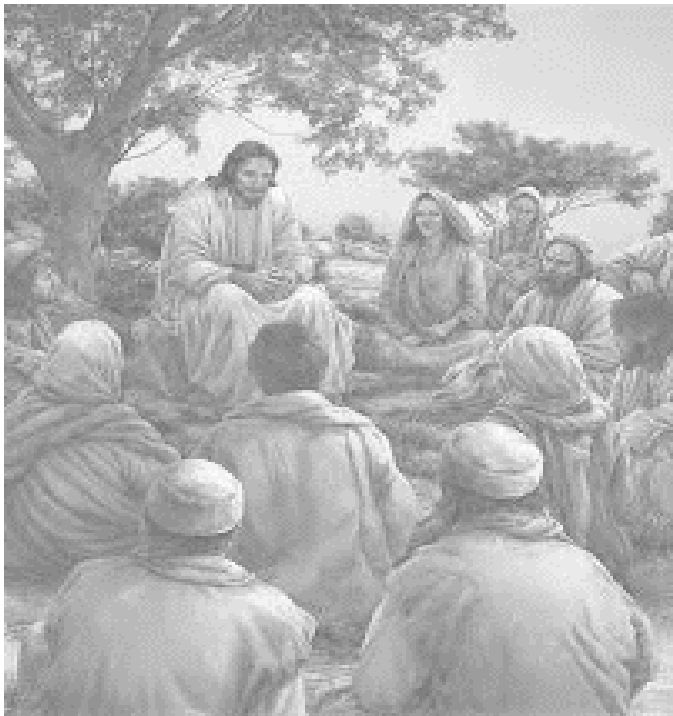




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Sunday, September 10
15th Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 18:15-20

Prelude: “Great Is the Lord” (Cherie Schafer/Melanie Johanningmeier Piano/Organ Duet)

Welcome

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Gary & Sandy Marth in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Jean Zilm in memory of loved ones.

Service of Holy Baptism

Insert

Gathering Hymn:

“God’s Work Our Hands”

God's work, our hands: working together,
Building a future, repairing the world,
Raising up homes, planting new gardens,
Feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
Following Jesus to places unknown,
Walking as friends, marching for freedom,
Running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,
Praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
Praying for peace, shouting for justice,
Claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

God is at work in and around us:
Seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
Gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Romans 13:8-14

Read by Lorie Hoeft

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

“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 18:15-20



Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Pastor, Russ Leeper

***Song of the Day:

“Closer”

Video

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	Arlene Lehs
Edna Stott	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Jeanette Brinkman	Gary Quade
Linda Hoy	Noa Mulholland	Colleen Ortmayer	

Prayers and condolences to family and friends with the passing of Larry Bohner.

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...

Huxton Drake Wegner
Huxton is the child of Nick & Brooklyn Wegner
Sponsors: Bryce & Brianna Bilharz
Andrew & Rylee Ragan



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

**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*

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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**Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our eve’ry day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“The Glory of God”

September 10--September 17

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship God's Work/Our Hands TODAY!!
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Finance Board
	6:00 PM	Council
	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Family Board
	5:15 PM	Youth Board
Thursday	9:00 AM	Church Cleaning
Saturday	9:00 AM	Church Cleaning
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion Mission Trip Presentation Rally Sunday Installation of Education Staff

Today is the day!!!



Offering from the week of:

September 3, 2023

General Receipts:	\$8,839.70
Designated:	\$430.00
Total	\$9,269.70

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

Sunday Attendance: 176

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.





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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY



Make sure to bring your RC
Cars if you have them!
We will have a track to run
them on in the parking lot!



OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES

Fun for ALL!!!

September 17th

Church Cleaning Checklist

#1: PEOPLE/HELP

“After construction & deep
cleaning”

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

Current Schedule:
September 14, 16, 28 @ 9



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the months of
November and December.

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade

Adult Catechism Class Coming In October!

Starting October 1, 2023, Pastor Russ will lead a 7-week Sunday morning Adult Catechism Class. This class is an exploration of Martin Luther's Small Catechism, which sums up what Lutherans believe. The class is perfect for life-long Lutherans, those new to the faith, and anyone who just wants to know more about what Lutherans believe.

The class will meet at 10:15 AM every Sunday from October 1st – November 19th (except October 29th). So that we be sure to have enough materials for everyone, please sign up for the class by Sunday, September 17th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can contact the church office.

Children's Choir

Melanie is planning to start a children's choir (Carol Choir) again this fall. It would be for children Kindergarten-6th grade. It would meet on Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:00. There would be time to come eat at church at 5:00 then come to choir. This group will try to sing about one time per month. Melanie will rehearse songs with the kids, have time for an activity of some sort and then end with a snack. There will be a sign-up sheet on Rally Sunday, September 17. The first meeting for Carol Choir will be Wednesday, September 27 at 5:30 pm (location to be determined). Come be a part of Carol Choir! If you have any questions, please contact Melanie at 641-330-0963.

Trinity Choir

Trinity Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Please join us by singing in Trinity Choir this year. We are really looking forward to some great singing and amazing fellowship.

Trinity Choir is open to anyone 7th grade and older. Join us for our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie at 641-330-0963.

Tone Chime Choir

Last year we had a tone chime choir that met a few times. We have had interest in starting a tone chime choir that would be multi-age (6th grade-adult). If you have an interest in this, please contact Melanie at 641-330-0963. We have a director in place so need people willing to enjoy this venture.