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**Sunday, August 20, 2023**  
**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Matthew 15: 21-28**



Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation, \*\*\* = Song Request

*Welcome*

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Lavonne & Jim Reysack, in memory of Shirley Ripely & Loved Ones.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Mike & Lisa Kreger in memory of Loved Ones.

*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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

***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:**

**“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***

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,] <sup>1</sup>Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

**“The 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”**

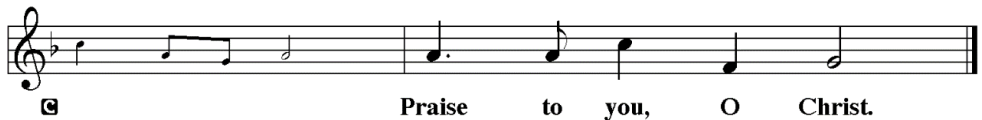
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 15: 21-28*



<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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



*Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

**\*\*\*Song of the Day**

**“Reckless Love”**

**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.**

Condolences & prayers to the family and friends of Bruce Pennington.

### *Please keep the following in prayer:*

Dan Marth	Beverly Hinders Trost	Linda Girken	Marilu Wohlers
Joyce Boehmer	Beverly Sears	Imani Sande	Larry Bohner
Edna Stott	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Jeanette Brinkman	Arlene Lehs
Linda Hoy	Noa Mulholland	Colleen Ortmyer	Bill Hollar

**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

**\*\*\*The Offering Hymn:**

**“To God Be the Glory”**

To God be the glory great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life gate that all may go in.

**REFRAIN**

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **REFRAIN**

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **REFRAIN**

**\*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*

**“We Come to the Hungry Feast”**

**#479**



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings  
As nothing else would do.

***Refrain***

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus  
And his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more  
Wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the  
message Of salvation from God's own holy word. ***Refrain***

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to  
Hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll  
Sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. ***Refrain***

***Communion Blessing & Benediction******Sending Hymn*****“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”****#712**

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the  
Cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the  
Worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift  
Which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the  
Captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep  
Compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to  
Our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and  
Depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs  
And burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your  
Abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the  
Youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and  
Comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know and live.

*L:* Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude:*****“At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day”****James Mansfield**



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL  
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

**August 20--August 27**

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
Wednesday		Newsletter Deadline
	4:30 p.m.	Family Board
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning Day
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	After Worship Social Time



**Charles City Community Blood Drive**  
 Messiah Lutheran Church  
 705 3rd Ave. | Charles City  
**Friday, August 25**  
 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4905 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule

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**Song Requests**

If anyone has a hymn or praise song request over the summer...please write it on the back of your "Attendance" slip and Melanie can incorporate them into the services.

**Additionally**

If you would like to *provide* any special music over the summer, contact Melanie to discuss it.

**Church Cleaning**

After construction & deep cleaning. Everyone is welcome to help us clean our church!! We plan to have a cleaning checklist posted in the Narthex.

**Schedule:**

August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9am  
 September 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9am

**Offering from the week of:**

**August 13, 2023**

General Receipts:	<b>\$4,610.70</b>
Designated:	<b>\$1,335.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,945.70</b>

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

**Sunday Attendance: 122**

**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.



## Opportunities:

*(To Show God's Love in Action in Our Community)*

### The Northeast Iowa Food Bank—Mobile Food Pantry

(Serving upwards of 200 families, individuals, and seniors in need.)

**Charles City**      **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month**      **5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

Youth Enrichment Building at the Floyd County Fairgrounds

Roughly 40 volunteers are needed from 4 – 7 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month to set up, pack food, distribute food, and clean up.

The time commitment is small yet has a tremendous impact for those in need.

All ages of volunteers are welcome!

Contact Jen Burton at 641-220-1769 for more information.

### After Worship Social Time

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

### \*\*\*Special Note\*\*\*

We need volunteers to sign up to bring treats. There is a sign-up sheet by the Narthex doors.

**We are freed in Christ to Love and Serve our Neighbors!**

CELEBRATING  
**10**  
YEARS

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**

September 10  
2023

Where do you see a need? to lend a hand?  
Contact Susan Leeper or Deacon Intern, Beth Hurt!