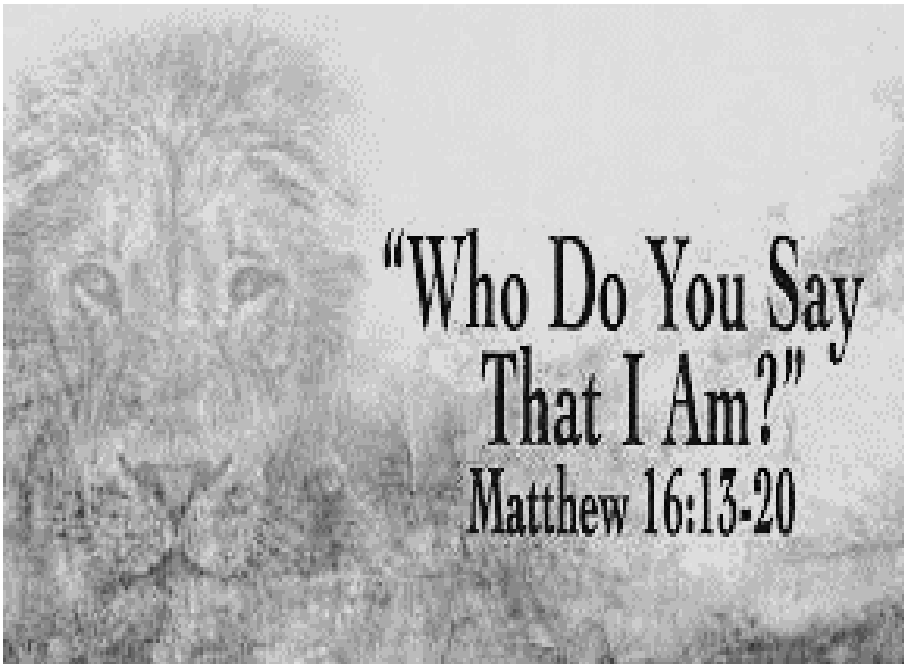




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Sunday, August 27
13th Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 16:13-20

**Prelude: "How Majestic Is Your Name" Cherie Schafer/Melanie Johanningmeier
(Piano/Organ Duet)**

Welcome

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Peg Poppen.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Karen Streich in memory of Larry.

The After Worship Treats are being provided by Don & Shirley Holm.

Invocation

Service of Holy Baptism

Gathering Hymn: "We Are Baptised In Christ Jesus" #451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir-it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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.**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20



Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Pastor, Russ Leeper

*****Song of the Day:**

“Set A Fire”

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:

Dan Marth	Bill Hollar	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	

Prayers and condolences to the friends and family of Beverly Hinders Trost upon her passing.

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

*****Offering Hymn:**

“I'll Fly Away”

Video

***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

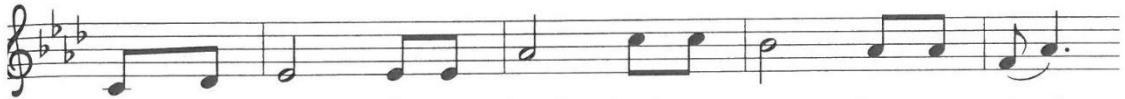
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen.**

The Benediction

*****Sending Hymn**

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

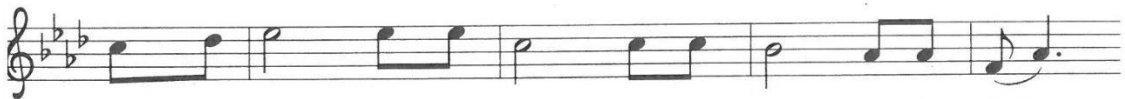
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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

**L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!**

Postlude:

“With Faith Renewed

Ryan Thomas



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August 27--September 3

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
Monday		SJCP Starts
Tuesday	2 p.m.	Stewardship
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m.	After Worship Social Time

Offering from the week of:

August 20, 2023

General Receipts:	\$9,094.89
Designated:	\$440.00
Total	\$9,534.89

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

Sunday Attendance: 160

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.



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.

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



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Where do you see a need? to lend a hand?

Contact Susan Leeper or Deacon Intern, Beth Hurt!



**NEXT SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 3RD
DON'T MISS IT!!!**



Adult Catechism Class Coming In October!

Starting October 1, 2023, Pastor Russ will lead a 7-week Sunday morning Adult Catechism Class. This class is an exploration of Martin Luther's Small Catechism, which sums up what Lutherans believe. The class is perfect for life-long Lutherans, those new to the faith, and anyone who just wants to know more about what Lutherans believe.

The class will meet at 10:15 AM every Sunday from October 1st – November 19th (except October 29th). So that we be sure to have enough materials for everyone, please sign up for the class by Sunday, September 17th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can contact the church office.

Children's Choir

Melanie is planning to start a children's choir (Carol Choir) again this fall. It would be for children Kindergarten-6th grade. It would meet on Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:00. There would be time to come eat at church at 5:00 then come to choir. This group will try to sing about one time per month. Melanie will rehearse songs with the kids, have time for an activity of some sort and then end with a snack. There will be a sign-up sheet on Rally Sunday, September 17. The first meeting for Carol Choir will be Wednesday, September 27 at 5:30 pm (location to be determined). Come be a part of Carol Choir! If you have any questions, please contact Melanie at 641-330-0963.

Trinity Choir

Trinity Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Please join us by singing in Trinity Choir this year. We are really looking forward to some great singing and amazing fellowship.

Trinity Choir is open to anyone 7th grade and older. Join us for our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie at 641-330-0963.

Tone Chime Choir

Last year we had a tone chime choir that met a few times. We have had interest in starting a tone chime choir that would be multi-age (6th grade-adult). If you have an interest in this, please contact Melanie at 641-330-0963. We have a director in place so need people willing to enjoy this venture.

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 *1st 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 1st 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 do need volunteers to sign up for bringing treats. There is a sign-up sheet by the Narthex doors.

Church Cleaning Checklist

#1: PEOPLE/HELP

“After construction & deep cleaning”

Everyone is welcome to come help us clean our church!!

Current Schedule:

September 14, 16, 28 @ 9 am