

Con-Fest Worship
September 14, 2011
St John Evangelical Church-Charles City

Welcome and announcements

Gathering Song

Call to Worship:

May God the Father and Jesus Christ his only Son grant you peace.

Prayer:

Let us pray: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praises. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Litany:

Leader: Father, we stumble around in the dark.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: We get lost and can't find the way.

Group: Shine your light, upon us, God

Leader: We say things that hurt those we love

Group: Shine your light, God upon us, God

Leader: We turn our backs on those who need us

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: We turn our backs on you.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: We will follow the light.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: Make the path clear for us.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: Bring us out of the forest.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: Show us your creation.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: Hold our hand and let us walk with you.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: Your word is a light for our path.

Group: Shine your light upon us, God

Leader: Give us courage to reflect your light to others.

Group: Amen

Scripture Readings:

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel According to Matthew the 5th chapter

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Word of God, Word of Life....

please be seated.

Message-Light of the World

Song

Offering:

Prayers of the People:

Let us Pray:

Merciful God of the Light, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray----

For all those who govern nations of the world.....

For all the people in countries ravaged by strife and war.....

For all who work for peace and international harmony.....

For all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction.....

For the church of Jesus Christ in every land. For the leaders of the Church especially Bishop Hanson and Bishop Ullestad.....

For the faith formation of God's children.....

For God's call to be the Light to the world....

For the hurt, ill, and lost.....

Are there others we should pray for:

Silence as people pray.....

Into your hands gracious Lord, we give you all our concerns, problems, sorrows, and those for whom we pray, trusting in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ, our savior who taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Blessing: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen!

Sending:
Go in Peace to Love, Serve the Lord, and let your light shine!
Thanks Be to God

Sending song