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Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



John 15:9-17

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Diann & Glenn Jacobson in memory of Jamie Jacobson & loved ones.

The altar flowers are sponsored by Vicky Schroeder in memory of in memory of loved ones past.

Associate Pastor, Eric Voss (Celebrate Recovery--Speaker)

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

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"

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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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

“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 15:9-17**



John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master

is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“Waymaker”

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	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	

Prayers and condolences to the family of Bill Wihlm, father of Ann Voelker, upon his passing.

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



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 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.



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



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|---|------------|-----|---------|--------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or | Jew, | ser - vant | or | free, |
| 2 | Man - y | the | gifts, | man - y | the | works, |
| 3 | Grain for | the | fields, | scat - tered | and | grown, |



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

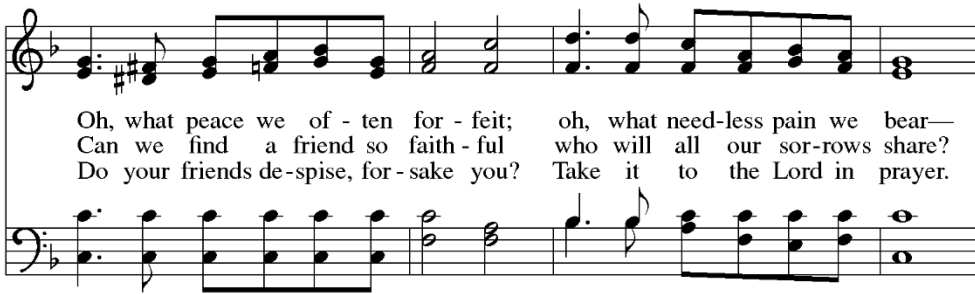
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

“Beautiful Savior”

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 5—May 12

5/1/2024	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	9:00 a.m.	Scholarship Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Final: Wednesday Night Supper & Confirmation Class
5/3/2024	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
5/5/2024	9:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
		<i>Associate Pastor, Eric Voss (Celebrate Recovery--Speaker)</i>
	After Worship	After Worship Social Time
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class
5/6/2024	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
5/9/2024	5:30-8pm	SJCP Open House
5/10/2024	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	6:00-8:30pm	SJCP Open House
5/12/2024	9:00 a.m.	Worship
Mother's Day	After Worship	After Worship Social Time
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class

After Worship Social Time
 Coffee & a treat are served
 Outside (weather permitting) or in the Parish Hall each Sunday!!
Please join us!

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Service
10:05 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class

Offering from the week of:

April 28, 2024

General Receipts:	\$5,156.45
Designated:	\$60.00
Total	\$5,216.45

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

Sunday Attendance: 208



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

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.267.9933 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule



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.

Building & Grounds will hold their Spring cleanup day

May 18th 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!

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. **To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Pastor Russ Leeper at rleeper@stjohncharlescity.com.**

Song Requests

If anyone has a hymn or praise song request over the summer...please write it on the back of your "Attendance" slip and Melanie can incorporate them into the services.

Additionally

If you would like to *provide* any special music over the summer, contact Melanie to discuss it.

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 us reel in VBS supplies



**Visit our display in the Narthex
and "go fishing!"**

Donations can be dropped off in the church office