



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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Sunday, November 5, 2023
All Saints Sunday



Matthew 5: 1-12

Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Steve & Susan Shankland, in memory of Susan’s sister.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Dean & Doris Toebe in honor of their 65th Anniversary (Nov. 16th).

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.**



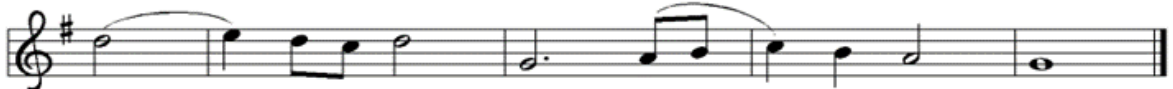
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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:

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks unto the Holy one;
 Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ, His son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich”
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks unto the Holy one;
 Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ, His son. Give thanks.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music:

Kumbaya

Kids Choir

Scripture Reading

1 John 3: 1-3

Read by Jeremy Heyer

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

“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 5: 1-12**



Matthew 5: 1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Intern, Beth Hurt

Song of the Day

“Mighty to Save”

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.

Remembering... This is All Saints' Sunday, a day that reminds us that the church is both on earth and in heaven. Today we remember these departed saints who were members of St. John or had funeral services through St. John:

Verla June (Kamin) Heller

James Dale DeVore

Arlene Mary (Beck) Thomas

Patricia Irene (Townsend) Nelson

William Joseph Gifford

Carol Josephine (Ross) Meader

Steven LeRoy Shankland

Marilyn Ruth (Frank) Obermeier

Carl Raymond Johnson

Randall Dean Kreger

David Jerome Hagen

Donna Mae (Field) Stewart

Richard Lee Selvig

Allen Roger Cross

James Ronald Marlow

Marian E. (Flowers) Johnson

Angela Jean (Quade) Kettwig

Bruce E. Pennington

Jana Jean Zilm

Bentley Emmett DeMars

Marilyn Joan Mayfield DeMars

Clarice Ann (Handeland)

Leraaen

Robert E. Friend

Susan Jane (Schmidt) Ayers

Virginia Ann Cook

Rodney Charles Ellis

Garry Lee Griffin

Ronald Jay Hoffman

Doris Louise (Steere) Lovejoy

Larry Eugene Bohner

Beverly Hinders Trost

Sharon Sue (Swacker) Streich

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

Joyce Boehmer

Beverly Sears

Imani Sande

Colleen Ortmayer

Lou Streich

Bill Wohlers Jr.

Don Knowlton

Lorna Scrimger

Laurie Heidebrink

Noa Mulholland

Skip Ward

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz,

Mackenzey Bilharz, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs,
Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

The Offering Hymn:

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

#694



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good - ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

***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

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

#479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

“Just As I Am Without One Plea”

#592

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“I Love to Tell the Story”

#661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God ”

#669

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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

Postlude:

“The Righteous Live Forever”

Franklin Ritter



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November 5 -- November 12

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion All Saints
	10:05 AM	Kids Sunday School
	10:05 AM	Youth Hour
	10:15 AM	Adult Catechism Class
Monday	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Foster Grandparents (PH)
	4:00 PM	Staff
	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper & Activities
Friday	5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship Preschool Sings
	10:00 AM	<i>After Worship: Congregation</i> <i>"Thank You/Send-Off" for Laurie</i>
	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

Offering from the week of:

October 29, 2023

General Receipts:	\$7,105.70
Designated:	\$465.00
Total	\$7,570.70

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

Sunday Attendance: 216

Wednesday Night Schedule

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the months of
January and February.

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade

Dartball

Starting Wednesday, November 15th
at 7:00pm

January 24th will be the last game.

Contact Dennis Sande at 319-389-7998

Wednesday Night Supper

****November 8****

Vegetable soup

Sandwiches (ham, turkey, beef)

Cherry Bars.

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)



Preschool Sings
November 12th, 2023

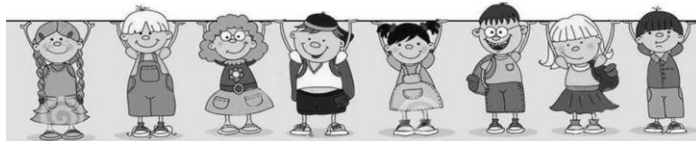
NOVEMBER IS FOOD MONTH!

Sunday school youth can bring

Non-perishable food items to class

To be donated to the

Blessing Box or Food Pantry!



On Sunday, November 12th, Angel Tree tags will be available in the Narthex before and after service. Angel Tree provides gifts for children of incarcerated parents, food and religious materials for their families, and Bibles for the prisoners. Please support the program again this year.

THANK YOU



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



DATE CHANGE!!!!

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

Sunday, November 12th

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.



Starting November 1st, St John Church will be delivering food from the Northeast Iowa Food bank to those unable to come to the food bank pickup site at the fairgrounds due to transportation or mobility limitations. Delivery will be the first Wednesday of the month, in the evening. Deliveries will be within a 5 mile radius of Charles City.

November's delivery will be limited to the first 10 households to sign up.

For more information on income eligibility guidelines or to sign up contact Jen Burton at 641-220-1769.

The Charles City Mobile Food Pantry is an equal opportunity provider.



Senior Center

Harvest Festival!!

Sunday, November 5th

11am-1pm

Ham, potatoes, green beans,
rolls, pies, and bars

\$10

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 18-20, 2024
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The sign-up sheet for the 2024 Youth Gathering is posted on the Youth & Family Bulletin Board



Kid's
25
cent
Gift
Store

December 3rd
11:00 a.m.
to
12:30 p.m.
In the
Parish Hall

Donations of gently used Christmas items, crafts or toys are needed!

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

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