

***Good Hope, Immanuel and St. John's
Lutheran Churches***

***August 11, 2024 / 10:30 AM
St. John's, Woden, IA***



**12th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor John Heille**

Today's introduction:

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Emogene Kurtzleben, Keyboard

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

ELW # 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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. **And also with you.**

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



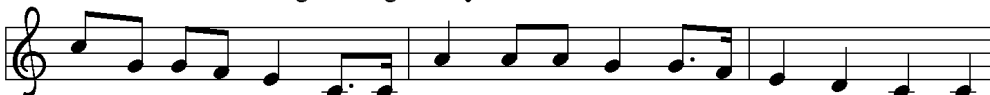
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, **your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

This reading describes some of the troubles in King David's family. His son Absalom has amassed an army and seized David's throne. Those loyal to David fight Absalom's forces and defeat them. David himself is chiefly concerned about the well-being of his son, even though that son has betrayed him.

⁵[King David] ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

⁶So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

⁹Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁵And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." ³²The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

³³The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM Psalm 130 (read responsively)

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

² **O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³ If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴ **Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵ I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸ **For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

CHOIR

"Just Over the Glory Land"

Carole Tuecke, Director

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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(piano introduction)



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 6:35, 41-51

Leader: A reading from the Gospel of Mark. All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Faith in a Broken World"

Pr. John Heille

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW #515



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

(Please stand as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen**

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
**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**

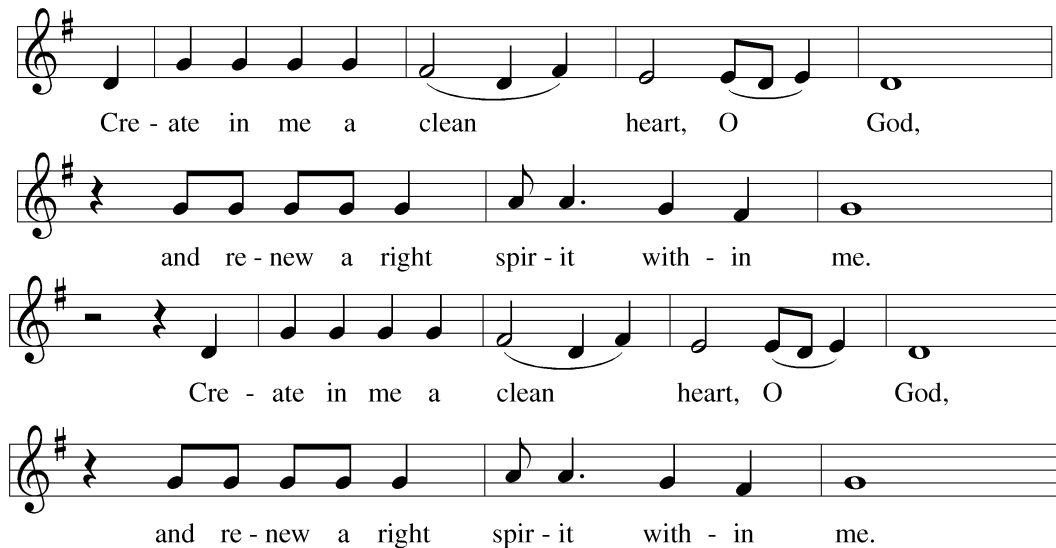
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.

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. **Amen**

PEACE

OFFERING – *today's offering will be donated to Flood Relief.*

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, O

Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and re-new a right spir-it with - in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, **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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

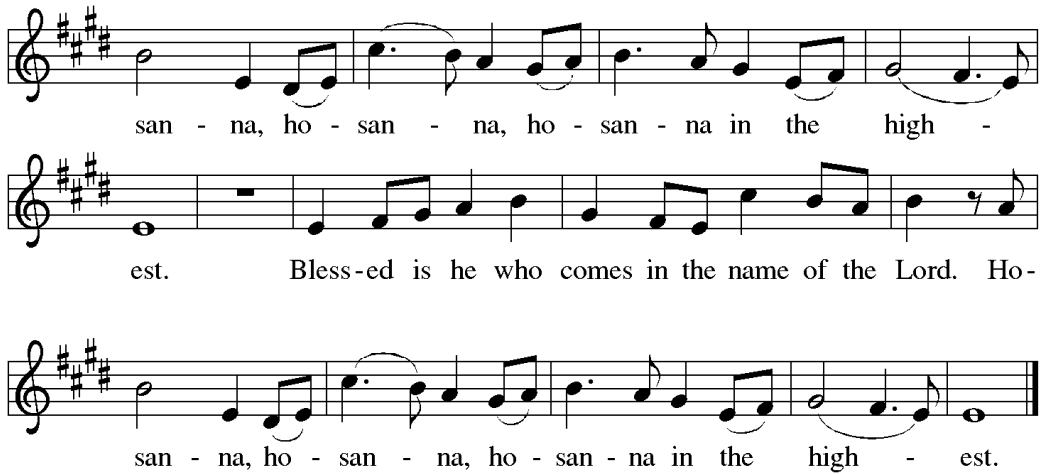
PREFACE

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



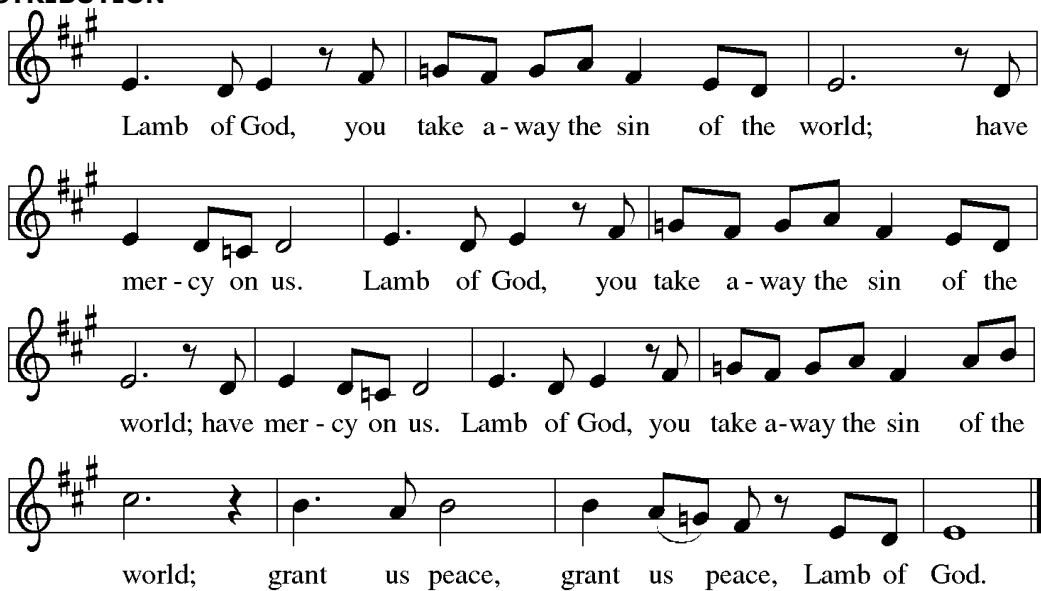
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



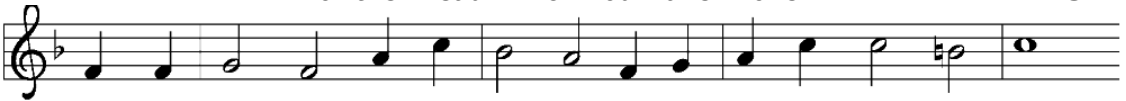
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.
 Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

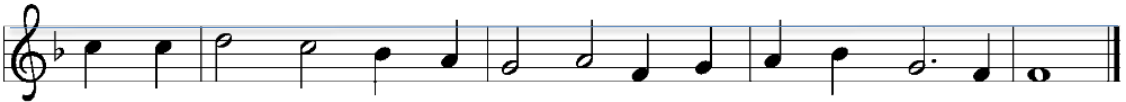
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"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pour out upon us the spirit of you love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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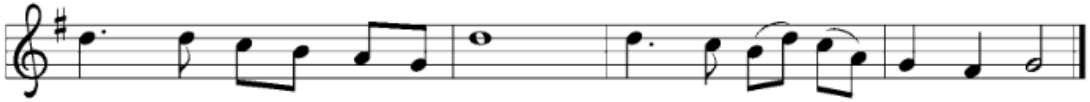
- 1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
- 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS

We offer prayers of support, healing and comfort for those in our church families and communities who are ill, suffering, or coping with a loss. Please include in your prayers: Gabrielle Trunkhill, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Doris Haugland, Russ Bruns, all active military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green), our folks in nursing homes, our Bishops Eaton and Halaas.

**** Welcome to everyone** worshipping today: those attending in person, those attending the Care Center live-stream and all joining YouTube Iowa Lutherans. And a big **Thank You** to all those participating in worship services: organists, choir members, greeters, readers, Care Center live-streamers, ushers, communion preparers and servers and you!

Pastor John will be on vacation this week. Pr Zech Anderson will cover for emergencies and can be reached at (507)-459-1783.

THIS WEEK AT PARISH THREE

8/11/2024	6:00 PM	Youth Night @ Immanuel (mini golf)
8/12/2024	7:00 PM	Parish Three Council meeting @ St. John's
8/18/2024	9:00 AM	Worship @ Good Hope

****Does anyone have Immanuel 125th pictures to share?** Email them to parishthre@wctatel.net so they can be uploaded to the web site.

****St. John's annual church cleaning** will be August 19-24. Group 1 will clean the downstairs and Group 2 has the upstairs. Refer to the list of duties in each kitchen.

****School bags:** Anyone wanting to donate towards supplies for the school bags at St. John's, we are in need of notebooks for sure. We could use around 40 notebooks – they are still on sale for school for 35 or 45 cents.

GOOD HOPE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH immediately following our worship service there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to discuss replacing our sound system. Please plan to attend this very important meeting!

CHURCH CLEANING is now through September 14th. The job duties are hanging in the areas that need to be cleaned. If you need a key to get into the church, there is one at the bank and one in the insurance agency. If you would like to have a key there are a few left, ask Kelly for one. Thank you ALL for helping with this BIG job!

****Titonka Care Center resident count** as of this past Wednesday: 17
****The Friends of the Care Center** are pleased to say we are up to 17 residents. This is an encouraging number. The Anonymous donor has agreed to continue matching funds through the month of August. The buckets will continue to be around town for your donations or give to the Hail Mary Fund at the bank/Insurance Agency in care of Allan Boyken, or Lanita Kardoes. **The Friends will meet again August 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the care center, and would appreciate more ideas from the community. Please come and help brainstorm ways to continue to raise money to keep the care center viable. We need your help!**

****Joyce Hanson, wife of former pastor Herb Hanson,** passed away Wednesday, August 7. Services will be Saturday, August 17 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 East 31st St, Minneapolis, MN. Visitation will be at 10:00 AM, service at 11:00 AM, and graveside services at 2:00 PM. Her obituary is at www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Mary-Hanson-21/#!/Obituary.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Today	6:00 p.m.	Youth Night at Immanuel/Mini Golf
Aug. 12-18		Pastor John gone
Tues., Aug. 13	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Sun., Aug. 18	9:00 a.m.	Joint Worship at Good Hope

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Joint Worship Schedule

Aug 18	9:00	Good Hope
Aug 25	9:00	Immanuel w/communion
Sep 1	9:00	St. John's – noisy offering
Sep 8	9:00	Good Hope w/communion, followed by Pr John's 25 th ordination anniversary observance – NOTE THIS CHANGE!

