



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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February 12, 2023; Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Matthew 5:21-26

Prelude:

“I’ve Been Redeemed”

Franklin Ritter

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are from Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall in honor of their children.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Kent & Lorie Hoeft in memory of Wayne Hoeft.

Thank you, Don & Shirley Holm, for providing treats for After Worship social time!

Gathering Hymn:

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

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1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Special Music

“Ha-La-La”

St. John Christian Preschool

“God is Always with Us”

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.**

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!' repeated in the first two systems, and 'Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!' repeated in the last two systems.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Installation of Council & Board Members**Scripture Reading:***1 Corinthians 3:1-9***Read by Linda Hughes*

³And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev’ry where I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine:
Ev’ry where I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine:
Ev’ry where I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine:
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:21-26



²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“Mighty to Save”

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	Dave Hagen	Jerry Meader	Noa Mulholland	Ron Venz
Joyce Boehmer	Helen Hagen	Kathy Michael	Calvin Schultz	Marilu Wohlers
Rodney Ellis	Shirley Hall	Larry Milleson	Lorna Scrimger	Bill Wohlers Jr.
Linda Girken	Linda Hoy	Leon Mulford	Beverly Hinders Trost	

Family of Randall Dean Kreger

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

The Offering Hymn "O, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

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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:

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”

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1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

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P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

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Postlude:

“Glory Be to God on High”

David Paxton



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February 12 - February 19

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	11:00 a.m.	Deacons
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Finance
	7:00 p.m.	Council
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	3:30 p.m.	After School
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sunday		Prayer Shawl Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:00 a.m.	5th Grade students bake communion bread

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

Prayer Shawl Sunday will be February 19th. The prayer shawl ministry group will display what they have been creating. The prayer shawls & fleece blankets can be distributed to any who are homebound or hospitalized.

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023
5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion & 5th grade 1st Communion



Family Board's Lent Event is Sunday, February 26th at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to come to the Parish Hall to make clay prayer pots! Refreshments provided!

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2023
"The Last Words of Christ"
Worship service is at 5:30 p.m.
 We will focus on Jesus' last words on the cross, woven together with encounters Jesus had with others in His ministry. Each week we'll read scripture, sing, watch a short video drama, and hear a devotion on that week's theme.
March 1 – "First Word from the Cross: The Paralytic"
Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 23:34

New Council & Board Members – 2023

Executive Council: President, Josh Johnson; Vice-President, Kim Watkins Secretary, Ron Hoffman

Council at Large:

3 Yr. - Shirley Holm, Cherie Schafer, Justin Chase

Building & Grounds:

3 Yr. – Don Tieskotter, Gaylen Hicok; **2 Yr.** – Lenis Buseman

Deacons: 3 Yr. – Susanne Hawke, Wayne McClintock

Family Board: 3 Yr. – Carly Marten, Carolyn Marth

Finance Board: 3 Yr. – Ron James, Sharon Tieskotter, **1 Yr.** – Evan Marten

Parish Ed: 3 Yr. – Stacey Vance, Stacy Eckhoff

Stewardship: 3 Yr. – Nadonne Buseman, Sandy Hicks

Youth Board: 3 Yr. – Sue McDonald, Dennis Sande

St. John now has an automatic door opener on the Narthex door!
 Thank you, David & Sue Ayers, for providing the funds needed to help us become more handicap accessible!

thank you

Wednesday Night Supper
Menu for February 15th:

Tuna Noodle Casserole, peas & cookies

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th
grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

REMINDER: Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

Wanted: Radio sponsors for March 5 & 12th! Many of our homebound members listen to the Sunday worship service on the radio and appreciate the ability to do so.

**Offering from the week of
February 5, 2023**

Attendance:	157
General Receipts:	\$15,702.45
Designated:	\$320.00
Total	\$16,022.45

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

GriefShare Begins at St. John

GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Sessions will be led by St. John members in a warm, caring environment. **A GriefShare orientation will be held Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM in the chapel at St. John. The program itself will begin February 28 at 6:30 PM and run every Tuesday for 13 weeks. There is no cost to attend.**

Weekly topics include: Is This Normal?, Challenges of Grief, The Journey of Grief – Part 1, The Journey of Grief – Part 2, Grief and Your Relationships, Why?, Guilt and Anger, Complicating Factors, Stuck, Lessons of Grief – Part 1, Lessons of Grief – Part 2, Heaven, and What Do I Live for Now? There are three key parts to the weekly GriefShare experience: video seminar, group discussion, and personal study exercises in a workbook.

You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is self-contained, so you don't have to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any sessions you missed in our next 13-week cycle. You can learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org.

Guy's Night at St. John!

Guys come to St. John on **February 26th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

to eat supper & play cards/board games! Bring your sons, fathers, uncles, friends to enjoy an evening of fellowship & fun. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for boys ages 6-18, & under 6 is free. Tickets may be purchased in the church office until February 24th!

Ladies Luncheon will be Sunday, March 26th!

The Prayer Shawl Group is starting up again for 2023. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. That will be the 2nd and 16th in February. We could use some knit, crocheted, quilted or fleece shawls. It's time to get back in the swing and support this ministry. Please work on some at home if you can't attend the group. There will be coffee and conversation and all are welcome at any level of knitting ability. We are happy to help if needed. For questions contact Janet Petefish at petefishj@mchsi.com