



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool  
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**Sunday, July 9**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost**



THE LORD SAYS:  
I AM GENTLE AND  
HUMBLE . . . "

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

**Prelude:** "Softly & Tenderly"

**Welcome**

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Barb Fuls, in memory of Larry Fuls.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Ron James in memory of Sue James.

The After Worship Treats are being provided by Melanie Johanningmeier.

**Invocation**

**Gathering Hymn:** "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

**Refrain:**

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day, ev'ry tongue will confess You are God.

One day, ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose you now. **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:**

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Scripture Reading:*

**Romans 7:15-25a**

**Read by Wayne McClintock**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:16-19, 25-30*



**Glo - ry to you, O Lord.**

## Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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



*Sermon:*

Deacon Intern, Beth Hurt

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

**“Build A Boat”**

**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.	Diane Wagener	Arlene Lehs
Vic Dunn	Jeanette Brinkman		

**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:*

**“Freely, Freely”**

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name; And in Jesus’ name I come to you to share His love as He told me to.

**Refrain:**

He said, “Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give. Go in my name, And because you believe, others will know that I live.

All pow’r is giv’n in Jesus’ name, in earth and heav’n in Jesus’ name; and In Jesus’ name I come to you to share His pow’r as He told me to. **Refrain**

*\*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*

**“Blessed Be”**

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!” REPEAT

*L:* Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

**“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**



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## July 9--July 16

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Sunday **9:00 a.m. Worship**  
 Reverse Offering  
 10:00 a.m. After Worship Social Time  
 Youth Mission Trip (Return)

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. Finance Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting

Wednesday 4:10 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting

Sunday **9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion**  
 Return of Reverse Offering Items  
 10:00 a.m. After Worship Social Time

### **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.

## Offering from the week of:

### July 2, 2023

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General Receipts:	<b>\$5,050.70</b>
Designated:	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,250.70</b>

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

**Sunday Attendance: 170**

### **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



**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](http://lifeserve.info/schedule)



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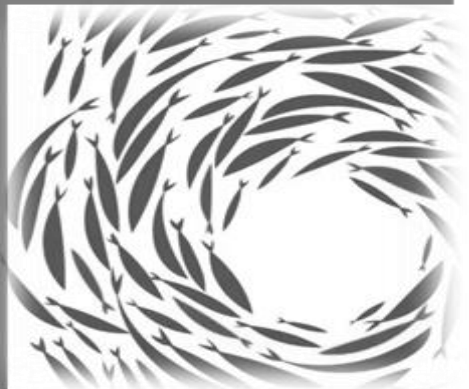


Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

St John's Stewardship Board is planning a Reverse Offering for the Blessing Box on July 9...with a return of items on July 16.

Deuteronomy 15:11- "For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore, I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'





## 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.

### **HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY**

If you would like home communion or would like to volunteer to assist with this ministry...Contact Toni at the church office 641-228-3397.

**(VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED)**