



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool  
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**August 14, 2022; Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Luke 12:49-56**

Prelude:

“With Faith Renewed”

Ryan Thomas

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Barbara Fuls in memory of Larry Fuls

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the family of Normand Klemesrud

After Worship join the Council in the Parish Hall for a 30<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary reception for Pastor Russ

Service of Holy Baptism

Gathering Hymn:

“Faith of Our Fathers”

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1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*  
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

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*

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Prayer of the Day*

**O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Scripture Reading*

**Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

*Read by Diane Sande*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**“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.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-56*



49“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

54He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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



*Message*

Pastor Russ Leeper

*Song of the Day*

“Mighty to Save”

*Hillsong Video*

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

***Please Keep the following in prayer:***

Sue Ayers	Kayla LaBarge	Marilu Wohlers
Kavi Bahnsen	Brandie McDonald	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
B.J. Gifford	Calvin Shultz	Carmen Wolf

***The Prayer List:*** Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

*We celebrate the baptism of...*

***Landry Ann Voelker***  
*Landry is the child of Ethan & Keegan Voelker*  
*Sponsors: Ryan & Samantha Birkicht,*  
*Brandon & Whitney Franke*



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

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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*

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

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

*Postlude:*

“A Joyous Alleluia”

Tom Birchwood



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL  
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**August 14 - August 21**

Sunday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee in Parish Hall celebrate Pastor's 30th anniversary of ordination
	10:00 a.m.	Youth board
Monday	5:00 p.m.	SJCP parent meetings
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	6:00 p.m.	Council
	6:30 p.m.	Preschool board
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
Sunday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Comm</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Parish Ed

**All are invited to join the Council & Pastor Russ** in the Parish Hall for a reception to honor Pastor Russ' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination!

**Offering from the week of August 7, 2022**

General Receipts \$7,956.70

Designated: \$365.00

*General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget*

**Attendance: 122**

**Gardeners!** There is a table in the Narthex for you to share your extra produce with the congregation! **Veggie lovers...**when there is produce on the table feel free to take as much as you want!

**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> will be St. John's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

The assistant to the Bishop, The Rev. Liz Albertson will be joining us for our celebration. We look forward to a wonderful day in worship and then fellowship during the meal.

We will celebrate with a free dinner (reservations will start being taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September through October 16<sup>th</sup>!) & a craft fair.

Menu: a catered dinner by U2BBQ featuring roast beef & roast turkey, whipped potatoes & gravy, corn, Oreo fluff salad, carrot cake, fresh rolls with butter, coffee & lemonade.

**Plan to join us as we celebrate 150 years of "God's Love in Action" !**

**Crafters and Gardeners!**

Part of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration on October 30<sup>th</sup> will be a craft show with donated items to sell. Get your "creative" on & bring crafts, jams, jellies, baked goods, etc. to help make the event a success! Non-baked items need to be at the church by Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and baked items need to be brought in by noon on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **God's Work Our Hands: Sunday, September 11, 2022**



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

We are excited to participate again in the ELCA God's Work Our Hands Day of Service on Sunday, September 11. This day is where all around the world (and in particular in Charles City, Iowa) we can demonstrate St. John's mission: God's Love in Action, by reaching out in our community to serve and love our neighbors.

We offered several projects last year and plan to offer some of the same ones along with some new ones. We need your help in the following:

1. Volunteering/participating in one or more of the projects on Sunday, September 11
2. Helping us identify people/projects in our community that we could do
3. Helping collect materials for some of the projects
4. If you are a Thrivent member selecting one of the projects we are doing to submit for Thrivent matching funds to help (we will be getting more information out about how to do this and what is needed).

Below is a link to the ELCA website about the day including a special hymn composed for the event.

<https://www.elca.org/dayofservice>

### **Some Information about Thrivent Actions Teams:**

Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead (one or two action teams—depends on the type of membership you have) a year. Thrivent provides a kit (including up to \$250 seed money) for action team projects. We will provide more information to Thrivent members on how to access this benefit for those who are interested.

Below is a link to more information about the Thrivent Actions Teams:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

## **God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Planning group: Jeremy Heyer, Don Holm, Susan Leeper, Alison Pettit, Katie Prichard, Kathy Rogotzke, Kim Watkins