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July 17, 2022; Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 10:38-42

Prelude:

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Dennis & Carol Brahn in memory of family.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Mary Jean Zilm in memory of loved ones.

Thank you, Dennis & Carol Brahn, for providing the treats this Sunday for after worship social time!

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

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

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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 entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

579

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be
added unto you Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be
opened unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth
of God. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

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.**

Hymn of Praise

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

Read by Susan Leeper

18The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 3He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 6And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” 7Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” 10Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne’er was given.

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42



³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

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 Brandie McDonald Bill Wohlers, Jr.
B.J. Gifford Calvin Shultz Carmen Wolf
Dale Hughes Marilu Wohlers Mary Jean Zilm
Kayla LaBarge

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: 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

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

#754

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”

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 Communion

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.**

The Distribution

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

#494

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

#515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

“Morning has Broken”

#556

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Communion Blessing & Benediction



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!

Postlude:

“God Will Take Care of You”



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July 17 - July 24

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	10:15 a.m.	God's Work/Our Hands Committee
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	6:00 p.m.	Council
	6:30 p.m.	Preschool board
Wednesday	Newsletter Deadline	
	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Craft group
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship

After Worship Social Time
Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a signup inside the Narthex doors or let Kathy know in the office.



The 150th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring the gospel group Headin' Home, July 31. They will be doing the entire service so it should be a song-filled inspirational experience. This group is based out of the First Baptist Church in Colfax, IA. They came together in 2001 to sing special music in their church on Sundays, but word spread and soon they were in demand around the area. The event is free, but they will have some items for sale after the service.

Stewardship board will hold a **REVERSE OFFERING on Sunday, July 24th**. Slips of paper with items needed for the Blessing Box will be put in the Offering Plate and passed around. Take 1 or more slips and then purchase the item(s) that you have chosen **to bring back to church on July 31st**. Participation in this Reverse Offering is certainly optional, but the Stewardship Board hopes that you prayerfully consider taking part.



God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work. Our Hands Sunday
September 11, 2022

Planning group: Jeremy Heyer, Don Holm, Susan Leeper, Alison Pettit, Katie Prichard, Kathy Rogotzke, Kim Watkins

**Offering from the week of
July 10, 2022**

General Receipts	\$	4,436.70
Designated offering		60.00

General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Attendance: 131

Pastor Russ is celebrating his 30th anniversary of ordination this year! Mark your calendars for August 14th, after worship, to celebrate with him!

Mark Your Calendars!!!
Sunday, October 30th will be St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration!

We will celebrate with a dinner, activities & a craft fair.

Plan to join us as we celebrate 150 years of

“God's Work in Action”!

Crafters and Gardeners!

Part of our 150th celebration on October 30th will be a craft show with donated items to sell. Get your “creative” on & bring crafts, jams, jellies, baked goods, etc. to help make the event a success!

The Helping Hands committee is ready, willing, and able to help run errands, do minor household help, and provide transportation in town. If you need any of these services, please call Kathy at the church office during regular business hours. Someone will contact you within 48 hours of receiving the message to make arrangements to help.