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Sunday, May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter



John 17:1-11

Prelude:

“Safe in the Arms”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Don & Sharon Tieskotter, in memory of Bill & Ruth Duncan. The radio broadcast is sponsored by Rose Lamprecht in memory of Dale Lamprecht.

Thank you, Linda Hughes & Julie DeBower, for providing the treats for the After Worship Social Time!

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

“Beautiful One”

Video

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

HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything;
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the great shepherd, the rock of all ages.
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023

Hannah Raellen Caroline DeVore

Anna Taylor Herbrechtsmeyer

Sydney Marie Hinz

Kassey Jo Kakac

Olivia Jean Litterer

Tyler David Marth

Kyndra Kay Grace McDonald

Katherine Elizabeth Prichard

Teagan Marie Prigge

Graduate Blessing

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Read by Katie Prichard

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

“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 17:1-11



¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“We Believe”

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 (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	Marilyn 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

“Bind Us Together”

Refrain:

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together.
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body,
That is why I sing. **Refrain:**

You are the family of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God’s chosen desire,
you are the glorious wine. **Refrain:**

*Response

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion

The Words of Institution

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.**

Communion Invitation

“Come to the Table”

#481

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system includes the lyrics: "Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread." The second system includes: "All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed." The third system includes: "Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand." The fourth system includes: "Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and block chords in the left hand.

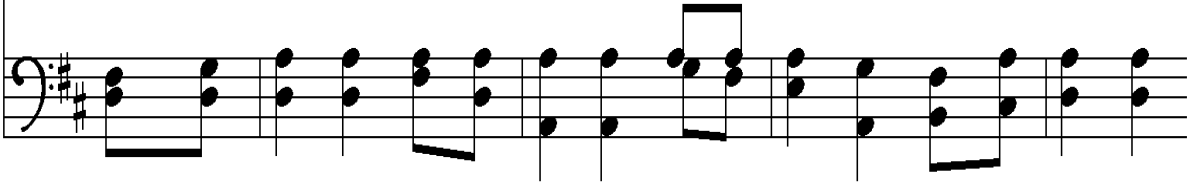
“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



“Amazing Grace”

#779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Communion Blessing & 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**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful”



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 21-May 28

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm.
	10:00 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship

**Offering from the week of
May 14, 2023**

General Receipts:	\$7,281.97
Designated:	\$810.00
Total	\$8,091.97

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.
Sunday Attendance: 224

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

FYI: The Deacons are planning on changing the **Communion schedule** this summer for the months of June and August. Communion will be **only on the third Sunday of the month for those months, June 18th and August 20th.** July will remain as usual as of now. Have a great summer.

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

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)



Sunday Bulletin

Requests for adding information into the Sunday Bulletin need to be in the Secretary's Office no later than Thursday at 11am.

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 Monday-Thursday 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.



St. John Christian Preschool would like to remind everyone that we sell **Kwik Star gift cards**. Please stop in the church 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.**

