

“Treasures in Jars of Clay”

June 2, 2024

As We Gather

In times of trouble and hardship, we fix our eyes *“not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”* (2 Corinthians 4:18). We trust in God’s presence and work in our lives to uphold us in hard times, and to bring us through them.

This is especially true for those who serve the Lord and His Church in ministry. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul writes about the treasure that has been entrusted to him and others who serve as ministers of the Gospel. The hardships that they endure because of ministry may make it seem like they are weak jars of clay. But it is the Lord and the treasure that He entrusts to His servants that empowers ministry and sustains in hard times.

Today we celebrate the Call to ministry. The service today includes the commissioning and installation of Joy Dahl and Justine Rollin as Commissioned Teachers of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We celebrate their Call to the teaching ministry of St. John’s Lutheran Church and School.

Welcome

+ Gathering +

“Dearest Jesus We Are Here” LSB 592 (St. 1-3)

1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near
In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven.

2 Your command is clear and plain,
And we would obey it duly:
"You must all be born again,
Heart and life renewing truly,

Born of water and the Spirit,
And My kingdom thus inherit."

3 Therefore we have come to You,
In our arms this infant bearing.
Truly here Your grace we view;
May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever,
Yours on earth and Yours forever.

Invocation

Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ^[37]³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

“Here is Water”

1 He had worshipped at the temple
And was making his way back home
Where he oversaw
The treasures of his queen
Riding in his chariot
Reading the prophet’s words
But not understanding
What they mean
Then a man ran up to him
And said let me explain
The prophet wrote about a man
And Jesus is His name
Like a lamb led to His death
For all our sins He died
And when the man heard the news
And saw water, this he cried:

Chorus

Here is water
What can stand in the way
Of being baptized here today
Here is grace and mercy, love and life
In the name of Jesus Christ
Here is water
And here is the Word
The love of God for you assured
Here is new life for you
Beloved of the Father
Here is water

2 All praise and thanks to Jesus
As we bring to Him this child
For Him to bless
And call her as His own
To place His name upon her heart
And wash her sin away
And hold her
Until He calls her home
For in the water and the Word
He pours blessing from above
Grace and mercy, hope and life
Forgiveness, peace and love
For the Lamb for her has bled
For her sins He died
And now today He draws near
With arms held open wide

May the Lord bless and keep you
The road rise up to meet you
The wind at your back
The sun warm on your face
May your Lord walk beside you
His love always guide you
Full of hope
Full of joy
For all your days
Amen

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Baptism of Saoirse Elizabeth Newman

“Dearest Jesus We Are Here” LSB 592 (Stanzas 4-5)

4 Gracious Head, Your member own;
Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
Way of Life, to heaven lead it;
Precious Vine, let nothing sever
From Your side this branch forever.

5 Now into Your heart we pour
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar;
May our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given;
Write it in the book of heaven!

Children's Church

+ Service of the Word +

Musical Offering

“Agnus Dei Canon”

Choraliers

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³ It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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Sermon

“Ministry: Treasures in Jars of Clay”

Commissioning and Installation of Joy Dahl and Justine Rollin

Offering

Musical Offering

“Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land”

Choraliers

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

St. John’s People and Families

Mark, Laura, Henry, & Theo Budz
Mike and Cathy Enfield
Robert & Darlene Jones
Cindy, Whitney, Bryce, & Ella Powers
Mike, Amy, Sam, & Will Smith
Luke, Kristin, Grace, & Lizzy Clayton
Michael, Ashley, Fairen, & Broder Daw
Robin and Cameron Kimball
Trevor, Alyssa, Sophie, & Alan Pridmore
Peter, Erin, & Calvin Wolf

+ Sending +

Benediction

“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837

Chorus

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name

All newborn soldiers of the crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him
Who died **Chorus**

Come, Christians, follow where our
captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of
God. **Chorus**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Raise us, and let Your cross the magnet be.
Chorus

Led on their way by this triumphant
sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks
combine. **Chorus**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Chorus

Offering

<http://stjohnslutheran.net/give/>

You may also mail your offering to St. John’s (3521 Linda Vista, Napa, CA 94558)

Memory Verse for This Week

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher
Lay Reader
Children's Church
Sound Technician
Streaming Technician
Usher
Worship Preparation Team

Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Sarah Bartelt
Debbie Kirkpatrick & Pam Watkins
Tyler Roberts
Joshua Wright
Sal Pagano
Gerry & Midge Schneider, Ron Irwin,
Jan Newton, Sophie Frey

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 2	9:30 AM	Worship in Faith Chapel
	11:00 AM	Class: Citizens of Heaven (Rm 10)
	11:00 AM	High School Youth (Room 7)
Monday, June 3	9:00 AM	Mission Farm
	7:00 PM	Scouts (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, June 4	6:00 PM	H.S. Youth (Room 8)
	6:30 PM	Team Aaron Meeting (Room 10)
Wednesday, June 5	8:40 AM	School Chapel
	5:30 PM	SJLS 8 th Grade Graduation (Faith Chapel)
Thursday, June 6	5:30 PM	SJLS Kindergarten Graduation (Parish Hall)
Friday, June 7	9:00 AM	Large Print (Room 10)
Saturday, June 8	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Room 10)
	9:00 AM	Mission Farm
Sunday, June 9	9:15 AM	Special Needs Bible St. (Room 10)
	9:30 AM	Worship in Faith Chapel
	11:00 AM	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	11:00 AM	High School Youth (Room 7)

Announcements

Bible Class

Pastor Mike's Bible Class will not be meeting this morning.

Youth News

Children's Ministry:

- It's time to SCUBA! Volunteers are still needed!! The VBS date is set, June 17-20. Please check out the [website](#) to see if there is a role for you.
- We will have a VBS Volunteer Orientation meeting on June 9th after church in Room 10.

Surge

- Mark your calendars for our Summer Surge Movie Series. June 11th, 25th & July 16th. Each of these will begin at 6pm in the gym.
- District Youth Gathering! The CNH District is hosting an event on Saturday, July 13th, in Rocklin! Students entering 6th, 7th, & 8th grade are all invited to attend. If you are interested in attending please contact Kevin Mathison by June 30th.

High School

- High School Hangout this Sunday after church in Room 10! Come hang with us from 11-12 with some snacks, a Bible study, & some games!

Worship in the Faith Chapel June 2 and June 9

Because of the work being done in the sanctuary, we will be worshipping in the Faith Chapel on June 2 and 9. We look forward to worshipping in the Faith Chapel, and making use of our upgraded worship technology on June 16.

Congregational Budget and Election Meeting

The congregational meeting will be on Sunday, June 9, 2024. At this meeting, we will be electing five people to serve on the Board of Directors. We will also be voting on the 2024-2025 Ministry Plan and Budget. Copies are available in the church entryway.

Mission India Partnership

We give thanks to God for the generous offerings for Mission India which will enable us to partner with Mission India in the coming year. Our partnership this year will fund these ministries:

- 7 Church planters
- 4 Children's Bible Club Projects (20 After-school clubs)
- 2 Literacy Projects (10 classes)