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Sunday, May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter



John 14:15-21

Prelude:

“The Last Spring”

Smith

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Kurt & Kathy Hoeft. The radio broadcast is sponsored Diann & Glenn Jacobson in memory of Jamie Jacobson and loved ones.

Thank you, Doug & Jessie Holm, for providing the treats for the After Worship Social Time!

Gathering Hymn:

“The Family of God”

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God;
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God. Repeat

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.**

Hymn of Praise

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

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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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

Acts 17:22-31

Read by Diane Sande

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

“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**

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. **Refrain**

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song

“Alleluia”

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon
Song of the Day

“Mighty to Save”

Pastor Russ Leeper
Video

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:

Sue Ayers Tricia Hockenson Jerry Meader Ron Venz
Joyce Boehmer Ron Hoffman Noa Mulholland Marilu Wohlers
Larry Bohner Linda Hoy Beverly Hinders Trost Bill Wohlers Jr.
Linda Girken Donald Knowlton

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 Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing;
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

*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:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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

Postlude:

“The Call of Trumpets”

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
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May 14-May 21

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	4:10 p.m.	Parish Ed
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Board
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm.
(Graduation Sunday)		

Grief Share
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
In the Chapel

After Worship Social Time! Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall or Outside each Sunday!

NEW EMAILS!

You can contact our new Intern Beth by calling St. John at 641-228-3397 or emailing her at

beth@stjohncharlescity.com!

Also, the email for the secretary has changed to

office@stjohncharlescity.com

Offering from the week of
May 7, 2023

General Receipts:	\$11,866.70
Designated:	\$295.00
Total	\$12,161.70

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

Sunday Attendance: 179



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.

SAVE THE DATES: VBS - Monday through Thursday, June 26-29, 2023. We would love to have your kids attend Tuesday-Friday evenings! Look for more information in the upcoming bulletins and newsletters. If you are interested in volunteering with VBS, please contact Laurie.



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.

HELP WANTED!!

**Jamie is looking for someone to fill in when he is unavailable.
This is for weekends...Sunday Service, Weddings, Funerals.**

Contact Jamie or Toni if interested.

(15-year-old minimum age required)

I would like to thank everyone for the cards & well wishes on my retirement! I enjoyed being a part of the St. John staff, but I am also enjoying my new adventure. Thank you as well for the wonderful send off last Sunday!
Kathy Hoeft

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet Thursday May 18 and then take a break for the summer. With so many vacations and athletic events, this is a great needle craft to take along and do on your own. The meeting is 1 p.m. in the fireside room. If you are in need of yarn, there are shelves full in the cupboards across from the kitchenette in the basement. There is also yarn and equipment for knitting in a closet in the chapel. That same closet has Prayer shawls and blankets that can be picked up to deliver to someone in need, emotionally or physically. This is an outreach that anyone can take part in to bring support to people that we know.

St. John Christian Preschool would like to remind everyone that we sell Kwik Star gift cards. Please stop in the church office during business hours (9am-1pm) or stop down to the preschool if you are interested in purchasing a gift card. We do not have many on-hand, so if we are out when you come to order, we'll just put you down for the next order. We will also try to have an in-person order day after worship once a month. Please leave your name and phone number so we can let you know when the cards are in! We would prefer payment at the time the order is placed, but payment when they come is fine, too. The preschool receives 5% of the gift card's face value.