

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

August 19, 2018 at 11 A.M.

*Welcome to All*

*All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.*

✠ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

## UNITING WITH GOD

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Dig deep for the courage that comes from the Lord.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.**

Dare to face your brokenness, your anxieties, and your fears.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.**

See all your potential and rest in the assurance that you are enough.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.**

Come worship the Lord without fear, for you are accepted, loved, and set free.

**Thanks be to God for the courage that comes to us in unexpected ways along the journey of faith.**

✠ HYMN of PRAISE *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* UMH 513, vs. 1 & 4

✠ PSALTER *Psalm 27* UMH 758

SUNG RESPONSE

**For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me, to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes shall stumble and fall.

**Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

SUNG RESPONSE

The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble, will conceal me under the cover of his tent, and will set me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**"Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face." Your face, O Lord, I seek.**

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, For you have been my help.

**Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother should forsake me, the Lord would take me up.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Teach me your way, O Lord; and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe our violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## GROWING TOGETHER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

*Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.*

ANTHEM *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Chancel Choir

✠ SCRIPTURE *John 4:1-9, 16-26*

<sup>1</sup> Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—<sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.<sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." <sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband." <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." <sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION *Based on Psalm 19:14*  
**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON Morgan Dynes  
"Courage to Cross Borders"

## RESPONDING WITH LOVE

✠ HYMN of FAITH *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* UMH 604, vs 1, 3, 4

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE Pastor Lane

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS to GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.* UMH 95

## BOLDLY WE GO

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP *Precious Name* UMH 536, vs. 1 & 4

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

## Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

*Thank you for being here.*

### BRAVE - OUR AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES

For most of us, bravery is not about doing the impossible, but about finding courage to face the everyday pressures and anxieties life throws our way. During the Sundays in August, we will discover how to be brave and what it means to fully rely on God's peace and promises in every situation. *Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9. Scripture for August 26 will be Joshua 1:1-9

### HEAVENLY HASH RESUMES

We're revamping Heavenly Hash for the fall, and will be offering a Wednesday night supper ONCE A MONTH on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 5**. We'll be serving supper from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You can arrive as your schedule permits.

### NEW TIME FOR YOUTH GROUP

The school year comes with change - new teachers, new friends, and new classes. In Youth Group, there is change as well. **Starting today, Youth Group will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 6 p.m.** Everything else will remain the same: fun and games, supper, time together, and a devotional.

### SPANISH REFRESHER

The survivors of the self-taught Spanish class that started last fall are still meeting to learn and practice. If you have some basic knowledge of Spanish and would like to refresh it or learn more, you are welcome to come to any session and join in on the fun we have trying to understand each other's Spanish. Class meets on Wednesdays in the library from 10 to 11 a.m. No text or commitment is necessary. For more information email Marie Varnes at marieewv@gmail.com.

### SCHOOL DRIVE THANKS

St John's Family, you are the BEST! Thank you for your generosity donating all of the school supplies for Opening Doors' Annual School Supply Drive. Many children at Wildwood, Gardere Christian School, and Charlie Thomas will have the necessary supplies to start off the school year. Thank You!

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

One of St. John's core values is Spiritual Growth. Beginning in the month of September we will have three different ways to grow in our spiritual life through prayer, reading the Bible, and faith formation. We hope you will find one that works for you (see insert).

### SAVE THE DATE - DAYS FOR GIRLS BEGINS SOON

The UMW is sponsoring 3 more work days to make 75 additional kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene projects for girls in developing countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. We will meet in the FLC on **Saturday, September 8, 15, and 22** from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We can use YOU! Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits. **All are welcome.** If you would like more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Check out their website at [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)  
#sjthewalk



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## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *FLC*  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
**4:00 p.m. YOUTH GROUP - NEW TIME, FLC**

### Monday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, August 21

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*

### Wednesday, August 22

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*  
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

### Thursday, August 23

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*  
5:00 p.m. Opening Doors Meeting, *Library*  
6:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee, *Parlor*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, August 24

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

### Saturday, August 25

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*The flowers on the altar are given by Saroj Welch in celebration of Carlos' 90th birthday.*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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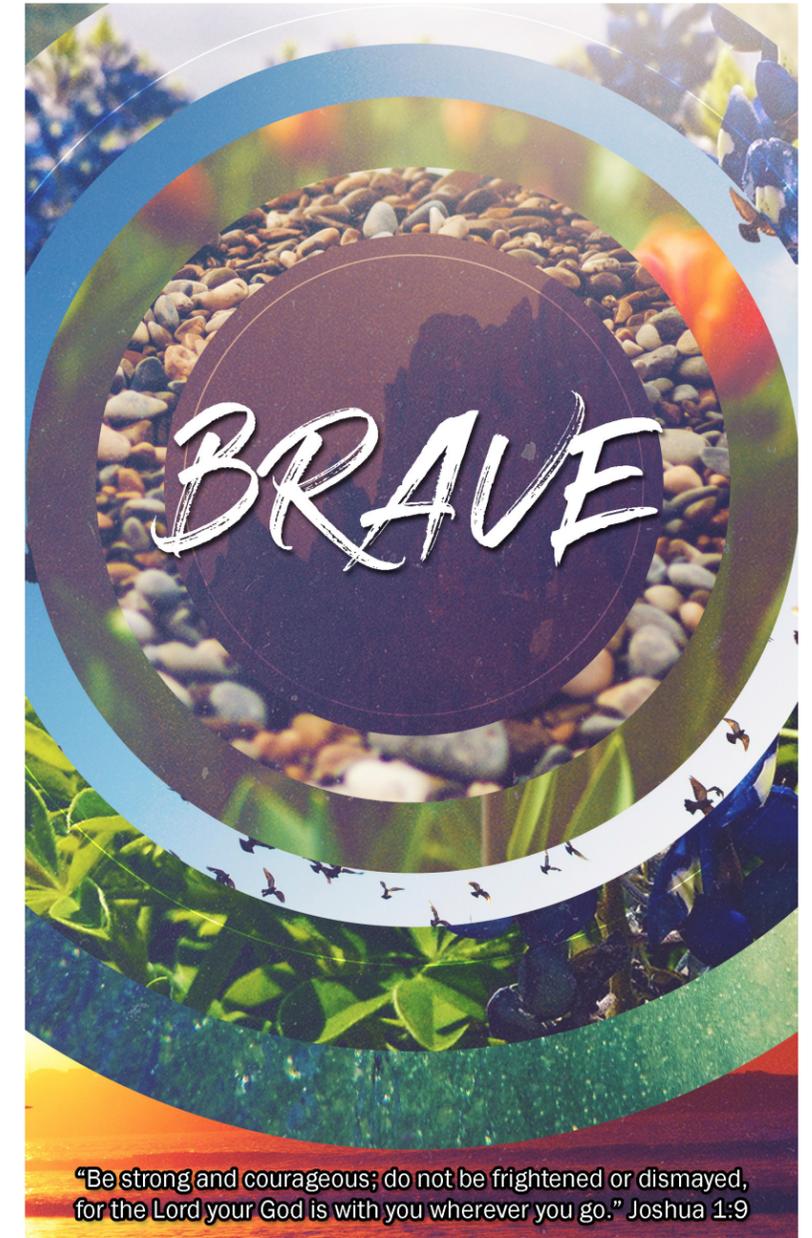
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August 19, 2018  
11 a.m. Worship Service

*We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.*