

***The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost***  
**July 11 & 12, 2020**

***St. John's Lutheran Church***  
**Red Bud, Illinois**

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. We ask everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**PRELUDE:** "On What Has Now Been Sown" *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**Hymn of Invocation: 577 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"**

**Al-mighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed in-to the ground;  
 Now let the dew of heav'n de-scend And righ-teous fruits a-bound.**

**Let not the sly, sa-tan-ic foe This ho-ly seed re-move,  
 But give it root in ev-'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's de-ceit-ful cares The ris-ing plant de-stroy,  
 But let it yield a hun-dred-fold The fruits of peace and joy.**

**So when the pre-cious seed is sown, Life-giv-ing grace be-stow  
 That all whose souls the truth re-ceive Its sav-ing pow'r may know.**

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C Amen.**

**Introit: Psalm 103**



**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,      slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.  
As for man, his days | are like grass;      he flourishes like a flower | of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,      and its place knows | it no more.  
But the steadfast love / of the LORD      is from everlasting to ever- / lasting  
on those who | fear Him,      and His righteousness to children's | children,  
to those who keep His | covenant      and remember to do His com- | mandments.  
The LORD establishes His throne in the | heavens,      and His kingdom rules | over all.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son      and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,      is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
The LORD is merciful and | gracious,      slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

**Kyrie** (*we sing the responses*)

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.      **C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C Amen.**

**This Is the Feast**

**A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join**

**in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you. C (*sung*) **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

**Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:10-13**

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GRADUAL:**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

**To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

### **THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then

heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand if you are able Alleluia and Verse (sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

*(10:30 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(please be seated) (5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG (LSB 921)**

**On what has now been sown Thy bless-ing, Lord, be-stow;  
The pow'r is Thine a-lone To make it sprout and grow.**

**Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, and Thou a-lone shalt have the praise!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Long I Wondered at the Sower"**

*(tune: TLH 155 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing")*

**Long I won-dered at the Sow-er, At His hope for some small gain.  
When the way-side, rocks and this-tles Made His la-bor seem in vain.**

**But the Sow-er kept on sow-ing, And His smil-ing face fore-told  
That He found a ground which prom-ised Fruit no less than hun-dred-fold.**

**And the good ground helped the Sow-er To for-get the stress and strife.  
For it brought fruit to per-fec-tion, Fruit un-to e-ter-nal life.**

**Our Lord Je-sus is the Sow-er. Our souls are the soil He tends.  
His Word is the seed He scat-ters. Our faith thus on Him de-pends.**

*(stanzas 1-3: W.H. Czamanske; stanza 4: M.A. Nebel)*

**SERMON:** “Seed Sown on Soil for Salvation” Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*(Please stand if you are able)* **Prayer of the Church- Add Ruth Hecht**

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Cecelia Lautenschlaeger, Wanda Steele, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Darlene Lohman, Gary Moeller, Larry Ebers, Pam Stellhorn, Rachel Miller, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Cheryl Zanders, Gena Triefenbach, Kent Henke, Ruth Ann Juelfs. A.J. Guebert, Angie Cloughly, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Daniel Snyder. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure

+those suffering from the coronavirus and the effects of it on our society

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

+the weddings of Amanda Hudson and Jason Stapleton here and Michael Nebel and Christa Beckemeyer in Napoleon, Missouri, both on July 18

+Pastor Nebel’s divine call to be Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, WI

+those who mourn: family of Ralph Liefer, brother of our members Omer and Orville Liefer

Almighty God, hear the prayers of Your people, grant to us all things needful and beneficial, and keep from us all things harmful. *Brief silence*

Holy Lord God, You are the strength of the hills and the hope of the ends of the earth. Give to our hearts Your perfect peace, that we may not be anxious nor live in fear but rest all our hopes, dreams and desires upon Your merciful goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, You send forth water upon the earth, that it may bring forth abundant fruit and feed our bodies with all that we need. Give us favorable weather for farming and cause the fruits of the earth to prosper. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to You for all You have given us for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose in sending it. By Your Holy Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word to be planted, that we may give evidence of a sturdy faith and show forth in our lives the good works You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, Your Spirit accompanies the witness of Your people who speak Your Word before the world. Grant success to the missionary and mission planter and to every pastor, including our own as they consider how best to serve You and Your church in their futures, and to all church workers, that those who hear may believe and those who believe may bear the good fruit of faith in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, You have given power to the nations and those who govern to act for the good of Your people. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor and all those elected and appointed to lead us, that justice may prevail and Your people may be free to live at peace with all people. Protect those who serve us as members of the military, law enforcement, emergency responders and healthcare workers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, You know how weak and frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or soul the fullness of Your healing grace, that according to Your will they may be restored to health. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic's ravages and bring this illness to a merciful end as we pray, for those who have requested our prayers *especially* Cecelia, Wanda, C. John, Ed, Darlene, Gary, Larry, Pam, Rachel, Lori, Lori, Brenda, Cheryl, Gena, Kent, Ruth, A.J., Angie, Roger, Daniel, Ruth and all those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, You grant us great riches and gifts. Keep our hearts from being overburdened by the things of this mortal life, whether in time of plenty or in time of want. Deliver us from persecution and sustain us from all tribulation, that our hearts may ever be fixed upon the true treasure of Your grace. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, give to all husbands and wives grace to live together in love and faithfulness. We join with Amanda, Jason and their families, and with Michael, Christa and their families, in thanking You for uniting them in the love and commitment of holy marriage. We pray that You will bless their wedding day with the joy of Your presence. We ask that You will guide their married lives by Your Holy Spirit that they may enjoy a lifetime of Your many blessings to them full of peace and prosperity, hope and joy and a shared faith and forgiveness in the name of their Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, we join with those who mourn the loss of loved ones to physical death. We pray that the good news of the resurrection to eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord will be their strength during this time of their grief. We pray for Ralph's family, asking that You would fill their minds with fond memories of his life with them. We trust that You will comfort their

hearts with the hope of life that endures with You through our Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(10:30 a.m.)* Holy God, mighty Lord, Your Word endures forever. Keep us from being tossed about by every wind of change and chance, and help us to endure upon the firm foundation of Your Word and Sacraments. Prepare us so that we may worthily receive the Lord's body and blood and be kept by this blessed communion toward the day when we shall be reunited with all who have gone before and dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Offertory** *(sung)*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

*(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* Non-Communion Service continues here

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

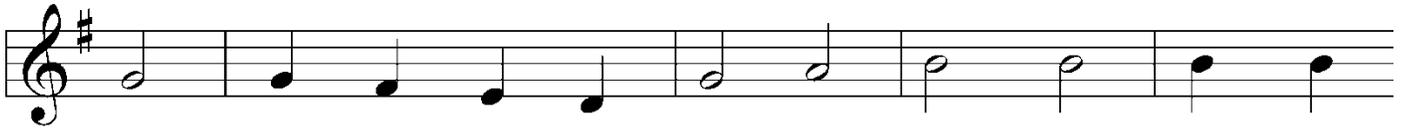
**COLLECT**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

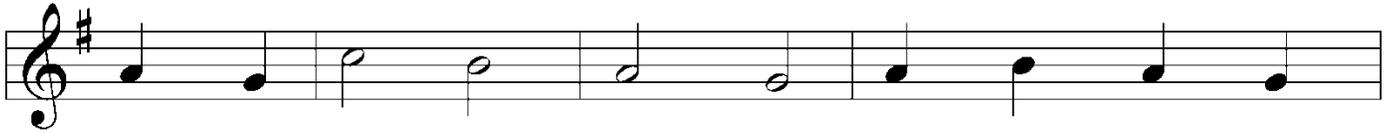
**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C** *(sung)* **A-men.**

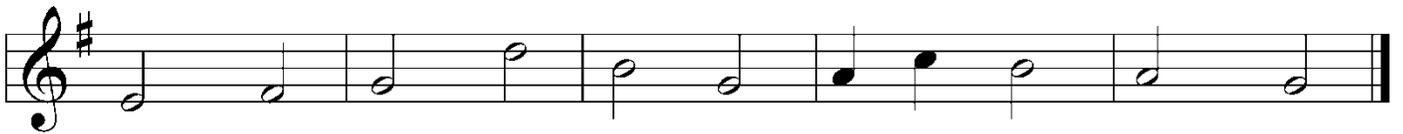
**CLOSING HYMN: 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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(10:30 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament

### **Preface** (*we speak the responses*)

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus** (*sung*)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With

repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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 forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

P...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*(please be seated)*

**Distribution Hymn: "When the Seed Falls"** (*tune LSB 781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"*)

**When seed falls on the path, It soon is snatched a-way;  
The birds come quick-ly to de-vour, Make it their ea-sy prey.**

**When seen falls on the rock, It quick-ly grows its shoot;  
But scorch-ing sun soon with-ers it Be-cause it has no root.**

**When seed falls in the weeds, It's choked by world-ly cares  
And by the rich-es of the world; No last-ing fruit it bears.**

**When seed falls on good soil, It then puts forth its root;**

**Soon stem and blade and leaf ap-pear To bear a-bun-dant fruit.**

**O Lord, pre-pare our hearts That we may well re-ceive  
Your Word, Your grace and all You give And in You firm believe.**

**Please plant in us the Seed And make us fer-tile ground  
That we may bear a-bun-dant fruit Which in Your grace is found.**

(written by Thomas F. Fischer)

**Distribution Hymn: 586 “Preach You the Word”**



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



ture and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, “Oh, what of that, and what of that?”

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold: “Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow Will watch and tend His planted Word.

## Distribution Hymn: 797 "Praise the Almighty"



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand if you are able*

5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
 All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.  
 Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
 Alleluia, alleluia! A-men. Public domain

**Thank the Lord** (*sung*)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect:**

P: Let us pray: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** (*sung*) **Amen.**

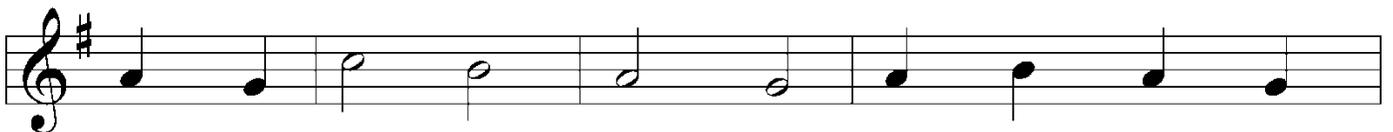
**Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C** (*sung*) **A-men.**

**CLOSING HYMN: 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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**THE POSTLUDE: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**

*arranged by Jeffrey Blersch*

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**This Week With Our Lord, July 12-19, 2020****SUNDAY, July 12-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (live-stream on Facebook)

Noon Senior Youth New Member Welcome gathering in the church basement

**Monday, July 13-**

6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

**Tuesday, July 14-**

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, July 15-**

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Judges)

**Thursday, July 16-**

8:00 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

6:00 p.m. Hudson-Stapleton wedding rehearsal

**Friday, July 17-** *Pastor Nebel is gone through Monday*

**Saturday, July 18-** *No Men's Bible Breakfast, moved to the 25th*

2:00 p.m. Amanda Hudson and Jason Stapleton wedding

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Evan Kiefer

**SUNDAY, July 19-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Noah Kassing

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Taylor Guebert

11:00 a.m. to ??? Senior Youth BBQ in the school parking lot

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

God's perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness. Listen to "Perfection Welcomes Failure" (Matthew 6:19-34) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 197; Holy Communion: 113; Adult Bible Class- 23

**WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:**

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 7/5- General Fund: \$23,706; School- \$480. *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* (Malachi 3:10)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Romans 8:12 – "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

**EPISTLES:**

The July edition of our congregation's newsletter, The Epistle, is available in paper copy in the entryway. It is also on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor Nebel has an address.

**VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** *Rainforest Explorers, July 20-24*

Due to concerns about COVID-19, our annual Vacation Bible School this year will be online. Children must be registered and can pick up a packet of materials from the school on Thursday, July 16 or Friday, July 17 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Other arrangements can be made if you are not comfortable with in person pick-up or need a different time.) The packet will include materials and links for online content to participate from your own home! While all the children love the songs, the church must purchase a code for every home. If you can share within your one home, we would appreciate that. Children who are in our daycare will already have the songs to use there, but you may still request one if you would like. Please let me know if you have any questions. *Christy Palm, VBS Director*

**SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

+Our New Member Welcome is this Sunday as we gather at noon in our church basement hangout. Please bring a side item or dessert to share.

+Next Sunday our Senior Youth will hold a Benefit BBQ for Love Abby in the school parking lot from 11 a.m. to ???

**THANK YOU:**

"I have been deeply moved by your prayers, phone calls, and cards that I have received from so many of you praying for me to get well. God has been gracious, giving me strength to reach a new goal each day as I struggled with the exercises. I give thanks to God for all of you and the eighteen and a half years that we have joined hands serving our risen Lord Jesus. I know time has been going at a different pace for all of us with the pandemic affecting the way we live our lives. I will preach on July 18-19. The following Sunday, July 26, will be my last Sunday worshiping with you as one of your pastors. We are planning to stay in Red Bud and keeping our membership at St. John's." *God's blessings, Pastor Koen*

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:**

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class continues this weekend between services, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the New Testament book of Acts.

**LILYFIELDS MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:**

St. John's member Joan Voges is offering the latest, and last, music CD from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. "Peter's Song" tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of His disciple Peter. The seven tracks of this CD include beautiful narrations from the late Chris Bergmann along with Joan's texts and tunes. Please see Joan after worship today to pick up a copy of this compact disc.

**THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact Vickie at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:**

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don and Betty Fausz, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Elda Seders.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

7/12- Arlou Papenberg, Glenn Gielow, Kevin Roy, Tyler Williams, Samantha Moeller; 7/13- James Cox; 7/14- Brenda Malott, Susan Harbaugh, Rachel Guebert; 7/15- Lori Colbert, Connie Tripp, Candace Koester, Kenadee Crafton, Case Uffelmann; 7/16- Olivia Schmitz, Patty Schnepel, Devon Albert, Tim Liefer, Eric Guebert, Kristopher Liefer; 7/17- Austin Kiefer; 7/18- Patricia Liefer, Shelli Adams, Tina LaChance, Becky Biffar, Nichole Liefer, Micah Moeller, Alicia Burmester. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

**PARISH NURSE NOTE:** from LCMS *Better Health*

*Get a Gut Check with Bacteria:* We usually do not associate bacteria with being good for us, but our digestive system relies on bacteria. That is where probiotics and prebiotics come into play. These may sound similar, but they perform different roles in providing important nutrition to the cells lining your digestive tract.

### **KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio, AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). This week on KFUO AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), study Judges 4-7 on Sharper Iron's Wisdom from Above series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), learn more about how play affected mental health on Mental Health Monday with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann (7/13 at 9:00 a.m.), and study Exodus 26-30 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on your favorite podcasting app!

### **ISSUES, ETC.:**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The United Nations' Anti-Family Policies, An Introduction to I Peter, The Doctrine of Election, Ruth and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. Listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **LIFE THOUGHTS:** *(from Lutherans for Life)* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

The Word of the Lord never returns empty (Isaiah 55:11). And He has clearly proclaimed His lavish love for human lives of all ages, appearances, and abilities, the way that a farmer extravagantly scatters seeds anywhere the soil shows (Matthew 13:3). So, we may speak the sanctity of life with courage and show it with compassion. The Heavenly Father remains responsible for its results, whether reception or rejection.

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300**

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be held July 17 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and July 18 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. We are accepting donations of clean saleable items which can be brought to school during business hours. Donations of clothing are especially wanted. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office during business hours. Many hands make the workload lighter! In addition, there will be a Bake Sale held both days. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards next year's FFA California trip.

Summer Office Hours: In July, office hours will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. – noon on Fridays.

It is not too late! Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2020-2021. Financial assistance is available. For more information, check our website or contact Matthew Foster at [mfoster@coslhs.org](mailto:mfoster@coslhs.org).

Christ Our Savior has extended its early registration discount of \$150 until August 1.

**The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.**



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*Faculty and Staff*

Preschool - Cindy Steele Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller; Aide- Patty Schnepel

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade– Bill Becker (Librarian)

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Justin Palm

Resource Teacher: Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm and Becky Rhodes

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

*Day Care*

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham, Megan Diercks, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Terra Williams, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, and Geraldine Thompson

*Church Council*

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) John and Norma Preston

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Jack Crafton; (8 a.m.) Maggie Brown; (10:30 a.m.) Makayla Liefer

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow Paraments: Irma Birkner

**BIBLE STUDIES:**

Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies that you can do on your own. The topics so far are Amen, Angels, Antichrist, Apostles, Apostolic Preaching of the Resurrection, Baptism Q & A, Barnabas, Church and Homosexuality, Communications Skills, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, Discussing Homosexuality, Ecclesiastes, End of the World, God's Will in the Lives of His People, Haggai, Having the Right Attitude, Heaven, The Justice of God, Justification and Sanctification, Islam, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Meditation, Philemon, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Word Dwellers, and more to come!