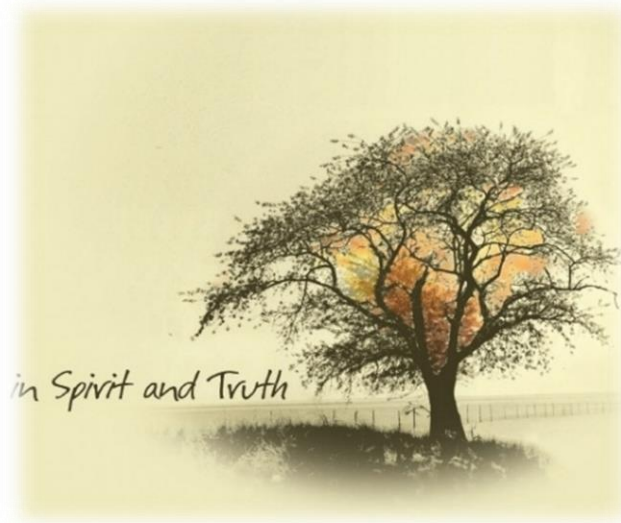




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March 12, 2023; Third Sunday in Lent



John 4:5-19, 27-29, 39-42

Prelude:


Welcome

The radio broadcast is in honor of Ivadelle Stevenson's 90th birthday from her family.
Thank you, Cherie Schafer, for providing treats for the after worship social time in the Parish Hall!

Gathering Hymn:

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

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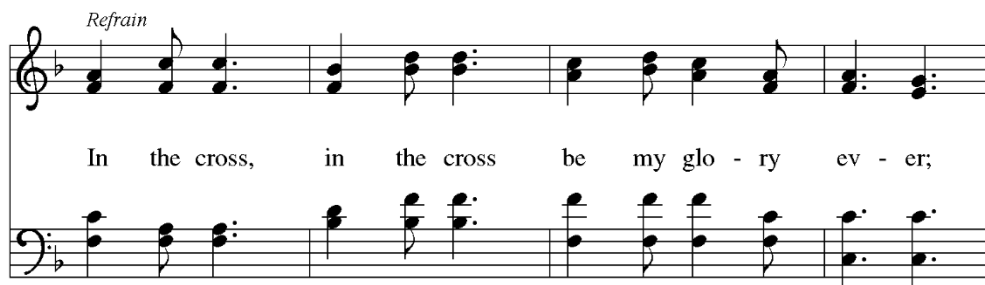


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



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:

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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:

Romans 5:1-11

Read by Kip Hauser

5Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

“Jesus Loves Me”

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

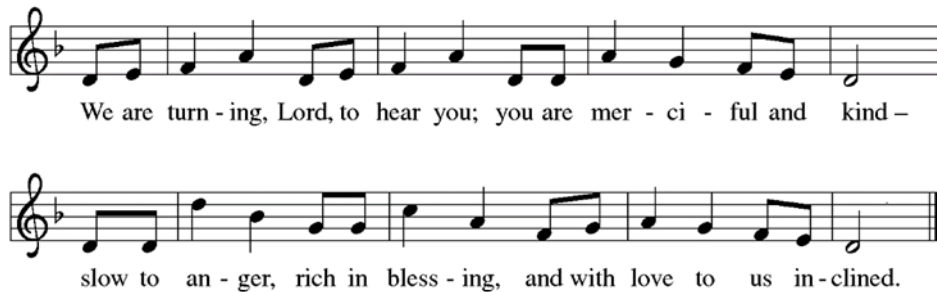
Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Children's Sermon

Lenten Acclamation:



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to **John 4:5-19, 27-29, 39-42**



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Praise to you, O Christ.

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:

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| Sue Ayers | Linda Hoy | Noa Mulholland | Ron Venz |
| Joyce Boehmer | Jerry Meader | Gladys Niezwaag | Marilu Wohlers |
| Rodney Ellis | Kathy Michael | Calvin Schultz | Bill Wohlers Jr. |
| Linda Girken | Leon Mulford | Beverly Hinders Trost | |

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

The Offering

The Offering Hymn

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

*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:

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er, strong de - liv - 'er,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

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Postlude:



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
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March 12 - March 19

Sunday	Daylight Savings Time begins
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:05 a.m. Education Hour
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Grief Share
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters
	4:30 p.m. Supper
	5:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
Thursday	1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl group
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship/Comm
	10:05 a.m. Education Hour

After Worship Social Time! Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a sign up on the treat table!

Grief Share	Adult Bible study
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.	meets at 10:15 a.m.
In the Chapel	in the Chapel!

If you would like to donate to the lilies for Easter Sunday, let the office know at 641-228-3397.

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2023

“The Last Words of Christ”

We will focus on Jesus’ last words on the cross, woven together with encounters Jesus had with others in His ministry. Each week we’ll read scripture, sing, watch a short video drama, and hear a devotion on that week’s theme. **Worship service is at 5:30 p.m.**

*March 15 – “Second Word from the Cross: The Rich Young Ruler”
Mark 10:17-27; Luke 23:39-43*

Wednesday Night suppers during Lent will be from **4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**
Menu for March 15th: Potato Soup, Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, dessert.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

The Annual Ladies Luncheon

will be Sunday, March 26th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

The theme this year is *Under His Wing!*

The Family Board invites all the ladies & their friends to join in this fun event. There will be lunch, dessert, a short program and a pretty “Photo Booth” to snap a few cute pictures of your group!

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 6-18, & under 6 free.

REMINDER: 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**.

Please join Ivadelle Stevenson & her family for an open house celebrating her 90th birthday in the Zastrow Room of the library from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Offering from the week of
March 5, 2023**

General Receipts:	\$8,270.88
Designated:	\$1,080.00
Total	\$9,350.88

March 1, 2023 \$733.00

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

Sunday Attendance	210
March 8, 2023	79

St. John Lutheran Church Secretary Opening

St. John Lutheran Church and Christian Preschool in Charles City, IA is seeking a qualified person to assume the position of Church Secretary.

Position:

- Part time: 20 hours a week
- Responsibilities: provide receptionist services for the church office, provide secretarial services for the church, produce weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, and manage the church's website and other electronic media
- Compensation: Hourly compensation will depend on experience and qualifications and will be in the range of \$18-\$22 per hour
- Application Deadline: March 15, 2023
- Start Date: April 11, 2023

To see a complete job description, use the QR code provided or go to www.stjohncharlescity.org

If interested, please email your resume to rleeper@stjohncharlescity.com or bring it to the St John Lutheran Church office. Office hours are 9 AM to 1 PM, Monday – Friday. We're located at: 200 South Main, Charles City, Iowa 50616. Phone: (641) 228-3397



WIYLDE registration forms are available in Laurie's office for any 8th-12th grade St. John student wishing to attend. WIYLDE will be held this year at EWALU from June 19-22. **Registrations are due to St. John by May 25th** so we have time to get them mailed in by the 30th.

Family Board's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8, 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 appreciated!)**