

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16, 2024, 8:30 A.M.  
St. John's Lutheran Church

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*God, Whose Firm Is All Creation*

Mark Sedio

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ELW #449

**Greeting and Kyrie**

*"In peace, let us pray..."*

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day: L: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

**First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

L: <sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**C: <sup>2</sup>to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**

L: <sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.

**C: <sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

L: <sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**C:** <sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

**L:** <sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;

**C:** <sup>15</sup>that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Special Music

Piano Solo

Greyson Sanderson

Children's Message

**Gospel Acclamation**

*"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"*

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**The Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

**Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**Sermon**

**Confession of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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**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.**

**Offering Prayer**

L: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

**Prayers of the Church:** L: Merciful God,... **C: ...receive our prayer.**

**The Words of Institution****The Lord's Prayer**

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**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion Songs:** *Break Now the Bread of Life* ELW #515; *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast* ELW #516

**Prayer Following Communion** L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

**Benediction**

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn***Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW #547

**Postlude***Tempest Tune in C*

Jacob Weber

Activities this Week at St. John's

June 16, 2024 to June 23, 2024

Sun, June 16	8:30am & 10am
Tues, June 18	6pm
Sun, June 23	8:30am & 10am
	Noon
	1pm

Worship services w/comm  
 Trustee mtg  
 Worship services  
 Chester Schlake visitation  
 Chester Schlake funeral

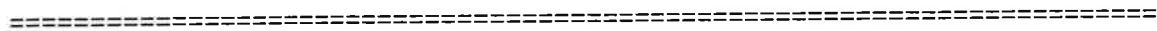
General Funds (undesignated)

Attendance

**Jan. 1 – June 12, 2024**

Last Sunday	76
2024 Average	107
2023 Average	110

Actual Income	\$83,063
Actual Expenses	83,686
Budget Expenses	84,824



Scripture Reader	8:30am	Blake Roe
	10am	Karen Stamper
Greeters	8:30am	Greg & Ann Hagensick
	10am	Vickie Larson
Ushers	8:30am	Sarah Bieber
	10am	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson, Fred Oelberg, Randy Hesse
Comm Prep	8:30am	Norm Peterson, Eric Kirkeby
	10am	Tiffany Evans, Vickie Larson
Comm Asst	8:30am	Sandy Deal
	10am	Greg & Ann Hagensick, Allie Rottink
Secretary		Sadie Bucheit
Custodians		Rhonda Barr
Organist/Director of Music		John & Sharon Roe
Pastor		James H. Bieber
		Bryan Robertson

**Radio Broadcast Ministry** –Today’s radio broadcast is given in honor of Vic & Diane Fye’s wedding anniversary on June 12. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am. **Note: you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.**

**Laura Day Celebration** from Friday, June 21 – Sunday, June 23. Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum, 3603 236<sup>th</sup> Ave, Burr Oak, IA. Events to include raffle, bingo, food tent, games, parade, auction, gospel service & entertainment. **\*\*more info on Narthex bulletin board\*\***

**Frankville Community Presbyterian Church Pie & Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, June 26, serving from 4:30pm-7pm. Menu includes: maid-rites, potato salad, orange tapioca salad, pies, angel food