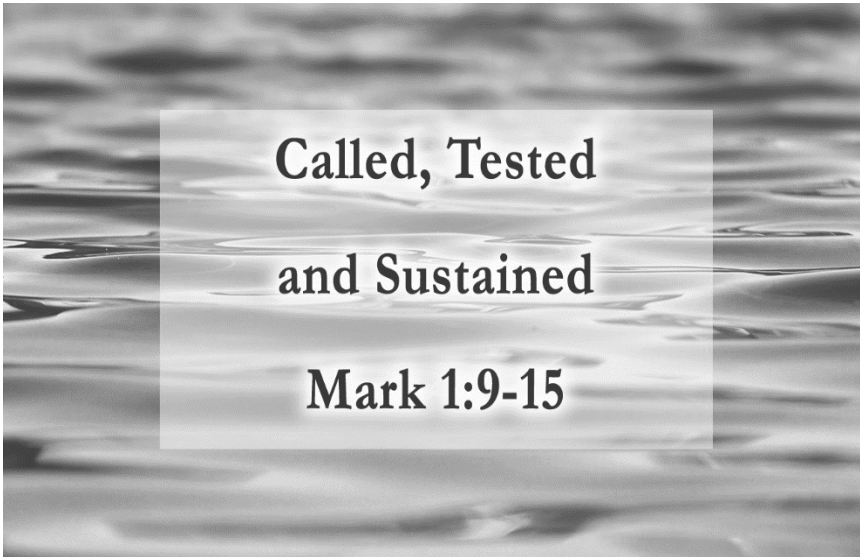




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Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent



Mark 1:9-15

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Monte & Kathy Waldorf in memory of loved ones.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

C: Amen.



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.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

“Where There Is Love”

Piano: Cherie Schafer Cello: Lynn Wilkens

Duet: Lisa and Olivia Kreger

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Read by Tyler Kubik

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven’s gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

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:

Scott Aspholm	Don Knowlton	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward	Mary Jean Zilm
Linda Girken	Sherman Loudermilk	Imani Sande	Deb Watkins	Tilleen Litterer
Axel Heller	Dave Litterer	Lorna Scrimger	Bill Wohlers Jr.	
Marilyn Isakson	Jason Mahan	Connie Swant	Marilu Wohlers	

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, Ben Hauser

The Offering Hymn

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

#517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the lyrics with a double bar line at the end of the bass clef staff.

***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 with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray

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.

Communion Invitation

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

#325

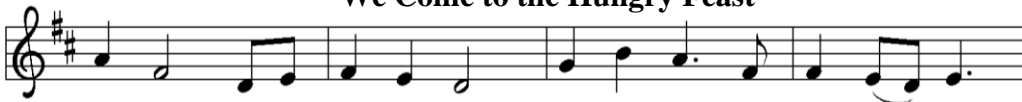
I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
I my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

#479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

#779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

#319

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“A Concluding Voluntary”

Gilbert Marin



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February 18—February 25

2/18/2024	9:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Schedule 1st Sunday of Lent//Lent Event
	2:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Awards Ceremony (PH)
2/20/2024	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	6:30 p.m.	GriefShare
2/21/2024	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	3:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Lenten Schedule
	5:30 p.m.	Lent Service
	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
2/24/2024	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
2/25/2024	9:00 a.m.	Worship Kid's Choir
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Schedule 2nd Sunday of Lent
2/27/2024	6:30 p.m.	GriefShare
2/28/2024	3:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Lenten Schedule
	5:30 p.m.	Lent Service

Offering from the week of:

February 11, 2024

General Receipts:	\$9,617.76
Designated:	\$255.00
Total	\$9,872.76

General Receipts of \$10,902.91 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 241

Wednesday Night Supper

****February 21****

Chili, Cheese Sandwiches, Cheesecake & Cookies
Supper is from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults

Children through 12th grade free thanks to
Kans for Kids
(Menu subject to change)

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Service
10:05 a.m.	Lent Event--No classes

NEW OFFICE HOURS!!

(Monday thru Friday)

OPEN	9 AM TO NOON
CLOSED	NOON TO 1 PM
OPEN	1 PM TO 3 PM

Next: Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Service
10:05 a.m.	Youth Hour
10:05 a.m.	Spark Sunday School
10:05 a.m.	After Worship Social Time

Wednesday Night Lenten

Schedule Changes

February 14th through March 20th

3:15 to 5:00	After School Program
4:30 to 4:50	Kids Choir-K through 6 th grade
4:30 to 5:30	Supper in the Parish Hall (Kids eat free—Adults \$5 *All Welcome*)
5:00 to 5:20	Tone Chime Choir
5:30	Lenten Worship Service
6:15	Trinity Choir

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the months
of

March & April.

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm OR
Sandie Quade



Call the office to donate towards
the Easter Lilies by March 25th
At 641-228-3397

Easter Sunday, March 31st
Worship/Comm
Will be at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2024

“Wandering Heart”

**Worship service is each Wednesday at 5:30
p.m. during Lent.**

We will explore the life and faith of Jesus’ disciple, Peter. In him, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter’s journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

Lent Event!

Will be **TODAY!** at
10:00 a.m. in the
Parish Hall.

Everyone is invited to join
and make a
Calvary Hill Grass Scene!



GriefShare®

GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group that is beginning again at St. John. Join us to find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays at 6:30***January 23 through April 16
Register at GriefShare.org or call the church office at 228-3397.
See Susan Leeper for more information.

As precautionary steps for safety and security, we would like to ask all attendees and visitors of St John, to make sure you are locking your vehicles anytime you are inside the church or away from your vehicle.

Scholarship Applications:

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**.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast 2024

The sign-up sheets for Altar Flowers & the Radio Broadcast **are now in the Secretary's Office.**

The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a treat are served 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. (Approximately 3 dozen)



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.



Charles City Community
Blood Drive
Messiah Lutheran Church
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City

Tuesday, March 12

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.1903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schools



Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

10:15am in sanctuary

There will be a special meeting for the congregation to vote on the approval of the revised Constitution and by-laws.

There are printed copies available in the office and online link.

In answer to some questions, the St. John Constitution has changes primarily mandated by the ELCA and required to be in local church constitutions. Many changes are to do with how Pastors and Deacons are designated now, Minister of Word and Service (deacon) and Minister of Word and Sacrament (pastor). This affects many paragraphs. There are also clarifications in Church affiliation with the ELCA, property, membership, rostered ministers, disability of a minister, issuing a call or termination of the same and a new Indemnification section. We deleted some sections that were not required and moved them (Congregational meetings, Officers, Council, Committees and Organizations) to our Bylaws to better reflect how our church functions. The Bylaws have been updated to express how things are actually done at St. John today such as electronic meetings and email voting, if necessary, by a board in lieu of meeting in person. Covid necessitated some changes. We deleted, combined and created some boards. There is also clarification of board and officer duties. After the new Constitution and Bylaws are ratified they will be sent to the synod for review and approval.

Council President Kim Watkins

1. ALL BOARD MEETING WILL BE MARCH 21 AT 6PM IN PARISH HALL. Please let Kim or office know by email if you will be attending or not.

2. Mission trip to Kansas City will be June 16-22. This is open to 7th thru 12 grade students. There is a sign up sheet by the youth office along with information sheet. Deadline to sign up will be April 1st.

Any questions contact Kim at 330-5441.