

The Service of Holy Communion
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021 8:30 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

I've Got the Joy (Down in My Heart)
Senior Bell Choir

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

The Ringing of the Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

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.

L: 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.

Entrance Hymn

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW #876

Greeting, Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

page 120-121

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

The Hymn of Praise pp. 122-123

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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, alleluia, 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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day L: 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.

C: Amen.

Choir Dedication Litany

L: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands,

C: He himself has made us, and we are His: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise.

C: Give thanks to him and call upon His name.

L: For the Lord is good; His steadfast mercy is everlasting.

C: And His faithfulness endures from age to age.

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in moments of greatest joy and sorrow, our souls sing our joy and our souls sing our sorrow. This morning, we dedicate our vocal choirs and bell choirs, to lead us in our songs of praise to our God.

C: God give us faith always to sing "Alleluia!"

L: As these choirs lift their voices in worship, may Your Word and Spirit help us believe.

C: God give us faith to sing always "Alleluia!"

L: Let these choir members join their voices with the voice of your whole church everywhere, singing the songs of those who sang before them, and singing the new song of our time, bearing witness to your truth that never changes.

Choir: God give us faith to sing always "Alleluia!"

Pastor: Tune these bell choir members into your instruments, O Lord, so that in every action of their day, we may see and hear in them, and unending hymn of praise.

Choir: God give us faith to sing always "Alleluia!"

Pastor: Will the congregation please affirm the ministry of music offered by these dedicated choir and bell choir members?

C: We affirm your ministry of music in the life of this congregation. We pray that through your work and the leading of the Holy Spirit, our lives may become rooted into the mind of Christ. May your witness through music, be an inspiration to all who worship in this community, and a humble and desiring sacrifice to our Risen Lord Jesus

Amen

Anthem

Sing a New Song

Allen Pote

Senior Choir, Piano and Handbells

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature,

that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Second Reading: 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long 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.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 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.”

3 Year Old Bible Presentation

Children Message

Noisy Offering

Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...”* page 151

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

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

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.

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

Confession of Faith

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

The Offering Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712

The Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

L: Lord, in your mercy,... **C: hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns ELW #789 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*; ELW #790 *Day by Day*

The Post-Communion Prayer

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection so that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Benediction

P: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you, Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Hymn

Voices Raised to You

ELW # 845

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Robert Hobby

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sunday, Oct 3 8:30am

9:30am
Wednesday, Oct 6 6:00pm
6:30pm
7:00pm
8:00pm
Sunday, Oct 10 8:30am
9:30am

Oct 3, 2021 to Oct 10, 2021

Worship w/communion
Choir Dedication & Blessings of
Backpacks, distribution of Bibles
to 3 yr-olds
Sunday School
Youth Bells
Confirmation @ Fields of Faith
Sr Bells
Sr Choir
Worship
Sunday School

Scripture Reader	8:30am	Karen Soper
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Russ Meyer, Tharin Benson Dan & Lori Treangen
Greeters	8:30am	Randy & Lori Hesse Karen Soper, Sarah Bieber
Comm. Prep		Evonne Kistler, Jill Mirich
Comm. Asst.		Linda Groe, Joan Moody, Ann Rademaker
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry - Today's radio broadcast is given in memory of Jack Libbey and Clarence & Bernita Havelick by Dixie Libbey family. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

Pastor will be blessing backpacks today along with distribution of Bibles to 3 yr-olds.

We can now accept donations for the purchase of the property next to our church: 404 West Main. Any donation will be included in your giving statement. You may include them in your Sunday offering or send them to our office. Thank you for your generosity!

St. John's Lutheran Church Choirs

Youth Bell Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Dalton Ellickson
Hailey Houg
Lynsey Houg
Hannah Jeglum
Haylee Jeglum

Landon Ellickson
Jonathan Marti
Emma Palmer
Sophia Palmer

Sarah Stock
Brandon Teslow
Hannah Teslow
Peyton Verthein

Senior Bell Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Sarah Bieber
Linda Groe
Randy Johnsen
Nona Sawyer
Sue Torkelson

Sue Bieber
Sarah Hagen
Vickie Larson
Chris Stuckman
Peyton Verthein

Sue Blagsvedt
Hailey Houg
Jon Payne
Hannah Teslow

Senior Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Brian Bieber
Sarah Bieber
Sue Bieber
Greg Hagensick

Linda Halvorson
Randy Johnsen
Vickie Larson
Caitlyn Owen

Jon Payne
Rev. Bryan Robertson
Chris Stuckman
Dawn Teslow

The Heartland Gospel and Barbershop Men's Choir

James H. Bieber, Director

Cameron Berges
Jeff Goettel
Jon Payne

Brian Bieber
Greg Hagensick
Chris Stuckman

James Bieber
Randy Johnsen

Adopt A Pot: The Meatball Supper Committee is looking to purchase some high-end quality pots & colander for use during preparation of the potatoes at the meatball supper. If you would like to donate to this project, please send or give your donation to the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WOULD ALL OF ST. JOHN'S WOMEN during the months of September and October, please give a donation of at least \$6 (the price of a ticket) for the Fall Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale that **will NOT TAKE PLACE** this fall. We still want to be of **SERVICE** by sharing all that we collect with the 8 to 12 organizations that we have given to for many years even when the Coronavirus makes us change our plans. Checks must be made out to ST. JOHN'S WELCA or cash should be placed in an envelope marked to go to St. John's WELCA. Bring your donations to church or mail them to St. John's Lutheran Church. **THANK YOU!!**

Congratulations to all the members of the 3 year-old class, who will receive “The Beginners Bible” from the St. John’s Congregation. Class members are: Kadence Harrington, Brysen Hills, Creed Nuehring and Rosella Rausch and **4 year-olds** Heath and Oliver Hagensick.

Wilmington Lutheran Church Meatball Supper on Sunday, October 10 at Spring Grove Fest Bldg, from 10:30am to 1pm. **DRIVE THRU ONLY.** Menu: meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, country coleslaw, lefse, dinner roll, apple dessert and water. \$12 per meal. **Everyone welcome**

A Celebration of Life for Darlene Betty Schwamman will be held on Saturday, October 16 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1pm. Outside accommodations are available for anyone uncomfortable being inside. The Black Hawk Bridge in Lansing will be lit that evening in her memory. The Farm Bureau service was canceled and rescheduled to St. John’s.

Canoe Ridge Lutheran Church 2021 Drive-Through Harvest Supper on Wednesday, October 13. Pick-up time begins at 4:30pm. Please choose a pick-up time when you purchase your tickets. Serving Mike Reicks’ chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, corn, cranberry salad, lefse, rolls and cookie/bar. Tickets \$14.00. Advance purchase recommended. Call by 4pm October 13. See Narthex bulletin board for list of names and phone numbers.