Sunday, October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE BY PRAISE TEAM       All I Know

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH SINGING

GATHERING HYMN       When Morning Gilds the Skies
ELW 853

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a-wak-ing cries:
   may Je-sus Christ be praised! When eve-ning shad-ows fall,

2 When mirth for mu-sic longs, this is my song of songs:
   may Je-sus Christ be praised! God’s ho-ly house of prayer

3 No love-lier an-ti-phon in all high heav’n is known
   than “Je-sus Christ be praised!” There to the e-ter-nal Word

4 Let all of hu-man-kind in this their con-cord find:
   may Je-sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a-round

5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,
   sing, “Je-sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre-a-tion o’er,

this rings my cur-few call: may Je-sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com-pare with “Je-sus Christ be praised!”
the e-ter-nal psalm is heard: oh, Je-sus Christ be praised!
ring joy-ous with the sound: may Je-sus Christ be praised!
to-day and ev-er-more shall Je-sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1836–1896
HYMN OF THE DAY
ELW 841

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea,
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
fac ing the rising sun of our new day begun,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
let us march on till victory is won,
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the lightning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea,
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
fac ing the rising sun of our new day begun,
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Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING. J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954
BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Brief Silence

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.
C: Amen
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray.
   Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

WE WORSHIP THE LORD BY HEARING HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

1Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:
2I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
3I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
5I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me,
6so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

A: The word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.  
2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
3 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,  
4 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.  
5 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
6 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.  
7 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.  
8 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,  
9 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

A: The word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.
GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to MATTHEW, the 22nd chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” 21They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON
APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
    He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
    He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
    He descended into hell.
    On the third day he rose again.
    He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
    He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the transformative power of God’s loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
   
   Brief Silence

A: Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love.
   God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.
A: Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering (especially Sharon Haas, Dr Greg Gordon, Zach Leinenbach, Steve Voegerl, Cris Menjivar, Erwin Kranawetter and Logan Musgrave). Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Giving God, help us to wait patiently for a pastor to lead us. In your mercy, and at a time of your choosing, send us a pastor who will draw us closer to you and your will. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.
PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace.

WE GIVE AN OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were

gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from

all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when

may we share the presence of your love.
all creation shares this feast with you.
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
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.

WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION EXPLANATION
We welcome all baptized believers to take part in Holy Communion. An Usher will tell you when to go forward to receive Communion. You will first receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available upon request) and then receive a cup containing either red wine or white grape juice (grape juice is located in the center of the tray.) Once you have communed you may return to your seats by the side aisles. If you do not commune you are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please indicate so after everyone else has communed by raising your hand.

WE PRAYERFULLY LISTEN TO MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Bread of Life, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
   Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen
I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. Refrain:

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live! Refrain:
BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Working to Share God’s Love. Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to St. John’s Lutheran Church and we hope that you will enjoy our worship to God. We hope that you will consider making St John’s your worshiping community.

Those Serving TODAY October 22, 2023
Worship Leader: Pastor Jane Rothman
Acolyte: Jarrett Schnieders
Reader: Diann Zehr

Those Serving October 29, 2023
Acolyte: Camden Bonner
Reader: Teresa Lents

Sunday, October 15, 2023
Church Attendance: 39
Current: $1,179.00 Goal: $2,181.00
Benevolence: $71.00 Goal: $145.00
Africa: $30.00
Loose: $40.00
Lutheran Child & Family Services: $5.00
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday October 22nd**
9:00 a.m. Praise Team practice
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
10:00 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion
Pastor Jane Rothman – Worship Leader
11:00 a.m. Trunk or Treat
6:30 p.m. Study at St. Paul’s

**Sunday October 29th**
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
10:00 a.m. Worship – Reformation Sunday
6:30 p.m. Study at St. Paul’s

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Pastor Jane Rothman for leading Worship this morning.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Join us today following worship for our annual Trunk or Treat. All are welcome.

**HALLOWEEN BASH:** Sunday, October 29th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Jasper Public Library. All are welcome!

**CARD SHOWER** for Erwin Kranawetter and Dr. Greg Gordon. We would like to have a card shower to let Erwin and Dr. Greg know that the people of St John’s are thinking about them as they are dealing with health issues and are unable to assist us a Lay Ministers at this time. Address labels are available in the Narthex.
**HONOR FLIGHT** – There is an informational meeting at Ireland Historical Society for Honor Flight- Sunday, October 29th at 1:30 p.m. for former honor flight honorees and anyone interested in wanting to apply for the honor flight. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! Refreshments to follow the informational meeting!

**THE DUBOIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. All are welcome. Reservations are due by October 24th. A dinner will be served in the fellowship hall followed by a business meeting and a program on the 175 year history of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church presented by Terry Seitz. The cost of the meal is $16.00. For reservations call Tom Fierst 812-630-8882 or Email tfierst@twc.com

**BIBLE STUDY:** Beginning in November there will be a monthly study on three chapters from the book “They Walked With God” by Max Lucado. On November 13th the study will be on Abigail, Jarius, and Jesus Brothers. If you are interested in participating, contact Carol Zehr or Paula Mann for a book. If you would like, you can make a donation to help cover the cost of the books, but it is not required to participate in the study.

**“THE CHOSEN” STUDY:** All are welcome to participate in a Study on “The Chosen” at St. Paul’s in Haysville continuing Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

**THANKOFFERING SUNDAY** will be November 19th: This will also be Food Bank Sunday. We would like your vegetable and fruits for our table on Friday November 17th so the table can be setup on November 18th. Canned food items, also flour, sugar, shampoo, conditioner are needed.
Working to Share God’s Love

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