



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool

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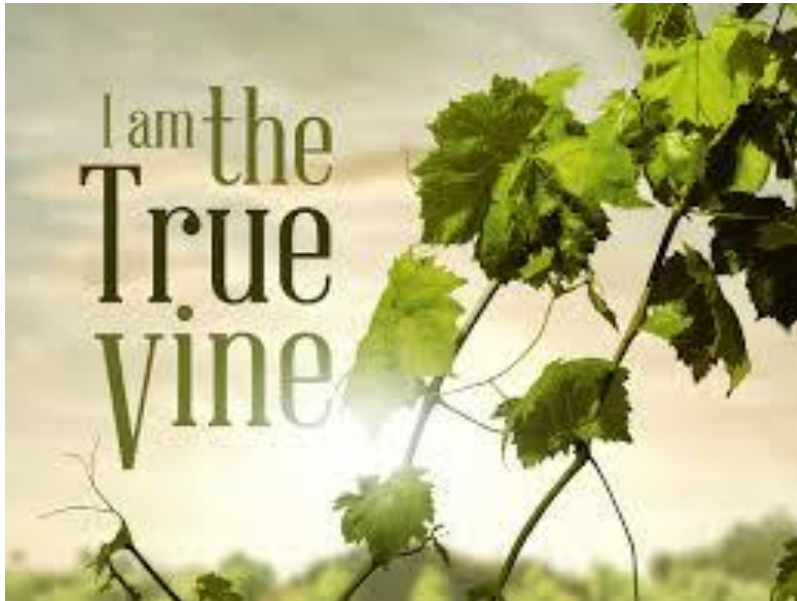
Beth Hurt, Intern

Melanie Johanningmeier, Director of Music

Tone Chime Choir Director, Kathy Rogotzke

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



John 15:1-8

Prelude:

“What Wondrous Love”
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
“Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Tone Chime Choir

Welcome & Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Ron & Connie Rasmussen.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Don & Shirley Holm in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Treats are being provided by Kip & Judy Hauser.

Gathering Hymn:

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

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1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, 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

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

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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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Acts 8:26-40

Read by Xander Graeser

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

“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:

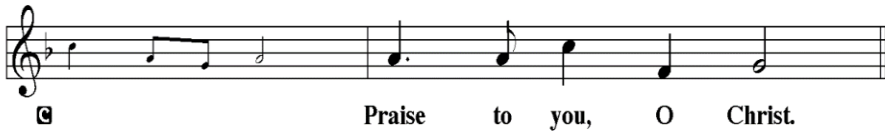
L: The Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8



Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Intern, Beth Hurt

Song of the Day:

“Praise”

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.**

The Prayers (L): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Scott Aspholm	Don Knowlton	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward
Linda Girken	Gladys Kellogg	Lorna Scrimger	Diann Jacobson
Axel Heller	Deb Watkins	Stan Mehmen	David Youngerman
Mary Jean Zilm	Dick Harrington	Vince Huegel	Dave Litterer

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,
Ben Hauser, Tyler Brockney

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

6 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 7 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 8 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 9 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 10 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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.

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the fore - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!



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April 28—May 5

4/28/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship SS Teacher Appreciation</i>
	10:15 a.m.	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>
	After Worship	<i>Pack the Parking Lot!!</i>
4/29/2024	6:00 p.m.	<i>Cub Scouts</i>
5/1/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Do Day Quilters</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Scholarship Deadline</i>
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Final: Wednesday Night Supper & Confirmation Class</i>
5/3/2024	5:00 p.m.	<i>Girl Scouts</i>
5/5/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship & Communion Speaker-Eric Voss/Celebrate Recovery</i>
	After Worship	<i>After Worship Social Time</i>
	10:15 a.m.	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>

Pack the Parking Lot!!!

TODAY... AFTER WORSHIP!!

Games, music, & food!!!

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



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| Bennett Hansen | Savannah Baldus |
| Kayla Streich | Scott Hansen |
| Sarah Kendall | Sydney Hinz |
| Josh Johnson | Lydia Johnson |
| Olivia Kreger | Annemarie Hansen |

Offering from the week of:

April 21, 2024

General Receipts: **\$11,511.35**

Designated: **\$320.00**

Total \$11,831.35

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

Sunday Attendance: 260

Wednesday Night Supper

****May 1st****

Grand Finale!

Hamburger/Hot Dogs, Beans, Chips & Cookies
Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
Children through 12th grade
free thanks to
Kans for Kids

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.

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.**

Let's Laugh & Play with Friends

ST JOHN THIRD FLOOR

GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY 3 MAY 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

May needs YOU!

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: 800.267.903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule

LifeServe
 YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.

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.

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**

lleeper@stjohncharlescity.com.

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.



