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## The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

**Organist** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 753:1-3 *Let the Children Come to Me*

**The Baptism** of Bremer John Boernsen

**Hymn** 753:4 *Let the Children Come to Me*

**Epistle Lesson** 1 John 3:1-3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**CDS / SUNDAY SCHOOL** *God Loves Me Dearly*

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5:1-12 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
For they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
For they shall be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Hymn** 463:1-4 *For All the Saints ho from Their Labors Rest*

**Sermon** 2 Corinthians 4:7 We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us.

## **It's All About the Treasure**

### **The Offering**

**Choir** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Distribution Hymns** *755, Lamb of God, The Lamb, 736, 751*

### **The Benediction**

**Hymn** 463:6-7 *For All the Saints ho from Their Labors Rest*

**CLOSE COMMUNION** The Bible tells us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before the Lord.

**BAPTISM** Bremer John Boernsen was born to Kendall and Mara (nee Wiechman) on Sunday, October 6. He will be reborn into the kingdom of Christ through holy Baptism in today's service. We praise the Lord for blessing them with a healthy son and ask His continued blessing upon him throughout his life.

**NEXT SUNDAY** Students from our CDS will be presenting their Reformation Service at 10:30.

Please remember to change your clocks on Saturday.

**FAREWELL DINNER** The pastor and his family invite all of you to join them for a chili/soup dinner immediately after the service. There is plenty of food so please come as their guests.

Pastor and Jolene are purchasing a house in Heron Lake and plan to remain members of St. John's as long as their presence does not, in any way, interfere with the ministry of Pastor Rodebaugh. This is done with his blessing and encouragement. To help with the transition, they will likely attend services in Sleepy Eye or Sioux Falls for a time after his installation, so that he has time to get established.

**SCHEDULE** On Sunday, November 3, the choir will practice at 8:30, SS at 9:15, BC at 9:30, and the CDS Reformation Service at 10:30, with a potluck following.

On Sunday, November 10, there will **NOT** be a regular Sunday morning service. There will be choir practice at 2:30 PM, SS/BC at 3:30 PM, and Pastor Rodebaugh's installation at 4:00 PM, with a potluck following.

Pastor John Hein will be preaching and Pastor Joe Naumann will conduct the liturgy. There will likely be plenty of guests attending. Please plan accordingly.

**VOTERS MEETING** The results of last Sunday's meeting will be in the bulletin next week.

**PANTRY SHOWER** There is a table in the basement where you can drop off items for the Rodebaughs. They will arrive on November 2. He will be installed in a 4 p.m. service on November 10.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Frank Gantt, Atlanta, GA has the call to Manchester, MO. Teacher Collette Krause has announced her retirement at the end of this academic year.

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**USHERS** 10/27 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
11/03 Kendall B., Larry B.  
10/20 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 2) The Luecks and The Liepolds  
The Strikes