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September 11, 2022; Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Luke 15:1-10

Prelude:

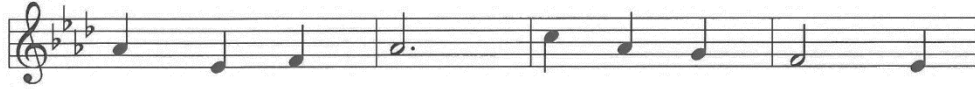
“A Mighty Fortress” & “Awesome God”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by David & Helen Hagen in honor of their anniversary.
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Gathering Hymn:

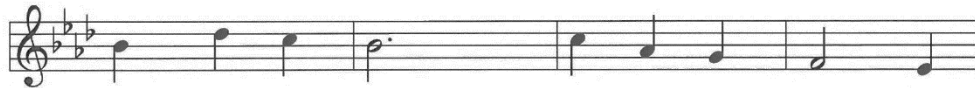
“God’s Work, Our Hands”



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

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

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Read by Lydia Johnson

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

“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 15:1-10



¹⁵Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Message

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“I Will Follow”

Chris Tomlin **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
Javi Bahnsen Dennis Niezwaag Bill Wohlers Jr.
Jaquie Brandau Calvin Schultz Carmen Wolf
B.J. Gifford Edna Stott


Family of Alvin Morris Davidson

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



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

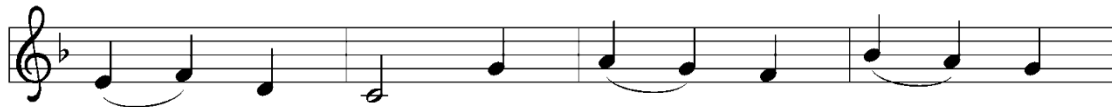
Sending Hymn:

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
“Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises”

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 11 - September 18

Sunday	God's Work Our Hands
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. After worship treats & photo GWOH projects
Tuesday	5:00 p.m. Finance
	6:00 p.m. Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m. Family Board
Sunday	Rally Day/Back Pack Blessing
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Comm
	10:00 a.m. Parish Ed Sunday School & After School sign up in Parish Hall

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!

**Today is
God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!**
After worship we will gather in the Narthex, have a treat, take a picture then do our service projects!

**Blessing of the Backpacks & Rally Day,
September 18th!**

All students, teachers and support staff are encouraged to participate by bringing your backpacks to be blessed! Join the Family Board in the Narthex after worship to sign up for Sunday School & After School!

**Confirmation Orientation for those students (& their parents) in 7th, 8th & 9th grade is
September 21st at 6:00 p.m.**

Registration fee paid by Kans for Kids
Confirmation classes start September 28th.

The Confirmation Fair for the 10th grade Confirmands will be October 5th 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"

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

Starting...

9/25/22: 1st day of Sunday School, 10:05 a.m.
9/28/22: Confirmation class, 6:00 p.m.
9/28/22: Trinity Choir, 7:00 p.m.
10/5/22: After School, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
10/5/22: Wednesday Night Supper, 5 – 6 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Sunday, October 30th will be St. John's 150th 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" !

TRINITY CHOIR

Trinity Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Trinity Choir is open to anyone 7th grade and older. Youth may use singing in choir as Silver Cord hours. We will be working on a couple of special selections for the Sesquicentennial Celebration Service on October 30. We would like to invite anyone who has ever sung in Trinity Choir to join us to sing for this special celebration. Please come join us for our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Johanningmeier at 641-330-0963.

If there is anyone interested in directing a children's choir, please let Melanie know.

St. John Christian Preschool needs to provide all snacks/drinks for our afternoon friends, as part of the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program guidelines. If you are felt led to help donate snacks for our preschoolers or even donate gift cards to Fareway or Hy-Vee, please contact us for a list of State/DHS approved foods/drinks.

Offering from the week of September 4, 2022

General Receipts: \$10,265.43

Designated: \$813.00

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

Attendance: 132

Crafters and Gardeners!

Part of the October 30th 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 16th. Baked items need to be here by noon on October 29th.**

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

Please circle category

Description:

Name of provider: _____

Approximate Value: _____