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Sunday, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter



John 10:10-18

Prelude

Concert Etude

Bennett Hansen, Trumpet

Music

“You Never Let Go”

SJCP

“Get Up, Get Up”

Get Up, Get Up Lyrics

Get up, get up

Get up and tell the world

Get up, get up

Some people haven't heard

That Jesus paid the price

So we could have eternal life

Get up, get up

Get up and tell the world

(*Congregation participation requested on last verse)

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Beverly Sears in memory of William Sears & loved ones.

The altar flowers are sponsored by Sandy & Marty Hicks in memory of in memory of Jack & Norma Kamm.

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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Gather Us In”

#532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

#857

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Read by Bennett Hansen

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven’s gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to **John 10:10-18**



John 10:10-18

[Jesus said:]10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
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 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

***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

The Distribution

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

#484

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

#502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er, I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

#773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;
 dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 meet a-gain.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!



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April 21—April 28

4/21/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship & Communion</i>
		<i>SJCP Sings</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i>
	10:15 a.m.	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>
4/22/2024	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
4/23/2024	6:30 p.m.	GriefShare (Dinner)
4/24/2024	3:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper & Activities
4/26/2024	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
4/28/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i>
	10:15 a.m.	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>
	After Worship	<i>Pack the Parking Lot!!</i>

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Service
10:05 a.m.	Youth Hour
10:05 a.m.	Spark Sunday School
10:05 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class

Wednesday Night Schedule

3:30 p.m.	After School Program
5:00 p.m.	Supper
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
6:00 p.m.	Tone Chime Choir

Offering from the week of:

April 14, 2024

General Receipts:	\$7,081.72
Designated:	\$760.00
Total	\$7,841.72

General Receipts of \$10,902.91 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 235

Wednesday Night Supper

****April 24th****

Random Cuisine Surprise!!

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)

Pack the Parking Lot!!!

NEXT SUNDAY!!

Games, music, & food!!!

Burgers & Hot Dogs with drinks provided. Potluck items for anyone wanting to bring something: Salads, Side Dishes, & Chips are welcome!

We're Hiring!

St. John Lutheran Church in Charles City, Iowa is seeking a ***Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator***.

This person is responsible for facilitating K-12 faith formation in collaboration with the Board of Parish Education, the Youth & Family Ministry Board, and other volunteers. This position is full time with a competitive benefits package. To view the full job description and qualifications, visit our website at stjohncharlescity.org. ***To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Pastor Russ Leeper at rleeper@stjohncharlescity.com.***

Adult Sunday School Class called "Making Sense of Scripture", with Pastor Russ...***It isn't too late to join!!***

The class will meet in the chapel on Sundays from **10:15 to 11:00AM**. Everyone is welcome!

Scholarship Applications:

Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday!!

Please join us



Let's Laugh & Play with Friends

ST JOHN THIRD FLOOR

GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 3 6:30 TO 8:30PM

1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE
1ST GRADERS NEED A PARENT TO STAY WITH THEM

SEE ST JOHN FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Just a reminder that St. John offers scholarships for all our youth members attending a Christian camp.

Scholarships are offered in the amounts of \$25 for a one-day camp, \$50 for camps lasting 2-3 days, and \$150 for camps lasting 4-7 days. Just bring in a copy of your registration to the Business Office for a reimbursement.



Charles City Community Blood Drive

Messiah Lutheran Church
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City

Tuesday, May 14

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM



Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.267.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule



Building & Grounds
will hold
their Spring cleanup day

May 18th at 9:00 a.m.!

Volunteers Needed!!

Please bring a rake/broom/shovel/clippers to help clean around the outside of the church and parking lot.

As precautionary steps for safety and security, we would like to ask all attendees and visitors of St John, to make sure you are locking your vehicles anytime you are inside the church or away from your vehicle.



This is the year of the **100th Anniversary** of the construction of our present church. We have had our first meeting and made some decisions. We will have a brunch menu instead of dinner, but **THERE WILL BE PIE!!** We also plan on a Country Store with the special baked, canned or grown items that people wish to donate. A Craft fair will be part of it, so get your thinking hats on to see what you can make. We will also have a silent auction of some special donated items, so consider what you can make, like a quilt, wooden item or some other specialty item that people would like to bid on.

The Brunch will be a free will donation, but we will take reservations closer to the date, **October 27th**. We will announce the goal that we are raising money for in a month or two. (possibly youth) Questions to petefishj@mchsi.com

Update on the Bell

Roger Michael says he was told it was from the previous church. It would be nice if we got information or confirmation from anyone else in the know, but Roger is a good source.

We discovered that the old bell does have a clapper inside and it has 1892 stamped into its metal stand. A church history book references that there was a rebuilding and enlargement of the old church that was completed in 1893, more evidence that it is probably from the old church.

Our interest in this is historical and related to the upcoming 100th anniversary of our current church. It has been suggested to have it cleaned and fixed up a bit to put on display outside our church in honor of that anniversary since it would have been rung for the last time 100 years ago. Wouldn't it be fun to ring it one more time? This is in the preliminary stages, but ideas and input would be appreciated. Contact me at petefishj@mchsi.com



