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**October 2, 2022; Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Luke 17:3-6**

## Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Sandy Miller in memory of Dale Miller.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Gary & Julie DeBower in memory of Marvin & Patricia Thompson

Thank you, Kim Watkins, for providing after worship treats this Sunday!

## 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:

## "God is Here"

#526

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore,  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*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*

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
 Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.  
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Prayer of the Day*

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Installation of Education Staff*

*Scripture Reading:*

**2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*Read by Eric Johanningmeier*

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

### “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 17:3-6*



Jesus said to His disciples: <sup>3</sup>“Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. <sup>4</sup>And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.” <sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

#### *P: The Gospel of the Lord...*



#### *Sermon*

Pastor Russ Leeper

#### *Song of the Day*

#### “I Surrender”

**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     Brandie McDonald Marilu Wohlers  
Marian Dight   Calvin Schultz     Bill Wohlers Jr.  
B.J. Gifford     Edna Stott     Carmen Wolf  
Linda Girken   Ron Venz

***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.

***Family of Elaine Eckebrecht***

***Family of Joan Marie Semelhack***

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*

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

#818

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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.**

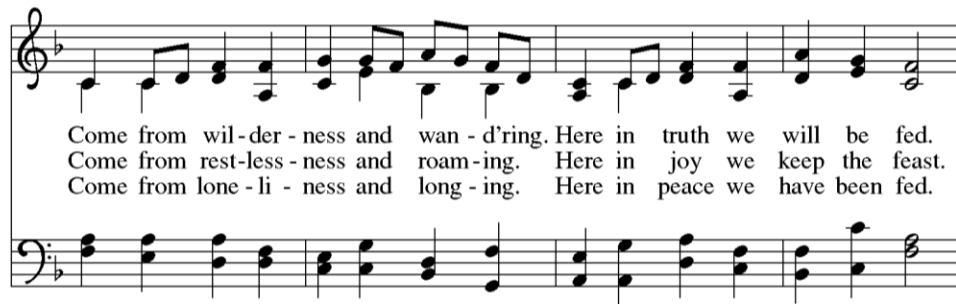
*The Distribution*

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

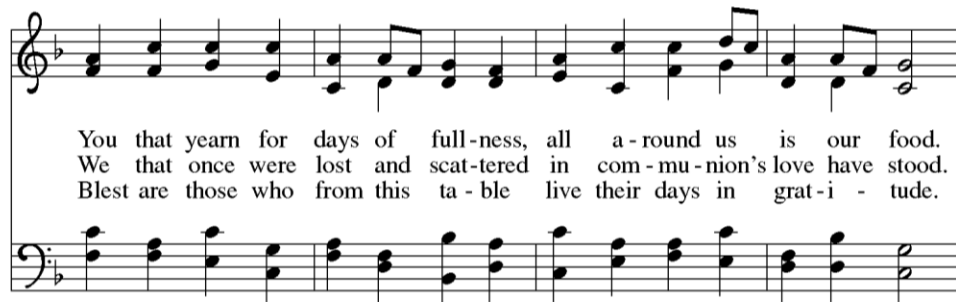
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1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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“I Love to Tell the Story”

#661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

#697

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the word 'Refrain' and the lyrics: 'Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;'. Below this are three numbered verses: '1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;', '2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?', and '3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: 'dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be. I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref. Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref. guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. Ref.' The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

*Communion Blessing & Benediction*



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,

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



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**October 2 - October 9**

Sunday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Comm</b>
	<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday	3:30 p.m.	After School
	5:00 p.m.	Wed. Night supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Fair
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmands meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Deacons
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>	
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Affirmation of Baptism</b>
	<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>

**After Worship Social Time!** Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a signup on the treat table!

**Wednesday Night Supper**

St. John will greatly miss Shirley Ripley who has been our Wednesday Night Supper leader & chef. We are planning to still offer suppers, however. Kathy Crooks has offered to step in to provide this ministry.

*Menu for October 5<sup>th</sup>:*

Maid Rites  
Potato Salad & Baked Beans, Cupcakes

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults  
Children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

**\*NEW\* Calling all 7th through 12th graders!**

We want to invite you all to come join us for

**Youth Hour, every Sunday from  
10:05 to 11 AM**

on the 3rd floor. We look to carry out the church's mission of

God's Love in Action

through fellowship, service and food!



**Invite a friend! \*NEW\***

**The Confirmation Fair for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands will be October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The congregation is invited to come visit with the Confirmands about their "Faith Boards"**

**AFTER SCHOOL: Begins October 5<sup>th</sup>.** This is a fun program from 3:30pm-5pm on Wednesdays for 4year olds (that are attending preschool) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Older students are welcome as helpers. Registration forms are available in the office.

The St. John bus will again be available to pick students up from school to bring them here. Registration is free thanks to Kans for Kids!

**Coats for Kids:**

Coats for Kids is fast approaching and will be October 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you would like to donate gently used or new coats, boots, hats & mittens, or snow pants you can bring them to the church office. Coats and snow pants of all sizes are welcome, but we usually run out of sizes 6 through 14/16 very quickly for both girls and boys and would love more of those sizes.

We also will need volunteers to help set up the Friday before and the day of to help distribute these items to these excited children. Please contact Lisa Kreger at 330-0696 or Lori Janssen at 330-2044.

Thank you for your continued support. We could not do this ministry without your generosity.

*Lisa Kreger and Laura Janssen*

**The 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands and their parents will meet with Pastor Russ on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. after the Confirmation Fair**

**Mark Your Calendars!!! Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> will be St. John's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

The assistant to the Bishop, The Rev. Liz Albertson will be joining us for our celebration. We look forward to a wonderful day in worship and then fellowship during the meal. We will celebrate with a free dinner & a craft fair. **Please fill out your reservation card (found in the bulletin) & put them in the offering plate!** Menu: a catered dinner by U2BBQ featuring roast beef & roast turkey, whipped potatoes & gravy, corn, Oreo fluff salad, carrot cake, fresh rolls with butter, coffee & lemonade.

**Plan to join us as we celebrate 150 years of "God's Love in Action" !**

**See enclosed letter for more information on the CRAFT FAIR!!!**

The 150th Anniversary committee would like to do something fun and visual for October 30th. **We would like to see a sea of Red in the congregation;** even a little piece of red on your outfit. Red is the color of Reformation. Since we are celebrating on that day, how fun would it be to get a picture of all of us at the dinner with a splash of red in our outfits. Wear it proud as a Lutheran for the 150th Anniversary of our congregation and the Reformation of the entire church.

#### **Crafters and Gardeners!**

Part of the October 30<sup>th</sup> celebration will be a craft fair with donated items to sell. Get your "creative" on & bring crafts, baked goods, jams, jellies, etc. to help make the event a success! We will have a silent auction section for our crafts/services. In the past people have sold snow shoveling, leaf raking, a dinner for (2,4,6,8 etc.), Christmas present wrapping, a single pie or a "pie a month" for a designated time, etc. Please let us know so a list can be started. **Non-baked items can be brought to the church anytime but will need to be here by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Baked items need to be here by noon on October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**All monies raised will go towards the "Lift" Fund**

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Karen Streich and Lenis & Nadonne Buseman for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Alvin Davidson. Thank you!"*

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Monte & Kathy Waldorf for the recent memorial they gave to St. John in memory of Joseph Thorne. Thank you!"*

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Karen Streich, Arlene Thomas, Judy Hughes, Eric & Melanie Johanningmeier, Michael & Rhonda Christensen, Robert Peterson, Don & Shirley Holm, Tilleen Litterer, Bob & Bev Friend, Leona Howe, Russell & Betty Ball, Irene Kreimeyer, Sue & William Kealy, Larry & Sondra Coen for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Shirley Ripley. Thank you!"*

#### **Offering from the week of**

**September 25, 2022**

General Receipts: \$4,430.70

Designated: \$3,268.00

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

**Attendance: 205**

Item/Service for the **Silent Auction** or **Craft Item**

*Please circle category*

Description:

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Name of provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Value: \_\_\_\_\_