

because both are your gifts to me for my good. I have failed to work hard, and use my talents to do the best I can, in the courses and work that you have put before me. I have failed to live as your child. I have no excuse, it was no one else's fault. I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Forgive me Lord Jesus.

M: The Word of God declares, "Everyone who sins breaks the law, in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away your sins." (1 John 3:4-5) Jesus has appeared and on the cross he took our sins away. They no longer can accuse you or stand against you. Your sins are gone and you are forgiven by God. He declares that you are his child and by his power he calls you to live a new forgiven life in his peace. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray:

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

Word of God

Lesson: **Acts 17:16-23 (p. Bible pg.1669)**

Paul adapts to a unique situation and turns it into an opportunity to give a faithful testimony of God's truth to a gathering of unbelievers.

Lesson: **Matthew 11:20-30 (Pew Bible pg. 1466)**

Jesus boldly speaks the truth of his heavenly Father. He declares judgment to unbelieving communities. On the other hand, he gives peace and healing to weary, sin-sick souls.

Hymn: 538 "The Church's One Foundation"

Sermon: "How Do You Know You're Right?"

Offering

Prayer

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious.

Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: You have richly blessed us with your Word which has made us wise for salvation. By your Word, you lead and guide us so we can find our way the confusion and turmoil of this world. Through your Word, you keep our faith firmly anchored and grounded in you when the storms of this world beat against us and the evil One attacks.

C: Help us to rejoice in the blessing of your Word and to use it faithfully.

P: Dear Lord Jesus, the university campus is the Athens of our day where the philosophers and the wise of this age think that your cross is foolish. Yet, you are for us the wisdom and the power of God! Continue to be with your people who are studying at the University of Minnesota and other colleges in the Twin Cities area served by our True North Campus Ministry. Encourage the college students and bless our campus ministries throughout the country. Protect them from all attacks against intellect and body.

C: Give them all the boldness and courage to boast of you on campus and proclaim Christ crucified as God's great wisdom!

Silent prayer

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our good.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Closing Responses (Based on Psalm 115)

All: Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

P: Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

C: Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

P: But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

C: Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

P: You who fear him, trust in the LORD— he is your help and shield.
C: He will bless those who fear the LORD— small and great alike.
P: May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
All: Amen. *(spoken)*

Closing Hymn: 559 “Lord of the Living Harvest”

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Organist: Christy Ittel

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS:

At worship, Sunday, October 3rd: 102

Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 4

GUEST PREACHER: *Please welcome our guest preacher, Joe Johnson from True North Campus Ministry in the Twin Cities. We appreciate that he could be with us for our Mission Festival and bring a message from God’s Word.*

LADIES AID ANNIVERSARY: *The Ladies Aid will be observing their 60th anniversary. In commemoration of the anniversary, there will be a special service next Sunday, October 17. Coffee and donuts will be served following the service.*

DOOR COLLECTION *next Sunday, October 17th for our Harvest Party and other outreach expenses.*

THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Sunday	9:00 am	Mission Festival Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Presentation
	11:15am	Youth Pizza Party / Ditch Clean up
Monday	7:00 pm	Wish List Team Mtg.
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Table Talk (Sermon Text)
Wednesday	3:45 pm	5-6 Grade Catechism
	4:45 pm	7-8 Grade Catechism
	6:30 pm	Chimes
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship / Ladies Aid Anniversary
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class

DITCH CLEAN-UP / YOUTH FUNDRAISING: *If anyone is interested in helping with ditch clean-up TODAY after Sunday School.. Also, we are looking for input from the congregation on fundraising ideas. If you have an idea please speak with Gene Roush.*

HARVEST PARTY: *Apples, apples, apples! That is the theme for this year’s Congregational Fall Harvest Party. The party will be held Friday, October 29th here at church beginning at 6:00 pm. People are encouraged to come in costume for the costume contest. We also will be having an Apple Recipe Bake-off, a Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest and hayrides. An evening of activities has been planned for young and old. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex as soon as possible so we can purchase the necessary amount of supplies in time for the party. More details about the Harvest Party will be available in the Sunday bulletins. Apples have been placed on the “St. John’s Happenings” bulletin board for anyone wishing to donate some of the food items needed. Take the apple and place the purchased item(s) on the counter in the kitchen downstairs.*

*****We are looking for people to decorate and run scenes outside for the hayride. If you are interested or would like more information about the scenes, please speak with Althea Mathwig.**

SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE: *What are you doing to personally honor and serve the Lord? What are you planning now, that will honor him in the weeks and months to come? Next week we consider how two women devoted themselves to their Lord and Savior. In preparation read John 12: 1-3.*

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.