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Sunday, February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Mark 1:29-39

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Nadonne & Lenis Buseman, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Craig & Julie Begemann in memory of their grandson Blake.

Service of Holy Baptism

Insert

Gathering Hymn:

“We Have Come Into His House”

We have come into His house and gathered in His Name to worship him.

We have come into His house and gathered in His Name to worship him.

We have come into His house and gathered in His Name to worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His Name and worship Him.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His Name and worship Him.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His Name and worship Christ the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

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

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kid’s Choir

“This Little Light of Mine”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Read by Karmen Mehmen

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

“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:**

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39



Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

"10,000 Reasons"

Video

The Prayers (L): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Sawyer Schultz	Marilyn Isakson	Linda Girken	Sherman Loudermilk
Connie Swant	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Imani Sande	Carol Bauer
Lorna Scrimger	Noa Mulholland	Don Knowlton	Scott Aspholm
Deb Watkins	Skip Ward	Marilu Wohlers	Axel Heller
Dave Litterer			

Prayers and condolences to the family & friends of Ruth Farmer upon her passing.

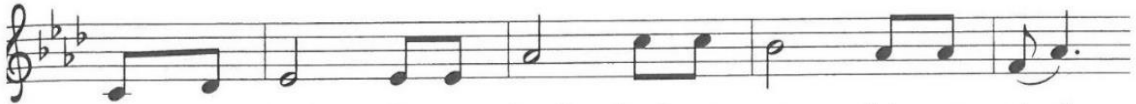
Prayers and condolences to the family & friends of Kenneth (Ken) upon his passing.

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

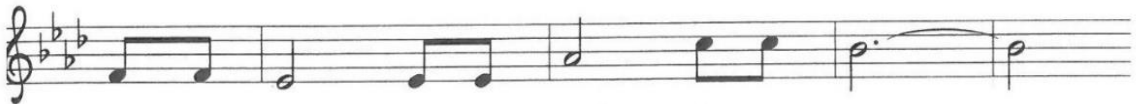
The Offering Hymn:

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

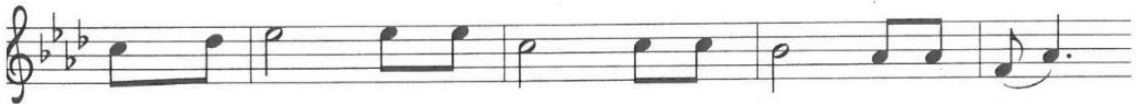
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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

***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

"Let Us Break Bread"

#471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music concludes the Refrain section. The melody and accompaniment continue from the previous system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

“On Eagle’s Wings”

#787

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

“Beautiful Savior”

#835

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moon light,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine!

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn

“I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

#860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Justice and Mercy”

Steven Scott



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW OFFICE HOURS!! (Monday thru Friday)

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

February 4—February 11

2/4/2024 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Schedule
10:00 a.m. Parish Ed
10:15 a.m. (First Communion Class Today)
2:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (PH)
2/5/2024 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
2/6/2024 5:00 p.m. Youth Board
6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
6:30 p.m. GriefShare
2/7/2024 9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Schedule
2/9/2024 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
2/11/2024 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Schedule
(5th Grade Bake Bread)
10:10 a.m. Deacons

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 Schedule

3:30 pm After School
5:00 pm Supper
5:30 pm Kids Choir
6:00 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Tone Chime Choir
7:00 pm Trinity Choir
7:00 pm Dartball

*****Please see*****

Wed. Night Lenten Schedule ...to begin on Feb. 14.

Wednesday Night Supper

****February 7****

Chicken Noodle Casserole, Relish,
Cupcakes...Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00 for adults & children through
12th grade free thanks to
Kans for Kids
(Menu subject to change)

Offering from the week of:	
January 28, 2024	
General Receipts:	\$4,209.92
Designated:	\$380.00
Total	\$4,589.92
<i>General Receipts of \$10,902.91 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.</i>	
Sunday Attendance: 188	

Ash Wednesday Service February 14th at 5:30 pm

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Mid-Week Lenten Services 2024

“Wandering Heart”

Worship service is at 5:30 p.m.

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.

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

Lent Event!

Will be February 18th at
10:00 a.m. in the Parish
Hall.

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



*****SPECIAL NOTE*****

First Communion Class Sunday, February 4th.
10:15am—11am***Sanctuary***
Students & Parents

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the months of

March & April.

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade



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.



Charles City Community Blood Drive
 Messiah Lutheran Church
 705 3rd Ave. | Charles City
Tuesday, February 13
 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule



Bev Friend & Family

The family of Beverly (Bev) Friend thanks all those who sent happy 80th birthday wishes, heartfelt stories and photos to her. Bev had a wonderful day celebrating with her family. The cards, letters, and photos brought a smile to her face and a gleam of happiness to her eyes.

The family of Robert (Bob) and Beverly (Bev) Friend would like to thank all of whom have reached out by card, phone, and text to pay your respects. Thanks also to those who made contributions to St. John or other organizations in their memory.

St John gets requests for coats all winter long
We are currently in need of:
Boys and girls size 7 through 12 coats
Gloves and mittens of all sizes
Larger sizes of hats
Donations can be dropped off at the office.
Monetary donations can be made out to Coats for Kids.



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 our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.

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)



JOIN US FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:00pm
The St John bus picks up at IC, Lincoln, Washington and the Middle School
Join anytime!



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.



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Needs Your Help!

We need adult & youth volunteers to help with snacks, crafts, and games on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM. If you're interested please contact Pastor Russ, Sarah Kendall, or the church office

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.

St John Christian Preschool

“Can you believe it is that time already?! We are gearing up for our 2024 Fall Registration here at St. John Christian Preschool and we would like to thank you for choosing SJCP for your little one's earliest educational experiences. NEW this year is our Registration Open House for NEW families to SJCP! The open house will be Thursday, February 8th from 4-6pm. Children who will be 3 on or before September 15, 2024 and all children 4 and 5 years old are welcome. Scholarships are available starting in July. A minimum registration fee of \$30 is due at time of registration. Please call 228-7274 or email us at wfranke@stjohncharlescity.com for more information.”