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**April 30, 2023; Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL**  
— LUTHERAN CHURCH —

**John 10: 1-10**

*Prelude:*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Welcome*

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Mike & Clarice Leraaen in memory of Ron.  
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Monte & Kathy Waldorf in memory of loved ones.

*Gathering Hymn:*

“Arise Shine”

Arise, shine, for thy light is come.  
Arise, shine, for thy light is come;  
And the glory of the Lord is risen,  
the glory of the Lord is come,  
the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

*Apostolic Greeting:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise*

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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:*

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

*Read by Kurt Hoelt*

<sup>19</sup>For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” <sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**“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**

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;  
When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. **Refrain**

*Children's Sermon*

*Gospel Acclamation*

**“Alleluia”**

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

*P: The Holy Gospel according to **John 10:1-10***



“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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



*Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

*Song of the Day*

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

**Video**

*The Creed*

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 (P):* Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

**Please keep the following in prayer:**

Sue Ayers      Tricia Hockenson      Jerry Meader      Ron Venz  
Joyce Boehmer      Ron Hoffman      Noa Mulholland      Marilu Wohlers  
Larry Bohner      Linda Hoy      Beverly Hinders Trost      Bill Wohlers Jr.  
Linda Girken      Donald Knowlton

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

*The Offering*

The Offering Hymn

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

\*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 this is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Benediction

Sending Hymn:

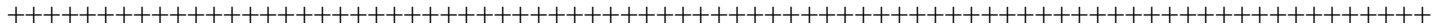
“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
He is worthy to be praised and adored;  
So we lift up Holy hands in one accord, singing  
“Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,  
blessed be the name of the Lord!”

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude:

“There Is a Fountain”  
“My Jesus I Love Thee”

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**April 30 - May 7**

Sunday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Kathy's Retirement in Parish Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Board
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Sunday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Comm.</b>
	11:00 a.m.	SJCP Food Truck

**Grief Share**  
**Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**  
**In the Chapel**

**Today after the worship service** come to the Parish Hall to celebrate with Kathy Hoefft on her retirement!

**NEW EMAILS!**  
You can contact our new Intern Beth by calling St. John at 641-228-3397 or emailing her at [beth@stjohncharlescity.com](mailto:beth@stjohncharlescity.com)!  
Also, the email for the secretary has changed to [office@stjohncharlescity.com](mailto:office@stjohncharlescity.com)

**Building & Grounds Spring Cleanup Day** will be **May 13<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **9:00 a.m.** Bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, and other cleanup tools to help clean up the parking lot and the grassy areas around the church!  
**New this year!!! Clean-up inside!!!**  
Due to dust from construction extra cleaning is necessary at this time.

**Wednesday Night suppers**  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Menu for May3rd:**  
Baked Chicken, Pasta Salad, Green Beans, Dessert  
Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

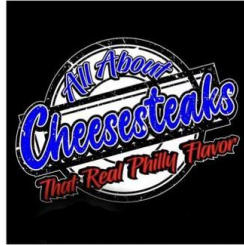
**SJCP'S END-OF-YEAR  
FOOD TRUCK "FRIEND"ZY!!**

**Please join us for music, games, fun and food!!**

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the St. John parking lot!**

This is a fundraising event featuring the "100 Envelope Challenge", where the funds will be used to purchase TWO tablets to use with our curriculum!

Featuring the following local Food Trucks:



**Offering from the week of  
April 23, 2023**

General Receipts:	\$12,045.74
Designated:	\$375.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,420.74</b>

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

**Sunday Attendance: 214**

SAVE THE DATES: **VBS - Monday through Thursday, June 26-29, 2023.** We would love to have your kids attend Tuesday-Friday evenings! Look for more information in the upcoming bulletins and newsletters. If you are interested in volunteering with VBS, please contact Laurie.



**WIYLDE registration forms** are available in Laurie's office for any 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade St. John student wishing to attend. WIYLDE will be held this year at EWALU from June 19-22. **Registrations are due to St. John by May 25<sup>th</sup>** so we have time to get them mailed in by the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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.