



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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Rev. Russ Leeper, Senior Pastor
Beth Hurt, Deacon Intern
Melanie Johanninger, Director of Music
Cherie Schafer, Piano

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



[Mark 1:21-28](#)

Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation

Prelude:

“Beautiful Savior”
(Cherie Schafer/Melanie Johanningmeier Piano/Organ Duet)

Welcome

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Sandy Miller in memory of Dale Miller.


Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast 2024

On the glass case in the Narthex are the 2024 sign-up sheets for Altar Flowers and the Radio Broadcast.

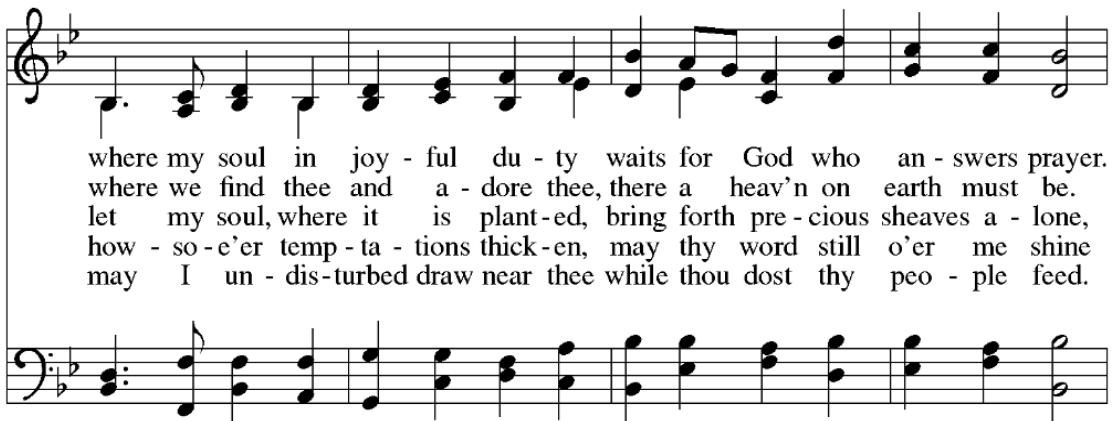
The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.

Service of Holy Baptism

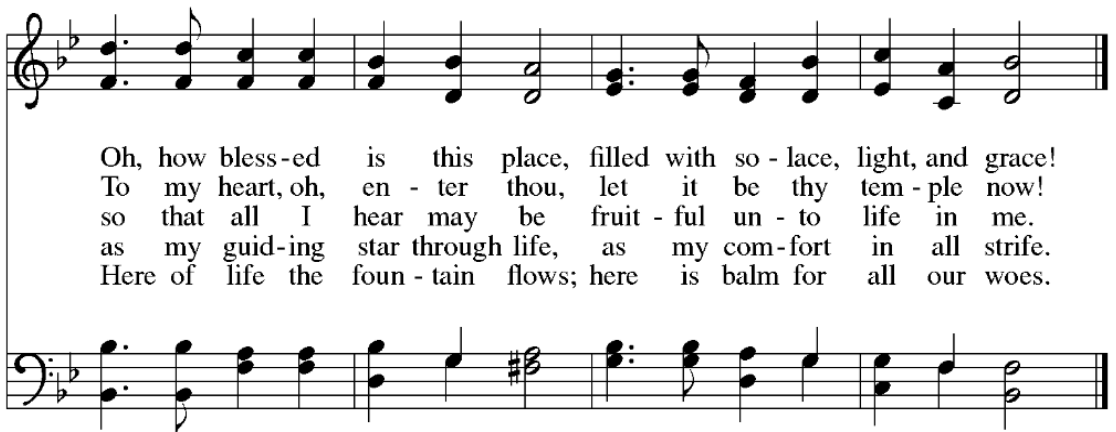
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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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:

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

****Music*

“Great Is the Lord”

Trinity Choir

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 8:1-6

Read by Ryan Venz

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

“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’rywhere I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Ev’rywhere 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:

L: The Holy Gospel according to [Mark 1:21-28](#)



[Mark 1:21-28](#)

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Pastor, Russ Leeper

Song of the Day:

“Chain Breaker”

Video

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

Please keep the following in prayer:

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

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Bette Gullickson upon her 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

We celebrate the baptism of...



Coleman Lee Voelker

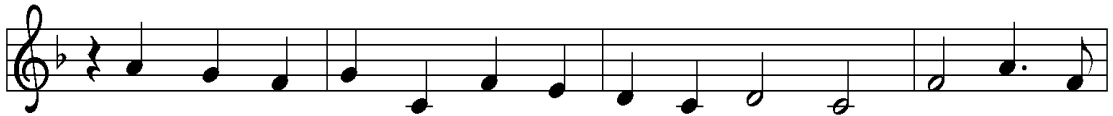
Coleman is the child of Ethan & Keegan Voelker

Sponsors: Seth & Alex Nordmeyer

Kyle & Leslie Ware



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

**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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, They fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. **Refrain:**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Refrain:**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain:**

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: **Thanks be to God!**



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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

January 28--February 4

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| Sun | 12/28/2023 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday Morning Schedule |
| | | No Sunday School | Annual Meeting |
| Mon | 1/29/2024 | 6:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts |
| Tue | 1/30/2024 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | SM Training (FS) |
| | | 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Grief Share (Chapel) |
| Wed | 1/31/2024 | 5:00 p.m. | Wednesday Night Schedule |
| Sun | 2/4/2024 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday Morning Schedule |
| | | | 1st Communion Class |

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

**in the kitchen during the months of
March & April.
To Volunteer...**

Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade

Offering from the week of:

January 21, 2024

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| General Receipts: | \$12,590.68 |
| Designated: | \$240.00 |
| Total | \$12,830.68 |

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

Sunday Attendance: 160

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

Wednesday Night Supper

****January 31****

Taco Casserole & Tapioca Pudding
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)



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!



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

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. 😊 Current Family Registration will begin Monday, **January 29**. All families currently enrolled will be sent home a form to return at your leisure. 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.”



Please help support... St. John Christian Preschool

Purchase Kwik Star gift cards and the preschool receives 5% of the face value!! Please contact Whittney or Toni if you are interested.

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.



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.

****SPECIAL NOTE****

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

Wednesday Night Lenten Schedule Changes

February 14th through March 27th

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



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



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.

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**.