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May 8, 2022; Fourth Sunday of Easter



by Paul Oman

John 10:22-30

Prelude:

“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
“Let There be Glory and Honor and Praises”

Welcome

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

Service of Holy Baptism

Gathering Hymn:

“We are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

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1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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”

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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Psalm 23

Read by Kurt Hoeft

1The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 10:22-30



²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Song of the Day

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

Video

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please Keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers	Dale Lamprecht	Kathy Michael
James Grob	Larry Larsen	Marilu Wohlers
Bill Hollar	Brandie McDonald	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Kayla LaBarge	Carol Meader	Calvin Shultz

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

We celebrate the baptism of...

Cooper Johnathan Vance

Cooper is the child of Melissa Vance

Sponsors: Dominic Vance, Nate & Ashley Decker, Brooke Vance



Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

The Offering

The Offering Hymn

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever;
Have good cheer little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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 this is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“Shout to the Lord”

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My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;
let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.
Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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

Postlude:

“How Firm a Foundation”



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
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May 8 - May 15

Sunday	Mother's Day
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:05 a.m. Adult Bible school
Tuesday	5:00 p.m. Finance
	6:00 p.m. Council
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Confirmation
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Building & Grounds
	Spring cleanup day
Sunday	150th worship with former pastors and interns
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship coffee in Parish Hall
	10:30 a.m. Family board

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, **you can sign up on the chart in the Parish Hall.** What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you! Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

Building & Grounds Spring Cleanup Day will be May 14th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, and other cleanup tools to help cleanup the parking lot and the grassy areas around the church!

This Mother's Day the 150th Anniversary committee honors our mothers. We have corsages for all adult women for as long as they last. Not a mom, no worries, for you are a blessed daughter and we want you to honor your mother by wearing some flowers for her. Blessings to you and Happy Mother's Day to all of our ladies. Flowers will be in the Narthex so remember to stop by.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast

Call the office at 641-228-3397 to sign up to sponsor Altar flowers &/or radio broadcasts in 2022. We have many radio dates open. Several of our members can only listen to the radio and do appreciate being "a part" of the service as a listening member.

St. John T-Shirts

The Youth Board is selling St. John T-shirts! \$12 for Youth sizes and \$15 for adult sizes. They are bright blue, short-sleeve t-shirts with the St. John logo in white on the front. Pick up an order form on the bulletin board outside Laurie's office, fill it out, and turn it in to Laurie or Kathy by May 11, 2022. Payment is due when placing the order. Profits from this sale will go to the Youth Board. We will let you know when t-shirts arrive and can be picked up at St. John.

The Helping Hands committee is ready, willing, and able to help run errands, do minor household help, and provide transportation. If you need any of these services, please call Kathy at the church office during regular business hours. Someone will contact you within 48 hours of receiving the message to make arrangements to help.

**Offering from the week of
May 1, 2022**

General Receipts	\$	5,993.20
Designated offering		495.00

General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Attendance: 186

As part of our 150th anniversary celebration, on May 15 we will be celebrating former pastors, visitation pastors, interns and Son's of the Ministry (there are no daughters) from our congregation. There will be at least two former pastors here with a possibility of more. We have some letters from those that aren't able to attend and a video from one. A photo display of the Pastors, and some interesting information on their time with us, will also be presented in the Narthex for your viewing.

There will be a very special coffee reception for the Pastors after the service. Please come and greet them and have a great cinnamon roll, fruit and Aromas coffee. Yum!

We will also be remembering the 1968 Tornado since that was May 15, 54 years ago. We plan on a presentation of pictures and video from the time and a reading of Pastor Trost's (1964-1969) remembrances of that date and the weeks after. A very interesting manuscript. We hope to see you there!

“Monumental – Celebrating God’s Greatness” ----- June 14th-17th will be VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

- Online registration will be starting soon. Be watching!
- Walk-in registration will begin at 5:15pm on the 14th.
- Plan on having your kids attend from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Tuesday-Friday!
- We will serve a light supper for the kids each evening.
- VBS is open to kids in Preschool-5th grades.
- There is no registration fee for VBS this year thanks to Kans for Kids!
- If you are interested in volunteering at VBS, please contact Laurie.



The Youth Board is sponsoring a **summer mission trip to the North Dakota Badlands from July 5-9, 2022**. This trip is open to St. John students who have **completed 6th-12th grades** and their friends. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Laurie's office.



The Youth Board would welcome any donations toward the cost of fuel for the bus. If you feel called to donate stop in and see Linda in the Business Office, or put **Sunday, June 12th** on your calendar to attend our **bake sale** in the Narthex. The youth participating in the mission trip will again be baking pies and other goodies to sell before and after worship service.