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**October 9, 2022: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Confirmation Sunday**



**Luke 17:11-19**

*Prelude:*

“I Love to Tell the Story”  
“Tell me the Story of Jesus”

*Welcome*

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Cherie Schafer in memory of Donn Schafer  
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Kent & Lorie Hoeft in memory of Leslie Miller’s birthday on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you, Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall, for the after worship treats this Sunday!*

*Opening Hymn:*

“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

**Video**

*Apostolic Greeting:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be will you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day*

**Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Music:*

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

*Trinity Choir*

*Scripture Reading*

**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

*Read by Linda Hughes*

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of 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.

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.

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me!  
He will stay close beside me all the way;  
When at last I come to die,  
He will take me home on high.

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Song:

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 17:11-19**



<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Hymn of the Day

"God's Not Dead"

**Video**

*Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation )*

**Presentation of the Affirmation of Baptism Class of 2022**

*At the conclusion of the hymn of the day, the Confirmation class will stand.*

*A representative of the congregation will present those making affirmation.*

I present these Confirmands who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

**Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation)**

*Pastor:* Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters & brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen**

*Profession of Faith:*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Confirmands:** I reject them.

Do you reject the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Confirmands:** I reject them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Confirmands:** I reject them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### ***Affirmation in the presence of the Assembly***

*Pastor:* You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and  
deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Pastor to Congregation:*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ:

**Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Confirmands be seated. Come forward with your family & sponsors as your name is called.*

*The pastor, family & sponsors lay hands on the head of the person*

*Pastor:* Stir up in *Confirmand* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen**

*After each Confirmand has affirmed their baptism and returned to the pew, you will stand and face the congregation and ...*

*P:* Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**Congregation: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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

**Please keep the following in prayer:**

Sue Ayers      Linda Girken      Ron Venez  
Marian Dight    Brandie McDonald    Marilu Wohlers  
Rodney Ellis    Janet Petefish      Bill Wohlers Jr.  
B.J. Gifford     Calvin Schultz      Carmen Wolf

**Family of Joshua Russell Schroeder**

**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 confirmation of...

Savannah Christina Baldus, Ali Ann Blickenderfer, Elizabeth Delaney Gassman, Quinn William Heidebrink, Harley David Hinz, Natalie Irene Keyes, Tayleigh Jane Lantz, Annabel Faith Ann McDonald, Isaac Dean Oetken, Kylie Kae Parsons, Addison Elizabeth Tracey, Jadyn Marie Van Horn

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*

“This Little Light of Mine”

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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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:*

“I Can Only Imagine”

**Video**

*P:* Go in peace and share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

“Joyful, Joyful”



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**October 9 - October 16**

Sunday	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Affirmation of Baptism</b>
	<b>10:05 a.m. Education Hour</b>
Wednesday	3:30 p.m. After School
	5:00 p.m. Wed. Night supper
	6:00 p.m. Confirmation
	7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Coats for Kids
Sunday	<b>Meal Reservation deadline</b>
	8:00 a.m. Parish Ed
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:05 a.m. Education Hour</b>
	11:00 a.m. Family board
	11:00 a.m. Youth board

**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**

*Menu for October 12<sup>th</sup>:*

Scalloped potatoes & ham, corn, coleslaw, Scotcheroots

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

**Adult Bible Study**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**Coats for Kids:**

Coats for Kids is fast approaching and will be October 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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**

**Offering from the week of**

**October 2, 2022**

General Receipts: \$7,106.21

Designated: \$545.00

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

**Attendance: 193**

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

*Please circle category*

Description:

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

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

*“We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Leon & Jan Mulford for the recent memorial they gave to St. John in memory of Alvin Davidson. Thank you!”*

*“We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Kip & Judy Hauser for the recent memorial they gave to St. John in memory of Joan Semelhack. Thank you!”*

*“We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Carleen Laue, Whitney Franke, Gary & Ramana Schmidt, and Marilu Wohlers for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Shirley Ripley. Thank you!”*