



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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February 26, 2023; First Sunday in Lent



Matthew 4:1-11

Prelude:

“Lord, Jesus, Think on Me”

Gerald Peterson

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall in honor of their children & grandchildren.

Thank you, Family Board, for providing treats for After Worship social time!

Gathering 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.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Read by Kathy Crooks

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

"Jesus Loves Me"

#595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.

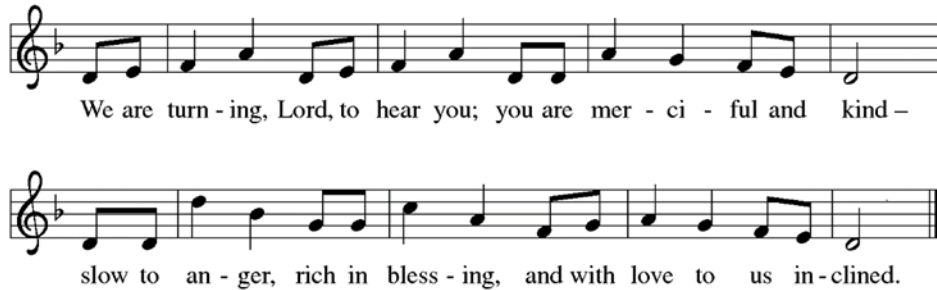
Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Children's Sermon

Lenten Acclamation:



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

4Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” 7Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” 11Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Beth Hurt, Intern

Song of the Day

“Your Grace is Enough”

(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 Shirley Hall Leon Mulford Ron Venz
Joyce Boehmer Linda Hoy Noa Mulholland Marilu Wohlers
Linda Girken Jerry Meader Calvin Schultz Bill Wohlers Jr.
Helen Hagen Kathy Michael Beverly Hinders Trost

Jesi Carolan & family on the death of her grandmother

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

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

#325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

*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:

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

#618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er, strong de - liv - 'er,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more. I will raise for - ev - er - more.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

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Postlude:

“Glory Be to God on High”



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 26 - March 5

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Lent Event in Parish Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Guy's Night at St. John
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	4:30 p.m.	Supper
	5:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship/Comm 5th grade 1st Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl group
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Youth board
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour

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 sign up on the treat table!

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

**Ash Wednesday
March 1, 2023**

5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion & 5th grade 1st Communion



Mid-Week Lenten Services 2023

“The Last Words of Christ”

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. **Worship service is at 5:30 p.m.**

*March 8 – “First Word from the Cross: The Paralytic”
Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 23:34*

Wednesday Night suppers during Lent will be from **4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Menu for March 1st: Chicago style roast beef sandwiches, vegetable soup & fruit bars.

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.**

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!

**Offering from the week of
February 19, 2023**

Attendance:	231
General Receipts:	\$9,619.81
Designated:	\$520.00

Total \$10,139.81

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

St. John Lutheran Church Secretary Opening

St. John Lutheran Church and Christian Preschool in Charles City, IA is seeking a qualified person to assume the position of Church Secretary.

Position:

- Part time: 20 hours a week
- Responsibilities: provide receptionist services for the church office, provide secretarial services for the church, produce weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, and manage the church's website and other electronic media
- Compensation: Hourly compensation will depend on experience and qualifications and will be in the range of \$18-\$22 per hour
- Application Deadline: March 15, 2023
- Start Date: April 11, 2023

To see a complete job description, use the QR code provided or go to www.stjohncharlescity.org

If interested, please email your resume to rleeper@stjohncharlescity.com or bring it to the St John Lutheran Church office. Office hours are 9 AM to 1 PM, Monday – Friday. We're located at: 200 South Main, Charles City, Iowa 50616. Phone: (641) 228-3397



We have a great opportunity to put “God’s Love in Action”!

Todd & Ann Prichard are sponsoring a family from the Ukraine. The family of 5 will be staying with the Prichards once they arrive in the United States. The family lost their home and possessions and are coming with very little. The husband/father is an attorney and will be working at Todd’s office. Today and next Sunday, we will have the opportunity to work together to provide clothing and shoes to support the family. In the Narthex there are tags available to pickup to purchase needed items. There is also a donation basket, and the committee will purchase needed items. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Holm at 641-330-8336 or Kim Watkins at 641-330-5441.

GriefShare 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. **Grief Share will 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.