



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool

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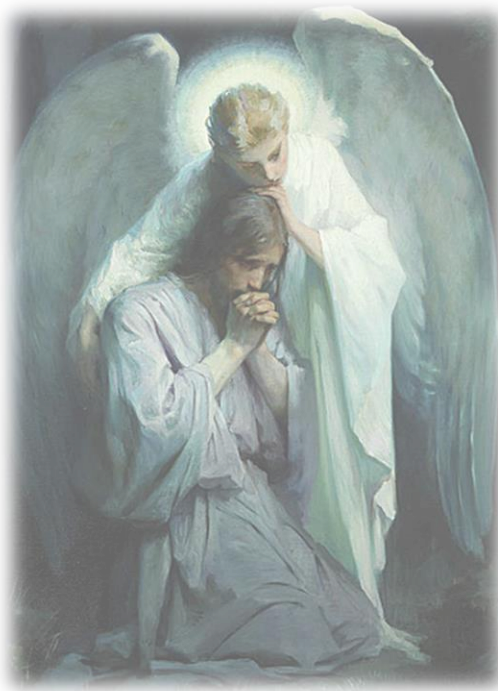
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## **“God’s Love in Action”**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**



***John 17:6-19***

Key: **L** = Leader, **C** = Congregation, (\*) = Song Request or Special Music

*Prelude:*

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart/Amazing Grace”**

*Welcome*

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Gary & Sandie Quade in memory of their daughter, Angie.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Judy Hughes in honor of her mother.

*Invocation*

*Gathering Hymn:*

**“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (2 times)**

**#752**

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system includes the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system includes the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

*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*

**“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”**

**#857**

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.

*Prayer of the Day:*

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**“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*

*Gospel Song:*

**“Alleluia”**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

*L: The Holy Gospel according to John 17:6-19*



***Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19***

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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



***Sermon***

**Pastor, Russ Leeper**

***Song of the Day:***

**“Then Christ Came”**

**Video-Mercy Me**

**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 (C) : **hear our prayer.**

**Please keep the following in prayer:**

Scott Aspholm	Don Knowlton	Noa Mulholland	Skip Ward	Yolanda Van Ausdall
Linda Girken	Gladys Kellogg	Lorna Scrimger	Diann Jacobson	
Axel Heller	Deb Watkins	Stan Mehmen	David Youngerman	
Mary Jean Zilm	Dick Harrington	Vince Huegel	Dave Litterer	

**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, Tyler Brockney

**Offering:**

**“We Are an Offering”**

**#692**

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, 7/8 time signatures, eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes).

*\*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*

**“He Is Exalted”**

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!  
He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high! **Repeat**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

**“Be Thou My Vision/Be Glorified”**



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## May 12—May 19

<b>5/12/2024</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Worship</i>
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>After Worship</b>	<i>After Worship Social Time</i>
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>
<b>5/14/2024</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Foster Grandparents</i>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Finance (Chapel)</i>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Council (PH)</i>
<b>5/15/2024</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Do Day Quilters</i>
<b>5/16/2024</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<i>Caring Ministries</i>
<b>5/18/2024</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Spring Clean-up Day!!</i>
<b>5/19/2024</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion</i>
<b>Pentecost</b>		<i>Graduation Sunday</i>
	<b>After Worship</b>	<i>After Worship Social Time</i>
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<i>LAST: Adult Sunday School Class</i>

**Offering from the week of:**

**May 5, 2024**

General Receipts:                     \$11,313.45

Designated:                               \$185.00

**Total                   \$11,498.45**

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

**Sunday Attendance: 148**

**Building & Grounds  
will hold  
their Spring cleanup day**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.!**

[Volunteers Needed!!](#)

Please bring a rake/broom/shovel/clippers to help clean around the outside of the church and parking lot.



**Adult Sunday School Class** called "Making Sense of Scripture", with Pastor Russ...**It isn't too late to join!!**

The class will meet in the chapel on Sundays from **10:15 to 11:00AM.** Everyone is welcome!

## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

*Reminder:*

Requests for adding information to the Sunday Bulletin need to be in the Secretary's Office no later than Wednesday at 9am each week.

## 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.

## We're Hiring!

St. John Lutheran Church in Charles City, Iowa is seeking a **Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator**.

This person is responsible for facilitating K-12 faith formation in collaboration with the Board of Parish Education, the Youth & Family Ministry Board, and other volunteers. This position is full time with a competitive benefits package. To view the full job description and qualifications, visit our website at [stjohncharlescity.org](http://stjohncharlescity.org). **To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Pastor Russ Leeper at [rleeper@stjohncharlescity.com](mailto:rleeper@stjohncharlescity.com).**

### Song Requests:

Have a request for a song or Hymn...or would like to provide something special for service?

Write it on the back of your "Attendance" slip or contact Melanie Johanningmeier.



Charles City Community  
Blood Drive  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City  
**Tuesday, May 14**  
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESENSE to 999.777 | Call: 800.267.9933 | Visit: [lifeserve.info/schedule](http://lifeserve.info/schedule)



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Ministry Fair! JUNE 1, 2024

## Everyone is Invited!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**  
Wartburg College, Waverly  
9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Gather in fellowship!  
Learn at workshops!  
Join the worship band!  
Share ideas & get inspired!

\$50 per person.  
Register by May 24 at  
[www.neiasynod.org/  
ministry-fair](http://www.neiasynod.org/ministry-fair)  
or call 319-352-1414.



Contact:  
**Beth Hurt, Intern**

## JOIN US FOR VBS!

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**June 10<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
4-yr-old Pre-K 5:30pm-7:30pm  
K-6<sup>th</sup> grade 5:30pm – 8:00pm