



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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Sunday, July 23
8th Sunday After Pentacost



Collect the weeds and tie them
in bundles for burning; but
gather the wheat into my barn.
- Jesus (Matthew 13:30)

Matthew 13:24-30

Prelude: **“Blessed Assurance/No Other Name”**

Welcome

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Dennis & Carol Brahn, in celebration of their 49th Anniversary .

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Barb Fuls in memory of Larry Fuls.

The After Worship Treats are being provided by Russ & Susan Leeper.

Invocation

*****Gathering Hymn:** **“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,

And life more abundant and free.

Refrain

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting

He passed, and we follow Him there.

Over us sin no more hath dominion,

For more than conqu'ors we are!

Refrain

His Word shall not fail you, He promised;

Believe Him and all will be well.

Then go to a world that is dying,

His perfect salvation to tell!

Refrain

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.**

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:

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Romans 8:12-25

Read by Gavin Connell

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the

creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

“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:

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30



Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has

done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Pastor, Russ Leeper

****Song of the Day:*

“I Can Only Imagine”

[Video](#)

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:

Dan Marth	Beverly Hinders Trost	Linda Girken	Marilu Wohlers
Joyce Boehmer	Ron Hoffman	Ron Venz	Larry Bohner
Edna Stott	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Jeanette Brinkman	Arlene Lehs
Linda Hoy	Diane Wagener	Leon Mulford	Beverly Sears
Noa Mulholland			

The family of Doris Lovejoy 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

*****The Offering Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

#631

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing;
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy in - ter - ce - ssion,
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

***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.**

The Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

#550



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Edward Broughton



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July 23--July 30

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. After Worship Social Time

10:10 a.m. Deacons, Chapel

Monday-Tue. All Day Closed: Floor Maint.

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Offering from the week of:

July 16, 2023

General Receipts: **\$5,623.97**

Designated: **\$145.00**

Total \$5,768.97

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

Sunday Attendance: 188

**BIBLE CAMP
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Just a reminder that St. John offers scholarships for all our youth members attending a Christian camp. Scholarships are offered in the amounts of \$25 for a one-day camp, \$50 for camps lasting 2-3 days, and \$150 for camps lasting 4-7 days. Just bring in a copy of your registration to the Business Office for a reimbursement.

Song Requests

If anyone has a hymn or praise song request over the summer...please write it on the back of your "Attendance" slip and Melanie can incorporate them into the services.

Additionally

If you would like to *provide* any special music over the summer, contact Melanie to discuss it.

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



JULY needs you

Charles City Community Blood Drive
Messiah Lutheran Church
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City
Friday, July 28
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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

75 YEARS SAVING LIVES

LifeServe BLOOD CENTERS YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.

The poster features a large red blood drop on the left, with the word "JULY" in large white letters over a background of the American flag. Below the drop is a QR code with a "SCAN ME" button. The text provides details for a blood drive on Friday, July 28, from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church. It includes contact information for Lifeserve and a 75th anniversary logo.

***** NOTICE *****

**Church offices
will be closed**

**Monday & Tuesday
the 24th & 25th of July
for floor maintenance.**

Opportunities:

(To Show God's Love in Action in Our Community)

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank—Mobile Food Pantry

(Serving upwards of 200 families, individuals, and seniors in need.)

Charles City 1st Wednesday of each month 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Youth Enrichment Building at the Floyd County Fairgrounds

Roughly 40 volunteers are needed from 4 – 7 pm on the 1st Wed of each month to set up, pack food, distribute food, and clean up.

The time commitment is small yet has a tremendous impact for those in need.

All ages of volunteers are welcome!

Contact Jen Burton at 641-220-1769 for more information.

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a Treat are served Outside or 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.