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**September 18, 2022; Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Luke 16:1-13**

*Prelude:*

*Welcome*

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

*Thank you to Evan & Carly Marten for the after worship treats today!*

*Service of Holy Baptism*

*Gathering Hymn:*

“I Worship You, Almighty God”  
I worship You, Almighty God, there is none like You.  
I worship You, O Prince of Peace, that is what I want to do.  
I give You praise, for You are my righteousness.  
I worship You, Almighty God, there is none like You. **Twice**  
There is none like You. There is none like You.

*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*

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Scripture Reading*

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

*Read by Amy Kubik*

6In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” 4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” 6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

### “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/Backpack Blessing*

*Gospel Song:*

“Alleluia”

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

*P: The Holy Gospel according to* **Luke 16:1-13**



16Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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



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

**Please keep the following in prayer:**

Sue Ayers	Shirley Ripley	Marilu Wohlers
B.J. Gifford	Calvin Schultz	Bill Wohlers Jr.
Brandie McDonald	Edna Stott	Carmen Wolf

**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 Kathleen Kay Scharnhorst Ebert**

We celebrate the baptism of...

**Jace Michael Montagne**

Jace is the child of Alex & Riley Montagne  
 Sponsors: Maddie , Gary, Brady Zwanziger  
 Rachel & John Montagne



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

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

#689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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*

"Come to the Table"

#481

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

#614

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

“This Little Light of Mine”

#677

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;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 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.

*Communion Blessing & Benediction*

*Sending Hymn:*

“Great and Mighty is the Lord”

Great and mighty is the Lord our God  
 Great and mighty is He.  
 Great and mighty is the Lord our God  
 Great and mighty is He.

Lift up your banner let the anthems ring,  
 Praises to our King  
 Great and mighty is the Lord our God.  
 Great and mighty is He.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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200 S. Main Street, Charles City, IA 50616; 641-228-3397*

**September 18 - September 25**

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

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Stewardship board  
6:30 p.m. Preschool board

Wednesday **Newsletter Deadline**  
9:00 a.m. Do Day Quilters  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation

Sunday **9:00 a.m. Worship**  
**10:05 Education Hour**  
10:15 a.m. 150th Committee  
11:00 a.m. Youth board

**Blessing of the Backpacks & Rally Day,  
today, September 18<sup>th</sup>!**

After worship, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade is September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Registration fee paid by Kans for Kids  
Confirmation classes start September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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"

**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**

**Starting...**

9/25/22: 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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!

**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" !**

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Monte & Kathy Waldorf and Kip & Judy Hauser for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Kayla LaBarge. Thank you!"*

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Don & Shirley Holm for the recent memorial they gave to St. John in memory of Gene Holm. Thank you!"*

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Alice Krumwiede & the Cedar Side Club for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Alvin Davidson. Thank you!"*



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Johannngmeier at 641-330-0963.

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

### Offering from the week of September 11, 2022

General Receipts: \$10,585.70

Designated: \$120.00

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

**Attendance: 175**

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.

### 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**

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

*Please circle category*

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