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**August 2, 2020: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Matthew 14:13-21**

*Prelude:* “Celebrate Jesus with My Savior’s Love”

*Welcome*

*Announcements*

Radio Broadcast: Dave & Joyce Boehmer in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

*Gathering Hymn:* “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Hymnal #712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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*Apostolic Greeting:*

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line of lyrics corresponding to the first system of music and the second line to the second system. The music is in 4/4 time, with a tempo of moderate. The melody is simple and easy to sing, with a focus on the lyrics. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment, with a mix of chords and single notes. The overall mood is one of prayer and devotion.

*Prayer of the Day*

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Reading:***Isaiah 55:1-5***Read by Eric Johanningmeier*

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
 come to the waters;  
 and you that have no money,  
 come, buy and eat!  
 Come, buy wine and milk  
 without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
 listen, so that you may live.  
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
 my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 for he has glorified you.

*Gospel Acclamation:*



*P: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 14:13-21***

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup>They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Sermon*

Pastor Mark Anderson



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

*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:***

Dan Carey	Ely Oregon
Elaine Eckebrecht	Bill Wohlers Jr.
Alan Farmer	Paul Van Ausdall
Sandra Link	

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces  
 & their families: Alex Buenger, Kim Hall,  
 Dalton Schutjer, 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.

*Special Music:*

**“Rustiques”**  
*Carter Johanningmeier*

*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 forever and ever.  
Amen**

*The Benediction*

P: Let’s hold each other in prayer & stay safe!

*Closing Hymn*

**“Praise and Thanksgiving”**

Hymnal #689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

*Postlude*

**“Like a River Glorious” with “The River is Here”**

St. John is now entering **Phase 1 of our reopening plan. This means that we will...**

- Maintain worshiping through radio and internet services.
- Funerals and weddings may occur in the sanctuary should they be permitted by law (but will be encouraged to occur outdoors), these gatherings are limited to ten people or less in the entire facility.
  - Persons participating in a funeral or wedding are required to certify verbally they are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the CDC. They are required to verbally certify they have not been with anyone who is sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the CDC.
  - Do not attend or visit the church if you are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID-19, have a compromised immune system, or are at high risk of exposing others. You are responsible for your own health and also that of your neighbor.
  - A record of the people attending the funeral or wedding will be kept to help with contact tracing should one of the attendees become ill.
  - Participants are to maintain proper social distancing of six feet or more.
  - **Participants are to wear a face mask at all times when in the building.**
  - Participants are to practice proper hand hygiene (soap and water or 60%+ alcohol hand sanitizer) immediately upon entry into the building.
  - The church will be cleaned and sanitized after the event.
- **The church office will continue to operate; however, the church building will remain locked to visitors.** If a visitor is invited into the building, any people present must adhere to the guidelines above in relation to a funeral or wedding.
- If any visitor to the church becomes ill, they must inform the church so others who may have had contact with the visitor may monitor their own health.
- Church council and board meetings must occur electronically.
- All other St. John activities and meetings must occur electronically.



### **A SPECIAL ONE TIME EVENT IS BEING PLANNED FOR AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>!**

Even though St John will remain in Phase One of our reopening plan for now, we would like to invite anyone who would feel comfortable with a special outdoor service in the church parking lot to come on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. We will be using specific parking spots to maintain spacing. Masks will be a requirement and we will encourage everyone to still maintain appropriate social distancing for this event. This event is still in the planning stage so further details will be announced soon!



Though the St. John building is closed to the public, you can call the office with any questions or concerns. Kathy is in the office from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can also reach her by emailing [khoeft@stjohncharlescity.com](mailto:khoeft@stjohncharlescity.com).

**Your offering can be mailed to St. John Lutheran, 200 S Main St, Charles City, IA 50616  
OR...**

**If you would like to sign up for Simply Giving, the program that allows you to give to the church through electronic transfer, call Linda at 228-3397 & look in the June newsletter for the form to fill out and send to St. John**

**The Stewardship Board wants to thank our St. John family** for your generosity in supporting our church during this difficult time. It is encouraging to see that, because of your dedication, we are meeting our financial obligations. Thank you,  
Thank you!



**Want to watch the Sunday worship service video?**

Go to [www.stjohncharlescity.org](http://www.stjohncharlescity.org), click on the Worship & Sermon tab & then on YouTube. From there just click on the service you would like to watch!

**Offering from the week of  
July 26, 2020**

General Receipts	\$	3,885.00
Designated offering		490.00

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

**The August Good Newsletter** is available in the outside mailbox! It can also be found on our website at [www.stjohncharlescity.org](http://www.stjohncharlescity.org)

**As the Card Ministry group** has disbanded at this time, we will not be needing any greeting card fronts.

*"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Jeff & Robyn Edgbert for the recent memorial they gave to St. John in memory of Margaret "Meg" Louise Haugland Tjaden. Thank you!"*