



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
200 S Main St
Charles City, Iowa 50616
641-228-3397
www.stjohncharlescity.org

Rev. Russ Leeper, Senior Pastor
Melanie Johanningmeier, Director of Music

August 21, 2022; Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 13:10-17

Prelude: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” & “How Majestic is Your Name”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar and the radio broadcast are sponsored by Peg Poppen in memory of loved ones

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.

P: 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.

P: 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. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

“Family of God”

I’m so glad I’m a part of the fam’ly of God;

I’ve been washed in the fountain,

Cleansed by his blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,

For I’m part of the fam’ly, the fam’ly of God! **2X**

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 71:1-6

Read by Kip Hauser

¹In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.

“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 13:10-17



¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Message

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“10,000 Reasons”

Video

**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 Brandie McDonald Bill Wohlers, Jr.
 Javi Bahnsen Calvin Shultz Carmen Wolf
 B.J. Gifford Marilu Wohlers

***Shannon Venz & family on the death of her
 mother, Kayla LaBarge***

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.

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

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

#679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 within.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion:

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.**

The Distribution

“As the Grains of Wheat”

#465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#588

1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:

there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

“This Little Light of Mine”

#677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



oh,

oh,



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



oh,



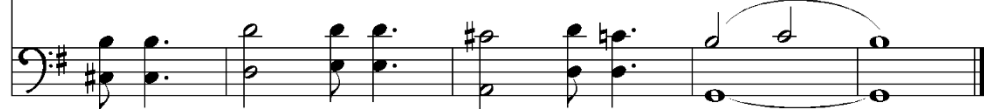
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



oh,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“How Firm a Foundation”

#796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

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

Postlude:

“The Whole Armor of God”



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
200 S. Main Street, Charles City, IA 50616; 641-228-3397

August 21 - August 28

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	10:00 a.m.	Parish Ed
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	SJCP Parent Open House
Wednesday	Newsletter Deadline	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship

Come to the Fireside room and check out the Donn Schafer memorial furniture that was bought and donated to St. John! The Fireside room needed updating as it is used for meetings, classes, counseling sessions and many other things! Thank you, Cherie Schafer & family!

After Worship Social Time! Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a signup on the treat table!

August Council Highlights:

- Continuing to gather ideas of how our Council can continue to build our vision for God's Love in Action, we look forward to building off of the ideas presented at further council meetings.
- In the aftermath of Pastor Anita's resignation, the Executive Council has been working with the Synod office to put a replacement plan in place. Based on the information collected in the coming weeks, we are aiming for our September Council meeting to make a decision on further action.
- Thank you to everyone who was able to celebrate Pastor Leeper's 30th anniversary of ordination with a small celebration on Sunday, August 14th it was a great morning honoring Pastor and Susan!
- Continued discussion on installing some type of lift system in the church. Approved moving forward with Randall Construction organizing an architect and engineer site visit to finalize an accurate cost estimate for construction of the project.
- Donated our Monthly Benevolence to Lutheran Services of Iowa and Charles City CSD school supply drive.
- A big thank you to Eric Johanningmeier for leading worship on August 7th while Pastor was on vacation and in the wake of Pastor Anita's resignation.
- A committee has been formed to plan the God's Work Our Hands event on Sunday, Sept. 11th, 2022!! If you have any project ideas please let Kathy in the office know!
- Hopefully you have marked Sunday, October 30th down on your calendar for our 150th Anniversary Celebration during and after service. The planning committee is hard at work and it promises to be a special day!
- **Linda Hughes announced her resignation as our Business Manager effective August 29th as she is, "Looking forward to being able to spend more time with family, traveling, and pursuing other interests." We want to thank Linda for her 5 years of service to our church and congregation.**

Thank you and please let us know if you have any thoughts, questions, concerns, etc.
-St. John Lutheran Church Council

Mark Your Calendars!!! Sunday, October 30th will be St. John's 150th 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 1st Sunday in September through October 16th!) & 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 the October 30th celebration is a heritage craft fair. We are open to heritage and modern crafts as well as baked goods, jams, jellies, etc. Anything hand-made by you and safe to use or eat, qualifies. We will have a priced section and a silent auction section for our crafts/services. If you have a more elaborate item, something that you know would be desirable on a silent auction or a service that you can provide, we want to know. In the past people have sold snow shoveling, leaf raking, a dinner for (2,4,6,8 etc.), Christmas present wrapping, a single pie or a “pie a month” for a designated time or anything else you can come up with.

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!

Offering from the week of August 14, 2022

General Receipts: \$5,828.97

Designated: \$155.00

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

Attendance: 174

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