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November 20, 2022; Christ the King Sunday



Luke 23:33-43

Prelude:

“Hymn of Thanksgiving”

Cherie Schafer, piano; Melanie Johanningmeier, organ

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Marty & Sandy Hicks in memory of Norma & Jack Kamm. The radio broadcast is sponsored by Kip & Judy Hauser in memory of Dr. Paul & Maxine Maland.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

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

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#855

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks unto the Holy one;
 Give thanks because He’s given, Jesus Christ, His son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich”
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks unto the Holy one;
 Give thanks because He’s given, Jesus Christ, His son. Give thanks.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music:

“Come, with Glad Thanksgiving”
Cherie Schafer, piano

Trinity Choir

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

Read by Carly Marten

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every color shape and size, they are precious in His eyes.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Jesus is the Shepherd true, and He'll always stand by you,
For He loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every color shape and size, they are precious in His eyes.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 23:33-43



33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“Our God is an Awesome God”

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 B.J. Gifford Brandie McDonald Ron Venz
Ryan Bailey Linda Girken Carol Meader Marilu Wohlers
Joyce Boehmer Carl Johnson Jerry Meader Bill Wohlers Jr.
Rodney Ellis Randy Kreger Calvin Schultz Carmen Wolf

Family of Verla June Kamin Heller

Family of James Dale DeVore

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.

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

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

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!

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 within.
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.**

The Distribution

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#879

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

“Softly and Tenderly”

#608

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch-ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me?
par - don for you and for me.

“Come home, come home!
Come home, come home!

You who are wea-ry, come home.” Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

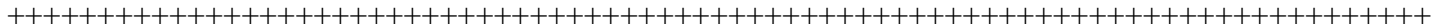
who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



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

Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God" CCLI #227-7055



HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN...

November 20 - November 27

Sunday **9:00 a.m. Worship**
10:05 a.m. Education Hour
 10:15 a.m. 150th wrapup meeting

Tuesday **Newsletter Deadline**

Wednesday **NO Wednesday night activities**

Thursday **Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving**

Friday **Office Closed**

Sunday **1st Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m. Worship
NO Sunday School

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, there is a sign up on the treat table!

The next Adult Bible Study will be December 4th, at 10:15 in the Chapel
 Each week we will be taking a closer look at the Bible readings for that Sunday. It's a chance to go deeper in the scriptures for that week and have conversation about them.

Wednesday Night Supper
NO supper November 23rd.

The office will be closed November 24th & 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Advent Event!
 Wednesday, November 30th, the **Advent Event will be** from 5:00-6:00pm.in the Parish Hall This is an opportunity for parents and children to make some fun Advent-related crafts together. ☺ There is no cost for this event, and all are welcome!

Thank you to Edna Stott for her recent donation to the lift fund.

THE 25 CENT GIFT STORE FOR KIDS will be December 4th! Store hours are 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Donations of gently used Christmas themed items, craft items, or toys are needed! You can bring your donated items to the office at St John.

Christmas program prelude:
 Any youth interested in playing a piece during the prelude at the Christmas program on December 11th, please contact Melanie at 641-228-3397!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd to come help the Deacons decorate the church for Christmas! We will start at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 2022, we'll have a shortened communion service at 9 AM, followed by a special congregational meeting at 9:30 AM to vote on a proposed Lift Project (more details are coming). Because the final Christmas Program rehearsal and the Children's 25¢ Store are both happening that morning, we will need to be done by 10 AM.

At the January 2022 Annual meeting council was asked by the congregation to look into possible costs of an elevator or lift system. Council began conversation on several locations and options were explored along with costs. The best option that physically worked with our building and made sense for accessibility to offices, parish hall, basement and parking lot was to put a lift or elevator where the current church office is now and to shift the church office to where the current work room is. Due to estimates for an elevator unit spanning the basement to the top floor and needed construction costs to complete that project coming in at an excess of \$400,000, the council shifted our focus to a platform lift system option.

A platform lift system and construction that goes from the parking lot to the main floor and the basement would cost approximately \$150,000. To go up to the third floor, a second lift would be required in the future, so construction on this project will allow room for a second lift to be added if that is an option the congregation wants to consider in the future. After responding to the original request at the January 2022 Annual meeting, the council is bringing the platform lift project to the congregation for a vote on Dec. 4. If the congregation votes to move forward with the lift project, the church council recommends that in order to get to the \$150,000 needed for the project we pay for it as follows:

- \$80,000 from Memorial Fund which currently sits at \$160,454
- \$45,000 from Kroneman - Capital Improvement Fund which currently sits at \$218,057
- \$20,000 from Sylvester Fund which are previously dedicated funds for this project
- \$1,188 form the Lift Fund
- \$4,000 raised from the 150th Anniversary Celebration

Cost estimates/quotes for the project include:

- Vertical Platform Lift: \$43,940
- Wedeking Electric Bid: \$9,622
- Randall Construction: \$67,625
- Artura Architecture: \$4,000
- Recommended contingency funds (19%): \$23,785.53
- TOTAL: \$148,972

We have applied for some grants that could bring in over \$10,000 and any additional donations we receive for the lift project would decrease the amount of money taken out of current funds. Please join with fellow St. John members on Dec. 4 at 9 AM for worship followed by a special congregational meeting to make this decision.

Josh Johnson
Council President

Dartball at St. John

Dartball is a team activity at St. John. Matches are played at St. John and other participating churches. For more information call Dennis Sande at 319-389-7998. A full schedule can be picked up in the St. John office.

Matches start at 7:00 p.m. & dates are:

Nov. 30th at Baptist
Dec. 7th at St. John vs. Pleasant Hill
Dec. 14th at Pleasant Valley
Jan. 4th at St. John vs. Baptist
Jan. 11th at Pleasant Hill



Offering from the week of November 13, 2022

General Receipts: \$5,522.45

Designated: \$195.00

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

Attendance: 190

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast 2023

On the glass case in the Narthex are the 2023 signups for Altar flowers and radio broadcasts! The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.

Crisis Intervention Service

is hosting a 10-week support group for women survivors of abuse. They will meet Wednesdays starting November 30th through February 1st. Group size is limited & for more information contact Amber Hicks at 641-832-8456 or amber@cishellps.org.

**If you would like to sponsor
Poinsettias for Christmas let Kathy
know in the office, 228-3397.**



Music Sunday for Christmas

Will be December 18th at the 9:00 a.m. worship service!

The Sunday School

Christmas program will be December 11th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service & will be followed by a "Cookie" reception in the Parish Hall!

