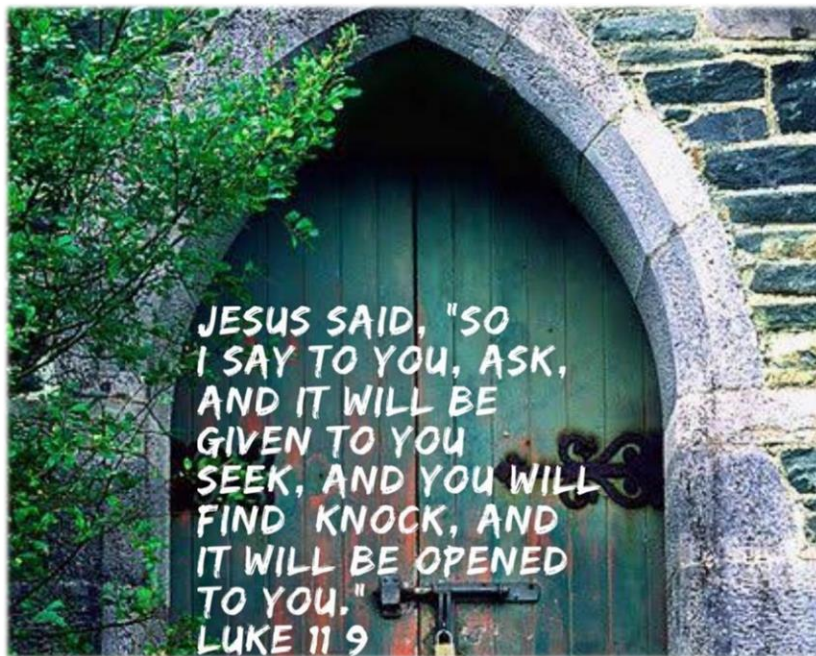




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July 24, 2022; Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 11:1-13

Prelude: "Change My Heart, Oh God"

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Mary Jean Zilm in memory of Forest & Dorothy Chambers, Marlin Zilm, & Bailey Zilm

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Ron James in memory of Sue James

Flowers on the rail are from the family of Lloyd (Butch) & Jerry Spurbeck in memory of what would have been their 70th wedding anniversary

Gathering Hymn: "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

Blessed be the name of the Lord.
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up Holy hands in one accord, singing
"Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name of the Lord!" X2

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music:

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Duet by Cherie Schafer & Vicky Hoffman

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Read by Cherie Schafer

20Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." 22So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. 23Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" 26And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." 27Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." 29Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

“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

Stewardship board’s Reverse Offering

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 11:1-13**



11He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3Give us each day our daily bread. 4And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” 5And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ 7And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“10,000 Reasons”

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	Kayla LaBarge	Marilu Wohlers
Kavi Bahnsen	Brandie McDonald	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
B.J. Gifford	Calvin Shultz	Carmen Wolf
Dale Hughes		

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.

Congratulations to Marty & Jenny Van Ausdall on the birth of their son, Blaine, on July 1st!

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

“Cleanse Me”

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
 Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;
 See if there be some wicked way in me;
 Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
 Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within;
 Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
 Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
 Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
 Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
 I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
 Send a revival start the work in me;
 Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
 For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

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:

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high. **X2**

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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July 24 - July 31

Sunday	Reverse Offering Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Thursday	RAGBRAI in Charles City
Sunday	Return Reverse Offering items 9:00 a.m. Headin Home Quartet leads 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.

Stewardship board is holding a **REVERSE OFFERING today, 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.

Kayak/Canoe Fun! A "Group Float" on the Cedar River has been planned for anyone at St. John who would like a fun afternoon out! We will float from Rotary Park to the City Dock (near the courthouse) on Sunday, July 31st from 1:00 p.m. to about 4/4:30 p.m. (Kids 14 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.) If you don't have your own kayak or canoe rentals will be available. Kayaks rent for \$20.00/Canoes rent for \$35.00. Rentals will be shuttled to you! There will be food at the church following the float for those floating & those who would like to enjoy a meal & fellowship. Call St. John at 228-3397 by Thursday, July 28th to register for the float or meal.



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.

On August 14th we will celebrate Pastor Leeper's 30 years in the ministry. Join us for worship on that day and then stay for Aromas coffee, food and a chance to congratulate him on 30 years of dedication to our Lord, the ministry, and the people that he has served. We are blessed to have him at St. John so come enjoy some fellowship and share a moment with him and his family.

Gardeners! There is a table in the Narthex for you to share your extra produce with the congregation! **Veggie lovers...**when there is produce on the table feel free to take as much as you want!



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

Mark Your Calendars!!!

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

We will celebrate with a free dinner (reservations will start being taken in September) & a craft fair.

Plan to join us as we celebrate 150 years of

"God's Love 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!

**Offering from the week of
July 17, 2022**

General Receipts	\$	14,343.85
Designated offering		160.00

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

Notes from the 150th Anniversary Committee

The next meeting of the Anniversary committee will be August 1 at 10 a.m. in the chapel. Anyone that has an interest can attend, we would love your input.

We are also getting down to the finishing work on our crafted table arrangements and would love having more crafty hands to make what is needed. These crafts will also be part of the craft fair to purchase. We meet Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the chapel. Our craft fair will feature heritage and modern crafts.

We will start taking reservations in early September for the free Anniversary dinner on October 30, because it will be catered by U2 BBQ and we will need an accurate count. More details on the menu will follow.

Great news about our Anniversary celebration! The assistant to the Bishop, The Rev. Liz Albertson will be joining us for our celebration. We look forward to a wonderful day in worship and then fellowship during the meal. This is a good time to think about all that has gone on in the last 150 years as well as in just the last year. I think we have celebrated in unique and interesting ways. We hope you have enjoyed the events and historical items that have been displayed so far.

August will be a quiet month for the committee. We will display some more items on August 14th. That is also the day we celebrate Pastor Leeper's 30 years in the ministry. Come see our display and then have some Aromas coffee, some food and congratulate Pastor on his dedication to us and the other churches that he's served in those years.