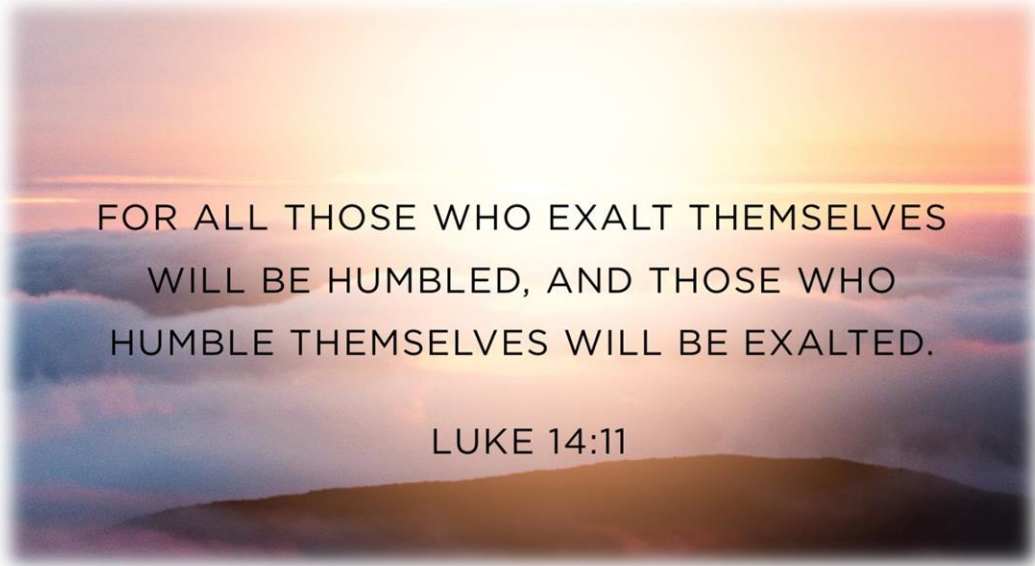




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August 28, 2022; Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

A photograph of a sunset over rolling hills, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the landscape. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue.

FOR ALL THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES
WILL BE HUMBLLED, AND THOSE WHO
HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED.

LUKE 14:11

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Gary & Julie DeBower in memory of Marvin & Patricia Thompson

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Marilyn Isakson in memory of Leon Isakson

Gathering Hymn:

“All are Welcome”

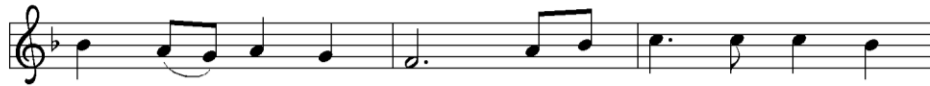
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 stran-ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Music:

“Battle Belongs”

Emilee Sande

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Read by Ryan Venz

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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.
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Children's Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 14:1, 7-14**



¹⁴On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who

humble themselves will be exalted.”¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.”¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.”¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Message

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“Waymaker”

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

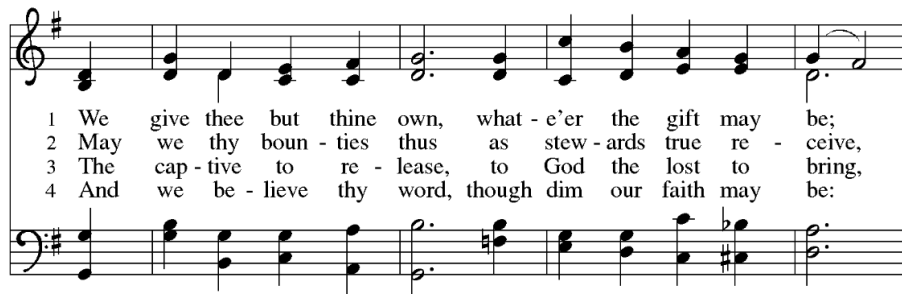
The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

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

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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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:

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Praise Him”
“I Sing Praises”



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 28 - September 5

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship
Monday	1st Day of SJCP
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship/Comm
Monday	Office closed - Labor Day

**Offering from the week of
August 21, 2022**

General Receipts: \$10,835.20

Designated: \$220.00

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

Attendance: 140

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!

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 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.

St. John Christian Preschool needs to provide all snacks/drinks for our afternoon friends, as part of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program guidelines. If you are felt led to help donate snacks for our preschoolers or even donate gift cards to Fareway or Hy-Vee, please contact us for a list of State/DHS approved foods/drinks.

The God's Work Our Hands committee is looking for donations of school supplies to fill
Lutheran World Relief School Kits!

These kits will contain essential supplies to help kids (and adults) continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families & their communities.

The committee would like to gather enough school supplies to assemble **150 kits!**

There is more information on the board in the Narthex as well as slips to take with items needed. Bring the items and the slip back to St. John. Kits will be put together on September 11th!

Volunteers are needed to help put kits together as well!

God's Work Our Hands: Sunday, September 11, 2022, worship at 9:00 a.m. & then gather outside for treats and a picture! Watch for sign up information at church & on Facebook.

Projects:

Help make/serve treats for the people going out to serve after worship on September 11th.

Cookie Decorating: on **SATURDAY, September 10th**, we will decorate cookies in the Parish Hall from approximately 10:00 a.m. – noon.

Week of September 5th: organize/count/prep items for school kit assembly

LWR School kits: assembling 150 kits

Cookie delivery: deliver & visit with people in our community

Window washing at Cedar Terrace

Working with our Do Day Quilters

"Helping Hands" projects: going to homes of people in our community who need assistance to do some smallish tasks, from helping with some yardwork, moving furniture, painting, & helping with gutters.

Blessing Box: do a little organizing, planning, and see if we can figure out a way to keep the rain out.

Senior Center: window washing & other projects.

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



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

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