supper**

**\*\*November 15\*\***

Ham, potatoes, lettuce salad, &  
pudding  
Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$5.00 for adults  
Children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade free  
thanks to  
Kans for Kids  
(Menu subject to change)

**Offering from the week of:**

**November 5, 2023**

General Receipts:	<b>\$23,264.29</b>
Designated:	<b>\$460.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,724.29</b>

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

**Sunday Attendance: 222**

**Wednesday Night Schedule**

<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>After School</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Supper</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Kids Choir</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Tone Chime Choir</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Trinity Choir</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Dartball</b>

## Dartball

Starting Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00pm

January 24<sup>th</sup> will be the last game.

Contact Dennis Sande at 319-389-7998

## NOVEMBER IS FOOD MONTH!

Sunday school youth can bring  
Non-perishable food items to class  
To be donated to the  
Blessing Box or Food Pantry!



**THANK YOU**

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



**Laurie Heidebrink**

*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  
**TODAY!!**  
Sunday, November 12th.

Watch for  
Information for the  
Sunday School  
Program  
that is coming  
December 10<sup>th</sup>!!!

**Music Sunday  
December 17th**



	<b>December 3rd</b> <b>11:00a.m. -</b> <b>12:30p.m.</b> <b>In the Parish Hall</b>
	<b>Donations of</b> <b>gently used</b> <b>Christmas items,</b> <b>crafts or toys are</b> <b>needed!</b>

## ***Stephen Ministry***

We all go through tough times. In the midst of these times, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to give understanding and encouragement – to provide stability, hope, and Biblical principles to help us get through the storm. That’s what a Stephen Minister is able to provide. Here at St. John, we have compassionate individuals who are trained to help us when encountering loss, grief, relationship challenges, and many other challenges that can throw our lives into a tailspin. A Stephen Minister is a caring individual who can confidentially help us navigate these times. If you’re interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact the church office and a Stephen Leader will get in touch with you to provide more information. We’re planning Stephen Minister training starting after the first of the year.

Coats for Kids had another successful year and it is because of St. John’s generous congregation along with our community who donated many coats and other winter items along with monetary donations. Without you this ministry would not be possible. Thank you for your generosity. This ministry has been a blessing to so many families over the years. Lori Janssen and Lisa Kreger have led this ministry for 10 years and have decided this will be their last year to lead this ministry. Lori and Lisa have enjoyed being part of Coats of Kids, and they would like to help you learn about Coats for Kids and all that is involved. If you are interested in leading Coats for Kids please call the church office, or you can call Lisa Kreger at 641-330-0696.

# **Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thursday, November 23, 2023

11 am – 1 pm

St John Lutheran Church

200 S Main Street

Charles City, Iowa

Come for food and fellowship!



Questions: Call Kim at 641-220-6241

For deliveries call 641-220-6241 by 3 pm Tuesday, November 20 (No Exceptions)

Deliveries will begin at 10:30 am Thursday, November 23

There is a limit of five (5) dinners per family—if need more, pick up is required.

## **Menu:**

Turkey & Ham

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Dressing

Green Beans

Dinner Roll

Dessert

## **Volunteers Are Welcome**