

**WE BELIEVE** that there is one living and true GOD, eternally existing in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; and that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all things.

**WE BELIEVE** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice, and sufficient to guide us in every area of life and human need. .

**WE BELIEVE** in the person of God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ from sin and death.

**WE BELIEVE** in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles and teachings, His substitutionary atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, His perpetual intercession for His people and His personal, visible return to earth.

**WE BELIEVE** in the person of the Holy Spirit, Who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Christ for ministry. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**WE BELIEVE** that man was created in the image of God, to glorify God as a reflection of Him in His nature and attributes. We believe that as a result of Adam's fall, all people are sinners by nature and therefore are under condemnation; We believe God regenerates all those who repent of their sins and believe and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

**WE BELIEVE** in the universal church, the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all who are born again are members.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ for the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and the eternal blessing of the righteous and endless suffering of the wicked.

**Would you like to know more?**

Just place this slip in the offering box at the back of the church!

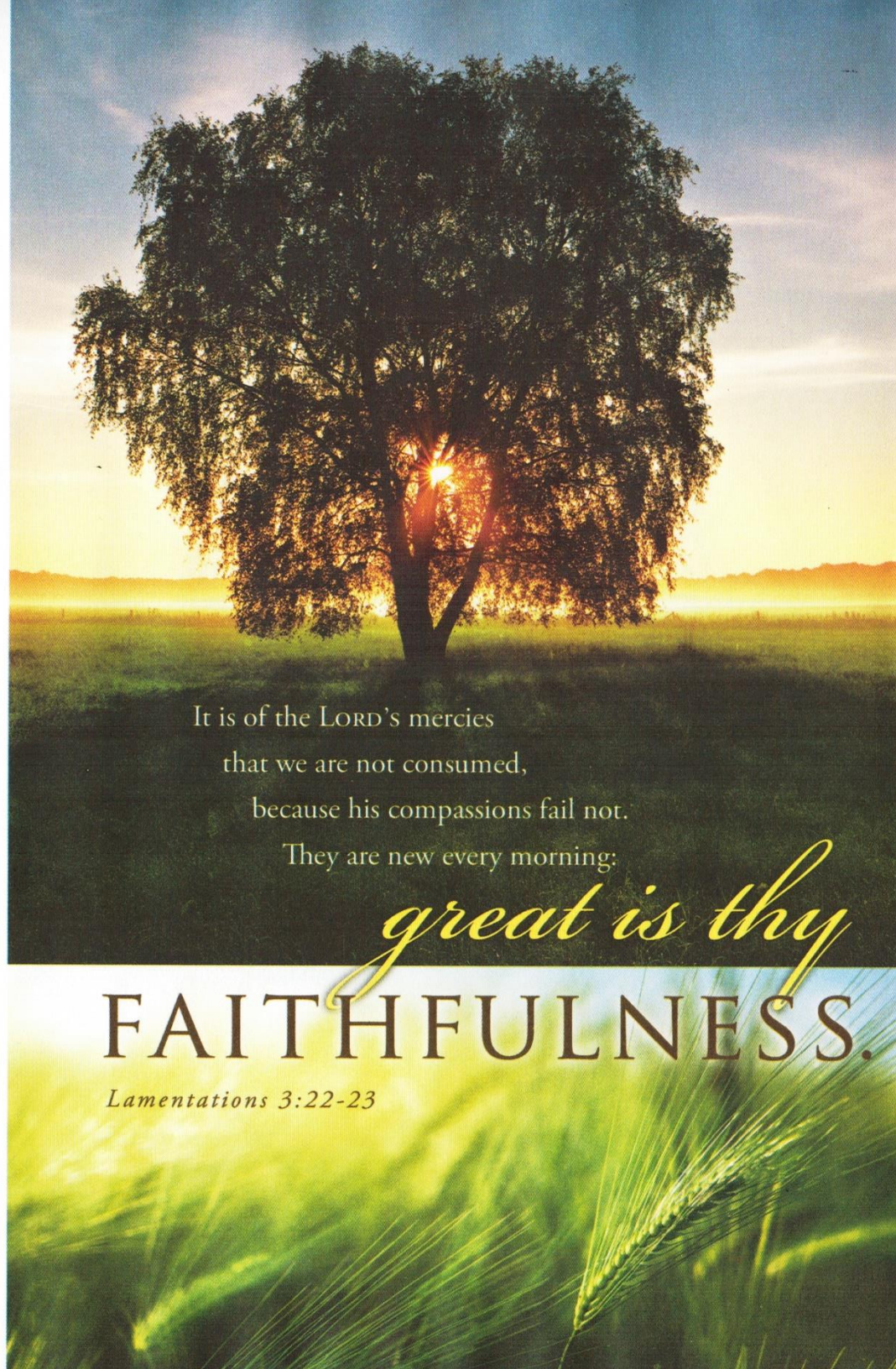
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\_\_\_ I would like to know more about the saving work of Jesus Christ  
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It is of the LORD's mercies  
that we are not consumed,  
because his compassions fail not.  
They are new every morning:

*great is thy*

**FAITHFULNESS.**

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

# Welcome to St. John's!



St. John's Evangelical Church

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Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn

Hymn #196 "Ye Servants Of God, Your Master Proclaim"

### Responsive Reading

Psalm 108:1-13

### Opening Prayer

### Greet One Another!

### Worship

"Delight Yourself In The Law Of The Lord"

"In Christ Alone"

"Be Thou My Vision"

### Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

### Message

"The Weapons Of Our Warfare"

2 Corinthians 10:1-11

### The Lord's Prayer

### Hymn

Hymn #205 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

### Benediction and Response

## General Information:

- We request if possible that mobile devices please be switched to "Silent" during the service - Thank You!
- Youth and Children's Ministry is available - children will be dismissed immediately preceding the Scripture Reading
- Wednesday Bible Study: We meet at 7:00 pm for fellowship, worship, and the Scriptures. Ministry to Children and Youth is provided.
- If you would like to contribute to the ministry of St. John's in giving, there is a collection box located on the Information Table at the back of the church. Checks may be made payable to "St. John's"
- To receive further information about the ministry of St. John's, fill out the form on the back of this bulletin and place it in the collection box, or visit us on the web at [www.stjohnsevangelical.org](http://www.stjohnsevangelical.org)

...For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal  
but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NKJV)



## We're so glad to worship the Lord together with you today!

Ministers: All who choose to take the responsibility!  
Pastor: Terrie R. Beede  
Organist And Choir Director: Mrs. Anna Asch  
Worship Leader: Ben Wickersham  
Children's Ministry Director: Kalpana Beede

## **Delight Yourself in the Law of the Lord**

Delight yourself in the law of the Lord,  
Delight yourself in the law of the Lord  
And stand ye not in the council of ungodly ones  
And stand ye not in the council of the dead

In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
In all your ways submit to Him  
In all your ways be humble don't sin,  
And He will direct your paths.

## **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## **Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Wisdom, Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for my fight,  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower.  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Son!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Special Announcements

1. **Picnic Today After Service!**
2. **Wednesday Night Bible Study** – 7:30 pm. Wednesday we completed an Introduction to the book of Hosea - this week we will begin chapter 1.
3. **Youth Night** – Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
4. **Baptism** –If anyone would like to enquire about taking the important step of Baptism or has questions about Baptism, please see Pastor Beede.

### Responsive Reading : Psalm 108:1-13

- 1 O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
- 2 Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.
- 3 I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- 4 For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.
- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth;
- 6 That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and hear me.
- 7 God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.
- 9 Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Over Philistia I will triumph."
- 10 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?
- 11 Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?
- 12 Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless.
- 13 Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

### Till We Meet Again

God be with you 'till we meet again,  
By His counsel guide, uphold you.  
In His arms securely fold you,  
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## 2 Corinthians 10:1–11 “The Weapons Of Our Warfare”

7-11-21

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