



The Winningest Team  
Ever!

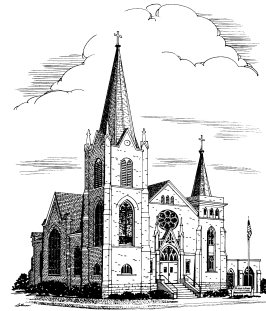
**Be welcome here!** May you find what is most important, and may life change for the better for you! God has answers for life's most intriguing questions. They come with exploring his word, the Bible. First and foremost, discover and celebrate Christ Jesus with us!

**What's next?**

If you're just getting back to church or looking for a new church, let this be your road map on the journey.

- **Come back next week.** The connection between yourself and Christ gets closer and stronger with more listening to his word, the Bible. And the connection with his people grows also as we experience his truth and love together, extending his peace in our relationships.
- **Sign up for The Four Key Concepts.** This short course gives you the very basics for a good relationship with God. If you know anything from the Bible, know these four keys! Then the rest of the Bible starts to open up for you.
- **Sign up for Bible Inquirer's Class.** This comparative religions course digs into the Bible's basic teachings while letting you see how other religions and denominations, including ours, handle those teachings. You get to see the Bible's own word on these topics and let God's Spirit show you what the Bible says. This is a pre-requisite for membership here because we base membership not on feelings and style but on unity in God's precious truths.

**Offerings:** Our offerings make it possible to run the programs and ministries of our church, participating with the Lord our God in his kingdom plans and expansion. Each member is taught to make his own decision what to give, based on the simple principles of giving first to God, generously and with a heart of trust. If you are a guest, you are not expected to participate in the offering. We're just glad you can be here and listen to God's Word with us!



***Soccer Camp Finale!***

*Our super-fun soccer week comes to a close today with our worship service and picnic in the park. The campers learned some important moves for the game, and they learned some especially important messages for the game of life. There's a way to get on God's team (which is desperately important). But does God's team ever lose? We get the answer through today's worship!*

**Our Mission Statement**

*Learn, love, live for Christ!*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### PASTOR'S WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN – *Speak, O Lord*

### CONFESSION OF SINS – Psalm 51 – *Good for the soul!*

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

**Congregation: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

M: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

M: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

**C: so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.**

M: Surely I was sinful at birth,

**C: sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

M: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

**C: Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

M: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

**C: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.**

M: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**C: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

M: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**C: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.**

## ASSURANCE AND PEACE

M: Our Lord has indeed forgiven all your sins, drawing you close through Jesus your Savior. He sets up his dwelling within us and empowers us to live for him! Be at peace and find strength in your Savior's grace!

**C: ♪ To God be the glory; great things he has done!**

**He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life, an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory – great things he has done!**

## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 3:8-15 – *Adam and Eve got on the wrong team.*

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

<sup>11</sup>And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

**SECOND LESSON: Revelation 20:1-6 – *The chaining of Satan***

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup>He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

<sup>4</sup>I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

**CHILDREN'S LESSON                      How Did Jesus Save Us?**

*All children are invited to the front near the pastor for a special message geared to them. Young ones who might not listen quietly can easily be accompanied by an older person!*

**CHOIR** – *There Is No One Like Jesus*  
song

Traditional East African worship

English words and arrangement by Joseph M. Martin

*Hakuna mungu kama wewe.  
Hakuna na hatakuweco! Nimetembea!  
Nimetembea kote,kote. Nikatafuta kote, kote. Nikazunguka kote, kote.  
Hakuna na hatakuweco! Nimetembea!  
Oh, there is no one like my Jesus.  
Forever and ever it will be! Sing hallelujah!  
I've walked around, and there's none like him.  
I've searched around, and there's none like him.  
I've gone around, and there's none like him.  
Forever and ever it will be! Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah! Forever and ever it will be!*

MESSAGE

***The Winningest Team Ever!***

Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Take some notes. (You can “take it with you” after all!)

What was Jesus’ “power pitch”?

What was the “impossible task” Jesus left in our hands? How important is it?

How is Baptism like a “penalty kick”?

What is Jesus’ “multi-player advantage”?

How does the “professional advantage” guarantee you’re on the winningest team?

**HYMN** – *Standing on the Promises*

## **OFFERING**

*Our offering is a way of saying thanks to God for his amazing love. We support his work of making sure this message gets into people's hearts and homes, here and across the globe. We do not, however, expect our guests to participate. Just come to grow in grace and knowledge of our Savior with us!*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

## **BLESSING**

**M:** May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

**C: Amen!**

## **CLOSING HYMN – *Christ Be My Leader***

- 1. Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care;  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
- 2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.  
Doubt cannot daunt me – in Jesus I stand!**

**3. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life. Nor  
darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain can  
touch my salvation – with Jesus I reign!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please stick around for the delectable potluck meal! If you didn't bring any food, that's okay, there's plenty for everyone!

**Next Sunday we start a new series** that will take us through the entire book of First Corinthians! We won't be able to print whole sections in bulletin, so do bring your own Bibles so you can have the full text in front of you. We will also not be able to cover everything in each section during a regular sermon, so our Bible Study time will feature all the other juicy details of each section. Read ahead! Next week we'll start with the following: 1:1-17; 3:1 – 4:21.

**All are encouraged to attend one of three small-group meetings** to share any thoughts about the building proposals that were presented after last Sunday's service. The first meeting will be held in the church basement **this evening, 6:00pm-8:00pm**. You don't have to stay the whole time, you may come and go as needed. The dates of the other two meetings are:

- Tuesday, June 12, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Tuesday, June 19, 5:30pm-7:30pm

If you missed the presentation and would like to see a printed version, it's available in the narthex at church.

**Volunteering Opportunity:** Volunteers are needed for selling concessions this summer at Prairieview Park. It's not a difficult job, it just takes a few hours in an evening or on a weekend, and you would be helping raise funds for our school! Please talk to Dan Rick and find a time when you can help. What a great way to show our love for our precious Savior!

**Women's Bible Study/Picnic:** The women's Bible study group will meet at Paula Windschitl's on Thursday, June 21 at 6:30pm for a picnic! All women, ages high school and up, are welcome! Just bring your favorite picnic treat to share; we'll enjoy good food, great fellowship, and then we'll follow it up with some wonderful encouragement from God's Word. If you haven't been there for the first few chapters of the book of Esther, that's okay! We'll have a brief recap of what we've learned so far and then finish up this fascinating book. Please join us!



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# MUSIC

ON THE LAWN

**Thursdays**

**May 31 – August 30**

**6:00pm to 7:00pm**

On TLHA skilled nursing home  
lawn - 611 W. Main St. Belle Plaine, MN

**FREE LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS**

Event is weather-permitting. Cancellations/reschedules will be posted on the TLHA BP Campus Facebook page. Seating is first come-first serve. Bring your own lawn chair or blankets. Musicians and food trucks can vary from week to week.

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## COMING EVENTS

### Sun Jun 10

- 11:30am Potluck picnic
- 6:00pm Building proposal discussion group

### Mon Jun 11

- 9:00am Faculty meeting
- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm No Bible class this evening

### Tue Jun 12

- 9:00am District Convention
- 5:30pm Building proposal discussion group
- 6:00pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye

### Wed Jun 13

- District Convention
- 1:30pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye

### Thu Jun 14

- District Convention
- 10:00am St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 4:00pm Worship service at Sleepy Eye Care Center
- 7:30pm Church Council meeting

### Sun Jun 17

- 9:00am Worship w/Communion - Theme: *Preacher Power!*
- 10:15am Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

### Mon Jun 18

- *Newsletter deadline*
- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

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