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Sunday, May 7, 2023; Fifth Sunday of Easter



John 14:1-14

Prelude:

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Hagarty

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Norma Overlee in memory of Calvin Overlee & the radio broadcast is sponsored by Bev Sears in memory of loved ones.

Thank you, Kay Tjaden, for providing the treats for the After Worship Social time in the Parish Hall!

Gathering Hymn:

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they
sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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”

#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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Beth Hurt, Deacon Intern

Song of the Day

“Way Maker”

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

“You Are the Way”

#758

Musical notation for the hymn "You Are the Way". It features a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are:

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

*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


“As the Grains of Wheat”

#465

Refrain




As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



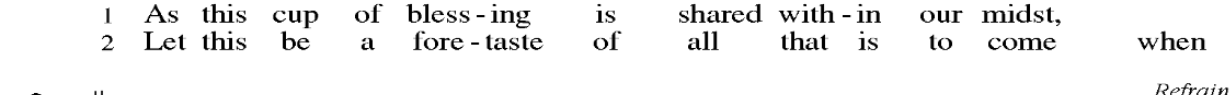
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

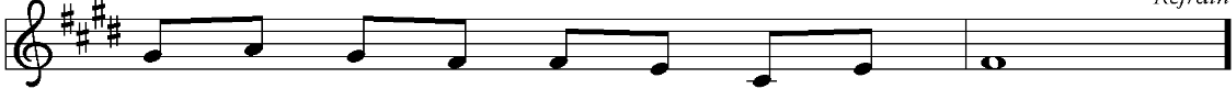


1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,



2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



“Rock of Ages”

#623

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

#656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 7-May 14

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	After Worship Social Time
	10:00 a.m.	Grief Share--Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	SJCP Food Truck
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Finance Board
	5:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
	6:00 p.m.	Council
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Family Board
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	SJCP Open House
Friday	6:30 p.m.	SJCP Open House
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Spring Clean-up
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm.

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

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

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.

*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*

Offering from the week of April 30, 2023	
General Receipts:	\$8,768.23
Designated:	\$570.00
Total	\$9,338.23
<i>General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.</i>	
Sunday Attendance: 181	

Wednesday Night suppers
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. *Menu for May 10th:*
PICNIC TIME!!
Variety Sandwiches, Chips, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Relishes, Ice Cream Cones—“Sort of”
Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

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

**SJCP'S END-OF-YEAR
FOOD TRUCK "FRIEND"ZY!!**

Please join us for music, games, fun and food!!

Sunday, May 7th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the St. John parking lot!

This is a fundraising event featuring the "100 Envelope Challenge", where the funds will be used to purchase TWO tablets to use with our curriculum!

Featuring the following local Food Trucks:



Building & Grounds Spring Cleanup Day

will be May 13th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, and other cleanup tools to help clean up the parking lot and the grassy areas around the church!

New this year!!! Clean-up inside!!!

Due to dust from construction extra cleaning is necessary at this time.

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.



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.

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.