

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEWARD, NEBRASKA

PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Sunday, October 13, 2024
8:30 a.m.



Pastor Nathan Scheck, Preaching

Pastor Scott Bruick, Presiding

St. John School Grades 3-4 choir;
Maggie Doane, director

Concordia University Man Choir
Paul Soulek, Director of Music

CHURCH MUSIC Q&A

Actual questions for Cantor Soulek with his actual answers.

What is “singing in canon” and why do we do it?

The hymn after the children’s message (on page 5) will invite you to sing in canon – another word for singing in a round. One group begins the stanza, and another comes in a few beats later. The organ will demonstrate this with the introduction to the hymn. If you notice someone singing confidently close to you, follow their lead! Singing in canon helps us receive the words of the hymn in a different way. *May our care encircle all...*

Why does the organ or piano stop playing when we’re singing?

Occasionally it’s to take care of a problem with an instrument (or the person playing it). More often it’s to show that the congregation is the most important choir – and to give the opportunity for you to better embrace that role. *Creator, humbly I implore You...*

Why do we slow down when the organ drops out?

Great follow up question! Our ears wait for others to finish a phrase before we start the next one; when several hundred people do this together, each phrase takes longer than the one before it. Try releasing the note a bit earlier and taking a good solid breath if you’d like to counteract this phenomenon. The gathered assembly is an eclectic group of all ages and abilities – the goal is participation over perfection.

Why does the choir sing stanzas of hymns?

Sometimes we plan choir stanzas to give the congregation vocal rest – an 8 or 10 stanza hymn can be a lot of singing! Sometimes we plan choir stanzas to give the congregation a different perspective on a text. Since choirs have the opportunity to rehearse, they present settings (arrangements) of a text/tune that might not be practical for several hundred people to try at once. Today’s choral settings were written by Cantor Soulek (*God of Grace*), J.S. Bach (*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*) and Paul Manz (*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*). Each composer uses different ideas and techniques to bring out the unique hymn text.

+ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +

Stand

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory, LSB 850
stanza 3 is sung by the choir

OPENING SENTENCES

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** I will extol you, my God and King,
- C** **and bless your name forever and ever.**
- L** Every day I will bless you
- C** **and praise your name forever and ever.**
- L** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
- C** **and his greatness is unsearchable.**
- L** They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
- C** **and I will declare your greatness.**
- L** They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
- C** **and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!...¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING

Mark 10:17-22

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure, LSB 743



All 1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
Choir 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,
All 6 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.
Though the storms may gath - er, Still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, Thou art still my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings, LSB 782

All 1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
Canon, high then low 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
All 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
Stand, All Δ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

Sit

SERMON

CHORAL RESPONSE

With a Voice of Singing, Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, LSB 700

CONFESSION OF FAITH — APOSTLES' CREED

printed inside the back cover of LSB

Sit

OFFERING

Please sign and pass the attendance folder at the end of your pew.

CHORAL OFFERING

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him. No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him. No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him. No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me. And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

See page 7 for specific prayer concerns.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, LSB 811
stanza 4 is sung by the choir

+ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +

Health Concerns

Robert Berry; Amy Schmidt; Cathy Miller; Rollin Ball (father of Karen Martens); Pastor Dan Schroeder (pastor at Mighty Fortress - Seward)

Long-term Health Concerns

Jon Vogel; Elaine Albright; Nino Sommerfeld; Terry Hackbart; Bill Preuss; Rick Dowding; Rex Owens; Colby Bartholomew (son of Dolores Bartholomew); Dottie Huebschman; Sarah Moore; Jay Seitsinger; Emma Lutringer; Allen Plautz (brother of Terry Plautz); Kate Mohr (niece of Gretchen Gebhardt); Robert Berry; Roger Reetz (father of Katy Pauley); Ken Fick (son-in-law of Norma Troester); Iva Mae Roettjer; Gene Gausman; Steve Hartmann; Rosemary Everts; Pam Hall; Nancy Wolfe (sister of Joyce Sheehan); Linda Sloup; Ronnie Ouellette (son of Dean Ouellette); Linda Eklund (sister-in-law of Julie McMeekin); Tom Ruppert; Dave & Annette Wood; Steve Lutringer (son of Emma Lutringer); Tracy Rumery; Jared Joyce & family (son of Mark & Glenda Joyce); Heather Meyer; Judy Meyer (wife of John)

Remembering Our Homebound

Norma Brott; Eveline & Richard Zwick; Lee Holtzen

Grieving with the family of

Louise Hall (mother-in-law of Pam Hall) (10/8)

Prayers for St. John Staff

Jeri Morrison - Church; Julie Berry - School; Jackie Gocke - Church; Maureen Policky - CDC

Thanksgiving For

New life in Christ through baptism for Julius, son of John & Abigail Merritt (10/13)

A successful surgery and good reports for Darla Klebe

The marriage of Brooke Tempel & Seth Carpenter (10/12)

Mission Opportunities & Needs

Ben & Rebecca Helge family serving, in the Czech Republic

Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster, serving in Prague, Czech Republic

The Rock's LCC Comfort Dog, Nicodemus, and his handlers

Special Prayers & Petitions

Guidance for the Youth Director Call Committee

Thanksgiving for those spared from destruction by Hurricanes Helene & Milton

Peace and comfort for those reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricanes Helene & Milton

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – October 12 – October 20, 2024

Open-to-public happenings – current as of 4pm on Wednesdays
Scan the QR code to access the weekly eNews. CUNE students — check it out!



SATURDAY

9:00am Blood Pressure Checks, cry room; BBQ Sign-up, narthex
A Spiritual Life Book Club, portable
5:30pm Worship, sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30am Blood Pressure Checks, cry room; BBQ Sign-up, narthex
Worship, sanctuary
10:00am First Communion Training, classroom #206
10:00am Sunday School, various locations
10:00am Adult Bible Studies, various locations

The nursery is available during the education hour for 3's & under.

- Heritage Room: *The Christian in God's Two Kingdoms*, Russ Moulds, Oct. 13 & 20
 - *Acts: The Early Church and the Gentiles*, Paul Holtorf, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
- Fellowship Hall: *Studying Scripture: Joshua*, facilitator Kurth Brashear
- Music Room (classroom #108): *Book of Galatians*, John Jurchen

10:00am Adult Instruction, classroom #129
11:00am Communion Worship, sanctuary
3:00pm Alaska Mission Team Informational Meeting, Heritage Room

TUESDAY

6:30am Men's Bible Study, CU's cafeteria
10:00am Comforters, CDC lower level

WEDNESDAY

10:00am Women's Bible Study, CDC lower level
7:00pm Adult Choir, classroom #108

FRIDAY

12:00pm Church office closes at noon

SATURDAY

Worker Support Team, narthex; BBQ Sign-up, narthex
5:30pm Communion Worship, sanctuary

SUNDAY (Oct. 20)

Worker Support Team, narthex; BBQ Sign-up, narthex
8:30am Communion Worship, sanctuary
10:00am Sunday School, various locations
10:00am Adult Bible Studies, various locations (see previous Sunday's schedule)
10:00am Adult Instruction, classroom #129
11:00am Worship, sanctuary

REOCCURS WEEKLY: Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry: Sat., 9-11am; Mon., 3-5pm; Thur., 6-8pm