

September 12, 2021
The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Waukon City Park, 8:30 A.M.

Call to Worship

Turn Your Radio On

Men's Choir

Announcements

Prelude

Why Me, Lord?

"Lil Dale Sweet", Craig Boland, & Joe Sweeney

Ringing of the Church 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies: Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above, Off'ring up on ev'ry shore Her pure sacrifice of love: Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Greeting and Kyrie (Spoken)

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

Hymn of Praise

In That Great Gettin' Up Mornin! Men's Choir

Prayer of the Day: L: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116:1-9

L: ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**C: ²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

L: ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: ⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

L: ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**C: ⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

L: ⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**C: ⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

L: ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Anthem

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

“Lil Dale Sweet”, Craig Boland, & Joe Sweeney

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry every-
thing to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry eve-
rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discour-
aged; take it to the Lord in pray-
er. Can we find a friend so faith-
ful who will all our sorrows
share? Jesus knows our every
weakness; take it to the Lord in
prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our ref-
uge, take it to the Lord in
prayer. Do your friends des-
pise, forsake you? Take it to
the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and
shield you; you will find a sol-
ace there.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation (Spoken)

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

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that

I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

Confession of Faith

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 Offering Hymn

America, the Beautiful

1. O beautiful for spacious
skies, For amber waves of
grain, For purple mountain
majesties Above the fruited
plain. America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood From sea to
shining sea.

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned
stress A thoroughfare of
freedom beat Across the wil-
derness. America! America!
God mend thy every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-
control, Thy liberty in law.

4. O beautiful for patriot's
dream That sees beyond the
years Thine alabaster cities
gleam Undimmed by human
tears. America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood From sea to
shining sea.

The Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church: L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Hymn

Abide With Me

Abide with me, fast falls the
eventide. The darkness deep-
ens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and
comforts flee, help of the
helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out
life's little day, Earth's joys
grow dim, its glories pass
away; Change and decay in
all around I see, O, Thou,
who changes not, abide with
me

I need Thy presence ev'ry
passing hour, What, but thy
grace can foil the tempter's
pow'r? Who, like thyself my
guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.

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!

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Without Jesus
 "Lil Dale Sweet", Craig Boland, & Joe Sweeney

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sunday, Sept 12	8:30am
Tuesday, Sept 14	9:15am
	6:00pm
Wednesday, Sept 15	8:45-noon
	6:00pm
	7:00pm
	8:00pm
Sunday, Sept 19	8:30am
	9:30am

Sept 12, 2021 to Sept 19, 2021

Worship
Sarah Circle meets in F.H.
Trustee mtg
Mini Do Day
Youth Bells
Sr Bells & Confirmation
Sr Choir
Worship w/communion
Sunday School

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Scripture Reader	8:30am	XXXXX
Acolyte	8:30am	XXXXX
Ushers	8:30am	XXXXX
		XXXXX
Greeters	8:30am	XXXXX
		XXXXX
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. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

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!

Please pick up your Volunteer Duty sheets in the Narthex.

Stavanger Lutheran Church drive thru dinner on Sunday, September 19, ½ mile south of Ossian on W-42. Serving from 11am-1pm. Menu: hot beef sandwich, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and assorted bars. **Free Will Offering** Make plans to attend!

Old West Paint Creek Lutheran Church Norwegian Meatball Supper on Wednesday, Sept 15. Serving begins at 4:00pm. Menu includes meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, glazed carrots, cole slaw, lefse, rolls and pie. All meals \$12. **DRIVE THRU ONLY; NO PHONE ORDERS ACCEPTED.**

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.

Thank you to our singers today: "Lil Dave Sweet", Craig Boland and Joe Sweeney; and the Heartland Gospel and Barbershop Singers.

Thank you also, to the Allamakee County Dairy Board for providing milk for our meal after church.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Carol Schreiber and her family at the recent passing of her brother, Gordon Sterling.