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October 3, 2021: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Mark 10:13-16

Prelude:

“Bringing in the Sheaves”

Robert Thygeron

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar & the radio broadcast is sponsored by Cherie Schafer in memory of Donn Schafer
Thank you, Kyle & Kerri Mehmen, for the after worship treats this Sunday!

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 know, 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 entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

“God is Here”

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1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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.**

Kyrie:

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:10-12

Read by Eric Johanningmeier

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

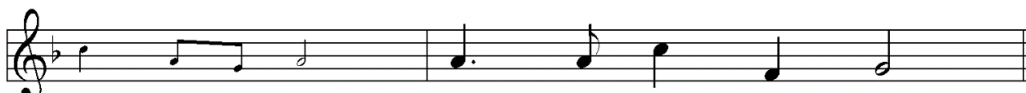
P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:13-16



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Praise to you, O Christ.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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:

James Grob	Gary Lamprecht	John Salvesson
Helen Hagen	Clarice Leraaen	Carly Stevenson
Jack Hulbert	Sandra Link	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Khloe Kubic	Donna Patten	Marilu Wohlers

***Al Marth & family on the death of his mother
 Susan Marth***

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.

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

Sending Hymn:

“Go, My Children with My Blessing”

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1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Postlude:

“Christ, the Sure Foundation”

Tom Birchwood



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A message from the Council President, Greg Buenger,

The St. John Church Council discussed the church’s response to COVID-19 at its meeting on September 14. The need to make changes to our activities was discussed. There are options available for people to be safe based on their personal needs – in-person, radio, online church services; mask or no masks; communion in the pew or up front; children’s sermon in the pew or up front. At this time, we are not requiring people to wear masks at church, but please wear them if you want to. All activities in our lives now involve some risk of COVID, for example, shopping at the grocery store, going to work, and visiting friends and family. Please take the precautionary measures you feel comfortable with for you and your family. We recognize that things may change at any time, and we will adjust our activities as needed.

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October 3 - October 10

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Education Hour
	11:00 a.m. Parish Ed board
	11:00 a.m. Confirmand Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
	6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry - Brewer
Wednesday	2:00 p.m. Communion at Apple Valley
	3:30 p.m. After School
	5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
	6:00 p.m. Confirmation
	6:00 p.m. Confirmation Fair
	7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Coats for Kids
Sunday	Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation)
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Education Hour & Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Youth board



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!

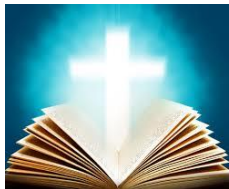
If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, please sign up on the chart just inside the doors on the table or call Kathy in the office.

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

Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Adult class begins today, **October 3, 2021, from 10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.**



The theme will be *“You know we are Christians by our love.”*

October 3: Bring your favorite children’s Bible story...either to read or summarize for the group

October 10: Bring with you your favorite church memory and/or scary church memory.

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 are available in the office.

The St. John bus will again be available to pick students up from school to bring them here. The program is free courtesy of Stewardship Board's Kans for Kids project.

Coats for Kids:

Coats for Kids is fast approaching and will be October 9th 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*



Supper Menu for October 6th:

Ham balls/hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fruit, apple crisp

Adults \$4.00

Students - Preschool - Seniors

Free courtesy of Stewardship Board's Kans for Kids program

Blessing Box Donations, we need items to fill the Box! Suggested items are anything shelf-stable (non-perishable) **food and non-food items. Donated items can be put directly in the little food pantry outside the East door. They can also be brought into the church.**

Offering from the week of September 26, 2021

General Receipts \$ 5,665.00

Designated offering 190.00

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

Attendance: 138

THE CONFIRMATION FAIR October 6, 2021

The youth who will be confirmed on October 10th invite the congregation to come and visit with them as they show their "Faith Boards" in the Parish Hall at 6pm. It is a great chance to show our confirmands that the members of the congregation care about them

Funeral lunches at St. John

Each of the ladies of St. John are included on a list of names that can be called on to provide salads, cakes or help serve at funeral lunches. Names are divided between the 12 months of the year. This is a service we provide families who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We will once again be calling each month if a funeral with a luncheon is held. We have callers who will contact you with what we could use. Contact the office at 641-228-3397 if you have questions or if you would like to be on a monthly list.

It's Coming!!!

October 31, 2021