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August 7, 2022; Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader & Message: Eric Johanningmeier



Luke 12:32-40

Prelude:

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

Edward Broughton

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar & the radio broadcast are sponsored by Kurt & Kathy Hoeft in honor of their 40th anniversary

Thank you, Monte & Kathy Waldorf, for providing treats this Sunday at after worship coffee!

Gathering Hymn:

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

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1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

Read by Lorie Hoeft

15After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

11Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

“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 12:32-40



³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Message

Eric Johanningmeier

Song of the Day

“Whom Shall I Fear”

Chris Tomlin 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	Kayla LaBarge	Marilu Wohlers
Kavi Bahnsen	Brandie McDonald	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
B.J. Gifford	Calvin Shultz	Carmen Wolf
Dale Hughes		

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

“Have No Fear Little Flock”

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Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
 For the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;
 Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
 For the Father will keep you in his love forever;
 Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
 For he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
 Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
 For he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
 Thankful hearts raise to God!

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:

“Fear Not”

“Fear not, for I am with you, fear not, for I am with you;
Fear not, for I am with you,” says the Lord.
“Fear not, for I am with you, fear not, for I am with you;
Fear not, for I am with you,” says the Lord.
I have redeemed you, I have called you by name.
Child, you are mine; When you walk thru the waters,
I will be there, and thru the flame.
You'll not be drowned! You'll not be burned!
For I am with you.
“Fear not, for I am with you, fear not, for I am with you;
Fear not, for I am with you,” says the Lord.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
“I Worship You, Almighty God”



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 7 - August 14

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon/Tue/Wed	Office Closed - Main floor being waxed	
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Finance - Narthex
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee in Parish Hall celebrate Pastor's 30th anniversary of ordination
	10:00 a.m.	Youth board

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 inside the Narthex doors or let Kathy know in the office.

On August 14th we will celebrate Pastor Leeper's 30 years in the ministry. Join us for worship on that day and then stay for Aromas coffee, food and a chance to congratulate him on 30 years of dedication to our Lord, the ministry, and the people that he has served. We are blessed to have him at St. John so come enjoy some fellowship and share a moment with him and his family.

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 our 150th celebration on October 30th 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 16th and baked items need to be brought in by noon on Saturday, October 29th.

Offering from the week of July 31, 2022

General Receipts \$13,705.41
Designated: \$195.00

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

Attendance: 165

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



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