



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool  
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**Sunday, July 30**  
**9th Sunday after Pentecost**



**Matthew 13:44-46**

***Prelude:***

***Welcome***

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Guy & Karol Carpenter, in honor of Grandchildren.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Stan & Karmen Mehmen in memory of Raymond & Dorothy Mehmen.

The After Worship Treats are being provided by Kathy Crooks.

***Invocation***

**\*\*\*Gathering Hymn:**

**“In the Garden”**

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

**Chorus:**

And He walks with me and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own.  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me,  
Within my heart is ringing. **Chorus:**

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go thru the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling. **Chorus:**

***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:***

**Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Scripture Reading:***

**Romans 8:31-39**

**Read by Lorie Hoeft**

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## “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 13:44-46**



#### **Matthew 13:44-46**

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

*L: The Gospel of the Lord...*



#### *Sermon:*

Pastor, Russ Leeper

#### **\*\*\*Song of the Day:**

#### “Battle Belongs”

**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:***

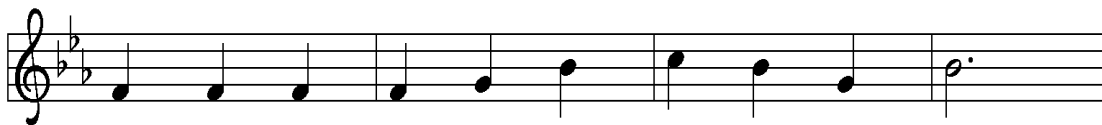
Dan Marth	Beverly Hinders Trost	Linda Girken	Marilu Wohlers
Joyce Boehmer	Beverly Sears	Ron Venz	Larry Bohner
Edna Stott	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Jeanette Brinkman	Arlene Lehs
Linda Hoy	Diane Wagener	Leon Mulford	Noa Mulholland
Imani Sande			

Prayers for Vicki and Family with the passing of Ron Hoffman.

**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



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*\*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*

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!  
Thanks be to God!

*Postlude:*





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## July 30--August 6

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Sunday **9:00 a.m. Worship**  
10:00 a.m. After Worship Social Time

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### 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.

### **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.

### 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.



### **Offering from the week of:**

#### **July 23, 2023**

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General Receipts: **\$14,041.62**

Designated: **\$80.00**

**Total \$14,121.62**

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

**Sunday Attendance: 143**

## 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                      1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.