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September 12, 2021: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

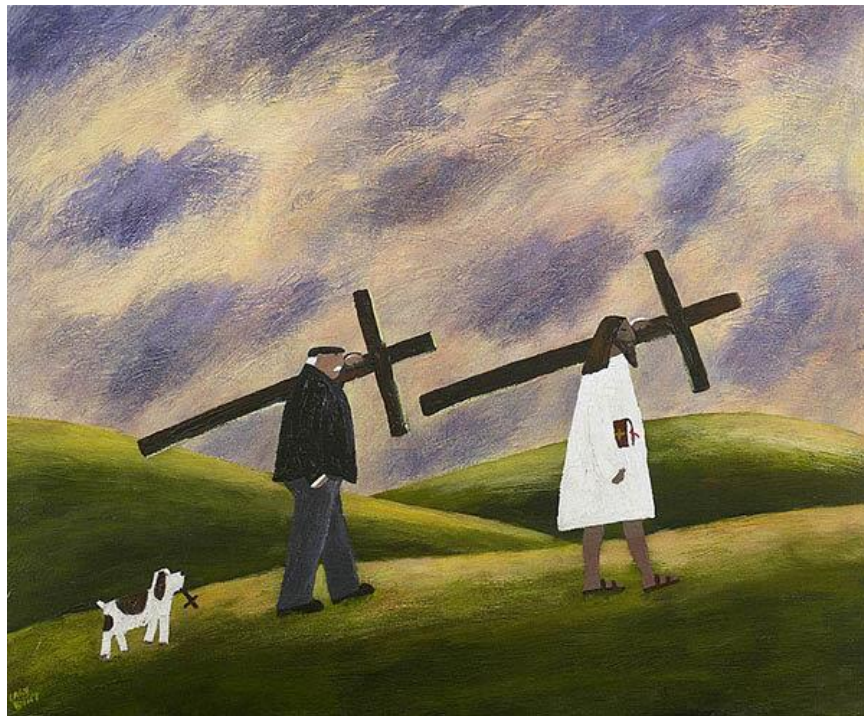


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Mark 8:27-38

Prelude:

“Unity and Brotherhood”

Chesterton

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar and the radio broadcast are sponsored by Mike & Tammy Quade in memory of loved ones and in honor of their anniversary.

Thank you, the Family Board, for the after worship treats this Sunday!

Opening Hymn:

“Earth and All Stars”

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1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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.**

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading:

James 3:1-12

Read by Eric Johanningmeier

³Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-38



²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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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:

Travis Griffin	Nate Klemesrud	Carly Stevenson
James Grob	Gary Lamprecht	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Jack Hulbert	Sandra Link	Marilu Wohlers

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

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.

Congratulations to Glenn & Diann Jacobson who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on September 8th!

Special Music:

“Run to the Father”
(*Congregational choice song*)

Cody Carnes

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

P: Let's hold each other in prayer & stay safe

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 12 - September 19

Sunday	Rally Day/Backpack Blessing Recognition of 2020 Baptisms 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. God's Work, Our Hands projects
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Council
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters 5:00 p.m. Family Board
Sunday	Installation of Education Staff 9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m. Education Hour 10:15 a.m. Anniversary Committee

Rally Day September 12th!

Join the Family Board in the Narthex for treats (including Cinnamon Rolls) & coffee/juice & signup your students for Sunday School & After School!



Blessing of the Backpacks!
On Rally Day, September 12th students can bring their backpacks to be blessed during the worship service!

AFTER SCHOOL: Begins October 6th. This is a fun program from 3:45pm-5pm on Wednesdays for 4year olds (that are attending preschool) through 5th grade students. Older students are welcome as helpers. Registration forms will be available on Rally Sunday in the Narthex.

The St. John bus will again be available to pick students up from school to bring them here. The cost is \$10 per student.

After Worship Social Time

has been an enjoyable way to reconnect with each other!

Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday!

If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, please sign up on the chart just inside the doors on the table or call Kathy in the office.



What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you!

Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

Confirmation Orientation is September 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$10. This helps cover the cost of curricula and supplies.

Confirmation classes will begin September 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Blessing Box Donations, we need items to fill the Box!

Suggested items are anything shelf-stable (non-perishable) food items that are sealed and able to handle current temperatures. Examples... Food: peanut butter, dried fruit/fruit cups, canned vegetables, rice/pasta pouches, cereal, granola bars, crackers, popcorn, soup, mac & cheese, juice boxes.

Non-food items: socks, baby wipes, personal care items, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, mini laundry detergent. **A box for donations will be available in the Narthex.**



Begins September 29th!

Menu: Maid Rites, Potato Salad/Chips, Baked Beans, Applesauce, "Pokie" Cake

**Offering from the week of
September 5, 2021**

General Receipts	\$ 9,935.00
Designated offering	410.00

General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Attendance: 142

TRINITY CHOIR

Trinity Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 29 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. Please come join us for our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Johanningmeier at 641-330-0963.

CAROL CHOIR

Carol choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 29 from 5:45-6:10 pm. They will meet in the Choir Room in the basement. It is open to any child in grades 1-6. She is very excited to work with your children. Please come join Carol Choir for their first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 29 at 5:45. If you have any questions, please contact Lydia Johnson at 319-240-1522.

Have extra garden produce you would like to share with others at St. John?

There will be a table in the Narthex for your veggies/fruits & plastic grocery bags to put them in!

The next meeting for the Sesquicentennial Committee will be Sunday, September 19th at 10:15 a.m.

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to John & Barbara Meyer, John & Myrna Culbertson, Edna Stott, John & Geneva Rima, Kip & Judy Hauser, Diane Melrose, Bette Gullickson, and Myron & Clarice Leraen for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Lynn Poppen. Thank you!"