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Sunday, March 10, 2024



John 3:14-21

Prelude:

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Leon & Shirley Hall in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary coming up on May 3rd.

Thank you, Girl Scout Troop #20541, for providing the treats for the After Worship Social Time in the Parish Hall!

LSI Update

Michael Knipp

Invocation

Gathering Hymn:

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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.**

Prayer of the Day:

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 2:1-10

Read by Hayden Heyer

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven’s gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

Children’s Sermon

Lenten Acclamation

“Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21



John 3:14-21

¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Beth Hurt, Intern

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:

Scott Aspholm	Don Knowlton	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward
Linda Girken	Sherman Loudermilk	Imani Sande	Deb Watkins
Axel Heller	Dave Litterer	Lorna Scrimger	Bill Wohlers Jr.
Marilyn Isakson	Dick Harrington	Maggie Schultz	Mary Jean Zilm

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, Ben Hauser, George Brockney



Offering Hymn:

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing,
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

**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 When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:



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3/10/2024	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Schedule
3/11/2024	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
3/12/2024	8am to 4pm	Foster Grandparents
	6:30 p.m.	GriefShare
3/13/2024	3:30 p.m.	(ONLY) After School Program & Supper
	5:30 p.m.	Lent Service
3/15/2024	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
3/17/2024	9:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion (5th Sunday of Lent)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Schedule



Wednesday Night Supper

****March 13****

Chicken Noodle Soup, Corn
Muffins with Butter & Honey,
Cheesecake
Supper is from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
Children through 12th grade free
thanks to
Kans for Kids
(Menu subject to change)

Offering from the week of:

March 3, 2024

General Receipts:	8,981.45
Designated:	1,015.00
Total	9,996.45

General Receipts of \$10,902.91 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 185

Wednesday Night Lenten Schedule *Please Note Schedule Changes*

February 14th through March 20th

- 3:15 to 5:00 After School Program
- 4:30 to 4:50 Kids Choir-K through 6th grade
- 4:30 to 5:30 Supper in the Parish Hall
(Kids eat free—Adults \$5—All Welcome)
- 5:30 Lenten Worship Service
- 6:15 Trinity Choir

<u>Sunday Morning Schedule</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Service
10:05 a.m.	Youth Hour
10:05 a.m.	Spark Sunday School
10:05 a.m.	After Worship Social Time

**** (Tone Chime Choir will resume after Easter) ****

GriefShare®

GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group that is beginning again at St. John. Join us to find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays at 6:30***January 23 through April 16
Register at GriefShare.org or call the church office
at 228-3397.

See Susan Leeper for more information.



St John After School Program
Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:00pm
The St John bus picks up at IC, Lincoln,
Washington and the Middle School
Join anytime!

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2024

“Wandering Heart”

**Wednesday worship services are
at 5:30 p.m.**

We will explore the life and faith of Jesus’ disciple, Peter. In him, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter’s journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

**ALL BOARD MEETING WILL BE
MARCH 21 AT 6PM IN PARISH HALL.**

Please let Kim or office know by email if you
will be attending or not.

**Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24,
2024; Worship: 9:00 a.m.**

Youth Palm/Passion Sunday
breakfast
from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Menu: eggs, ham, hash browns,
pancakes, cinnamon rolls,
juice, milk, and coffee

(Free will donation goes to Youth.)

Family Board’s Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th, 9:00 a.m.

St. John Parish Hall

Children up through 5th grade
& their families!

**(Donations of wrapped Easter candy
by the congregation would be**

Call or stop in the office to donate
towards the
Easter Lilies by March 25th
(641) 228-3397



Easter Sunday, March 31st
Worship/Communion will be at
8:00 am & 10:00 am.



Mission trip to Kansas City will be June 16-22. This is open to 7th thru 12 grade students. There is a sign up sheet by the youth office along with information sheet. **Deadline to sign up will be April 1st.**

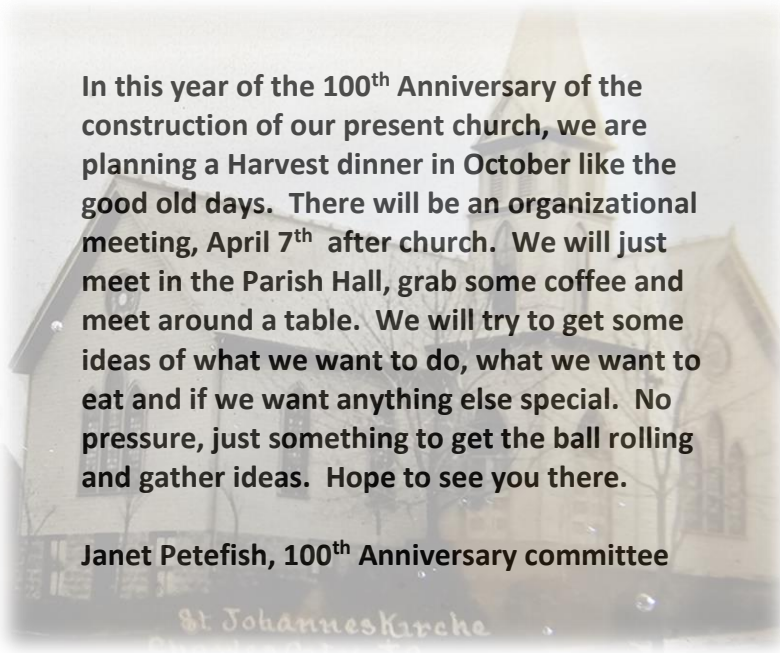
Any questions contact **Kim** at 330-5441.

(Our God is a giving God...That is why it feels so good to give)

Tons of opportunities to give & have fun during this trip!!

In this year of the 100th Anniversary of the construction of our present church, we are planning a Harvest dinner in October like the good old days. There will be an organizational meeting, April 7th after church. We will just meet in the Parish Hall, grab some coffee and meet around a table. We will try to get some ideas of what we want to do, what we want to eat and if we want anything else special. No pressure, just something to get the ball rolling and gather ideas. Hope to see you there.

Janet Petefish, 100th Anniversary committee





Charles City Community Blood Drive

Messiah Lutheran Church
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City

Tuesday, April 9

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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



The Annual Ladies Luncheon

April 14th in the Parish Hall will be at
11:30 a.m.

Games, activities, food, and
devotion...you won't want to miss
this!!

****Keep an eye out for more
information!****

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 28th

***Pack the Parking Lot!!!
Games, music, & food!!!***

Scholarship Applications:

Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

We will be having a **Man Day** coming in **June**. Plans are in the works and fun is to be had!! Watch for more information to come!!

As precautionary steps for safety and security, we would like to ask all attendees and visitors of St John, to make sure you are locking your vehicles anytime you are inside the church or away from your vehicle.