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September 4, 2022; Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 14:25-33

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Diane Melrose in memory of son Mike & husband Andy. The radio broadcast is sponsored by Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall in honor of their children & grandchildren.

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:

"Lift High the Cross"

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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Read by Cherie Schafer

15See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

“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 14:25-33**



25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Message

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“Be Still and Know”

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.
Jaque Brandau	Calvin Shultz	Carmen Wolf
B.J. Gifford	Edna Stott	

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 “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.

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.**

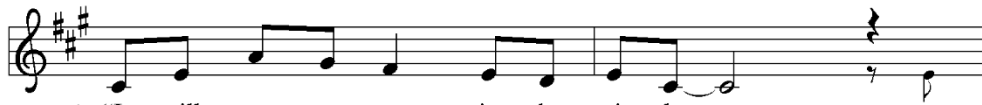
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

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.

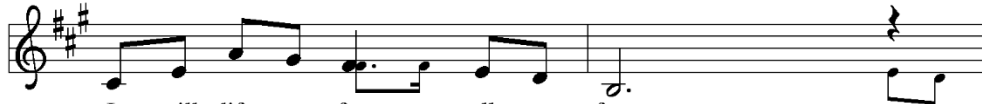
You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

“You are Mine”



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 “I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
 Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



To stanzas 3 and 4
 love you and you are mine.”

4 “I

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

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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;

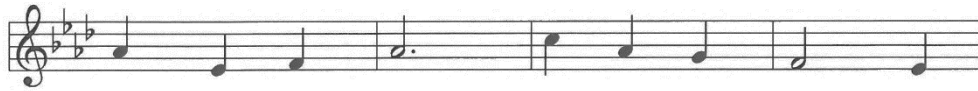
Refrain

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.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn:

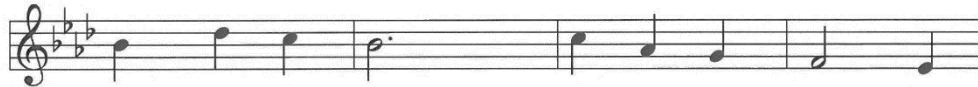
“God’s Work, Our Hands”



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.

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

Postlude:

“Postludium in F”

Louise Stairs



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 4 - September 11

Sunday **9:00 a.m. Worship/Comm**

Monday **Office closed - Labor Day**

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Cookie decorating
Parish Hall

Sunday **God's Work Our Hands**
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. After worship treats & photo
GWOH projects

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!

Offering from the week of

August 28, 2022

General Receipts: \$7,169.78

Designated: \$155.00

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

Attendance: 145

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!

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"!

Item/Service for the Silent Auction or Craft Item

Please circle category

Description:

Name of provider: _____

Approximate Value: _____

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.**

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 Johannigmeier 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.

God's Work Our Hands: Sunday, September 11, 2022, worship at 9:00 a.m. & then gather outside for treats and a picture! Watch for sign up information at church & on Facebook.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Projects:

Help make/serve treats for the people going out to serve after worship on September 11th.

Cookie Decorating: on **SATURDAY, September 10th**, we will decorate cookies in the Parish Hall from approximately 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Week of September 5th: organize/count/prep items for school kit assembly

LWR School kits: assembling 150 kits

Cookie delivery: deliver & visit with people in our community (**If you know someone who would enjoy some cookies let Kathy in the office know the Name, Phone Number & Address!**)

Window washing at Cedar Terrace

Working with our Do Day Quilters

“Helping Hands” projects: going to homes of people in our community who need assistance to do some smallish tasks, from helping with some yardwork, moving furniture, painting, & helping with gutters.

Blessing Box: do a little organizing, planning, and see if we can figure out a way to keep the rain out.

Senior Center: window washing & other projects.

You can sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3QZPgjG>
or call Kathy in the office to help you sign up.

You can also scan the QR code at the right to take you to the sign-up page!

