

*The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*  
**July 18 & 19, 2020**

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

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**PRELUDE: "Built on the Rock"** *arranged by Edward Broughton*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**Hymn of Invocation: 645 "Built on the Rock"**



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



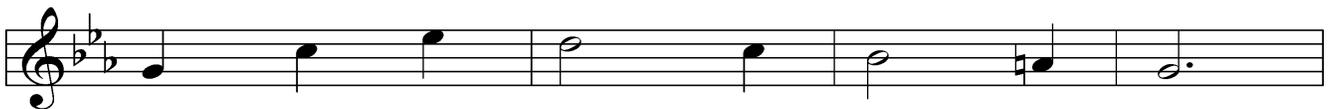
steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
 Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
 “I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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*.

*Please stand if you are able*

*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.**



Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before Me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are My witnesses! Is there a God besides Me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”    **A**    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 8:18–27**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**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 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

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

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **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*)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 644 “The Church’s One Foundation”**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
 That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

**SERMON:** "Be Patient, God Is at Work" Matthew 13:24-30

**P:** Most gracious Father, may the words of my mouth,

**C:** and the meditation of our hearts,

**All:** *be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.*

*(Please stand if you are able)* **Prayer of the Church**

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Cecelia Lautenschlaeger, Wanda Steele, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, Darlene Lohman, Gary Moeller, Larry Ebers, 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, Ruth Hecht, James Sitzes. *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

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

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *Brief silence*

Almighty God, we are too quick to judge Your ways and too bold to presume upon Your wisdom. Grant us grace so that we may trust in Your Word and fulfill our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy, both to our families and to our neighbors in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, we are stewards of Your creation, but we rely upon Your gracious blessings in order to benefit from it, asking that You would remember our need for rain. Guide us to use wisely and for the benefit of all people the fruits of this good earth, and to preserve its goodness for those to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we have been given new birth in Holy Baptism. Help us to confess Your Son before the world, reflecting the glory of Your kingdom to all people. Bless all pastors, including our own as they consider their future service to Your church, missionaries and church workers, that they may be faithful in their callings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we enjoy great freedom and blessing in our land. Bless our president; the Congress of these United States; our governor; and all those who make, judge and administer laws in our land. Give them wisdom in their actions for the protection of life and livelihood. Protect those who serve us as members of the military, law enforcement, emergency responders and healthcare workers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give You thanks for the gift of health, which we must never take for granted. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, those who mourn and those who are near death. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their

need. Hear us especially for Cecelia, Wanda, C. John, Ed, Darlene, Gary, Larry, Lori, Lori, Brenda, Cheryl, Gena, Kent, Ruth, A.J., Angie, Roger, Daniel, Ruth, Jim and all those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, we too easily forget those who dwell in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and the homebound. Give us grace so that we may bring them Your consolation and peace. Give them the aid and comfort of Your Word and our fellowship with one another in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we are wounded by the sufferings of this life, and we need Your grace to sustain us in hope and equip us with patience. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic's ravages and bring this illness to a merciful end. Give to us all that we need to pass through these days of trouble and be found faithful when Christ comes in His glory at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gentle Lord, we ask You to visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places of blessing and love, where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live out our new lives in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, prepare us so that we may worthily receive our Savior's body and blood in this sacrament and be kept by this blessed communion toward the day when we shall be reunited with all who have gone before us and who now dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that what we pray for, we may work toward, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, that at the Day of Judgment we may be found worthy to join the saints and enter into Your gift of eternal light and life forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**

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.**

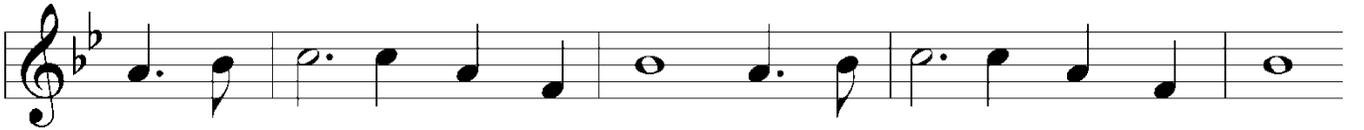
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

(please be seated)

**Distribution Hymn: 761 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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**Distribution Hymn: 636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



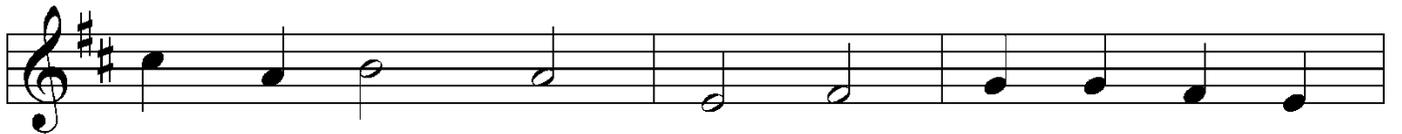
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
 Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:  
 Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;  
 Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;  
 By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through  
 the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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*(Please stand if you are able)* **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: 663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"**



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy

tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your

har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

- 5 But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,  
So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him.

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## THE POSTLUDE: "There in God's Garden"

*arranged by John Eggert*

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### *This Week With Our Lord, July 19-26, 2020*

#### SUNDAY, July 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (live-stream on Facebook)

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

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

#### Monday-Friday: Virtual Vacation Bible School

#### Tuesday, July 21-

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, July 22- Pastor Nebel's 30<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary

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

11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

#### Thursday, July 23-

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

2:00 p.m. At-risk Holy Communion Service in the sanctuary

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting

Saturday, July 25-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Pastor Nebel at SID Board of Directors meeting

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Ryker Papenberg

SUNDAY, July 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Owen Liefer

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Hailey Proctor

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

What kind of doctor prescribes a treatment that kills Him while saving the patient? The "Jesus Protocol" is the cure that kills and then makes alive. Listen to "The Jesus Protocol" (Matthew 7) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFYO 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: 239; Holy Communion: 62; Adult Bible Class: 30

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 7/12- General Fund: \$13,745; School- \$365; Debt: \$100; Parsonage Foundation Work: \$4000. *"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*

Rom. 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

**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 ACTIVITY:**

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

### **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.

### **AT-RISK OR VULNERABLE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:**

This Thursday, July 23, at 2 p.m. we will hold a special Holy Communion service in the sanctuary for those who feel most at-risk of or vulnerable to COVID-19. Please wear a mask to the service and practice social distancing. Holy Communion will be distributed to you in the pews.

### **VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

Our Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary (to insure social distancing). This meeting is especially important since we had to cancel the April meeting due to the coronavirus shutdown. All confirmed members of St. John's 18 years of age and older are eligible to vote.

### **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.

### **COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRIES:**

Recent data from the Synod's Office on Youth Ministry confirms that we lose many young people when they move away from home for college. Lutheran Student Ministry aims to provide opportunities for Bible study and pastoral care to students during this time of transition. Our district has campus ministries at both SIU campuses. Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Missouri is organizing a campus ministry known as the Lutheran Student Union at nearby Lindenwood University with Vicar Kurt Hellweg. Our college-student members are invited to call our office for help in connecting with a Lutheran campus ministry for the college they will be attending.

**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!:**

7/19- Ethan Fritsche, Natalie Korando, Savannah Horrell; 7/20- David Snyder, Mark Guebert, Alan Piel, Chase Strong, Kolton Meier; 7/22- Ron Burgdorf, Debra Schneider, Derek Stellhorn, Chad Crafton, Adam Ebers, Makayla VanEck; 7/23- Kenneth Voges, Nancy Liefer, Todd Minemann, Raymond Wagner, Beckett Rowold, Maddox Rowold; 7/24- Brandon Nehrt, Taylor Juengling; 7/25- James Gilpatrick, Taylor Pensoneau, Owen Liefer, Harper Mounts. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

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

*Get a Gut Check with Bacteria:* Probiotics are live bacteria and yeasts that often are called beneficial or helpful bacteria because they keep your digestive system healthy. You can boost your levels of good bacteria by eating probiotic foods such as yogurt, sauerkraut, fermented cheeses (Gouda), and kimchi (pickled vegetables).

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio, AM850 & [kfu.org](http://kfu.org), a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuorg), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuorg). This week on KFUO AM850 & [kfu.org](http://kfu.org), hear a curious theological topic with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (7/20 at 2 p.m.), dig into our Lutheran confession of faith on Concord Matters (7/21 at 2 p.m.), and hear the good news of Jesus on Moment of Assurance (weekdays at noon). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org)!

**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. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 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)

Surprise pregnancies often come with many burdens. Terminal diagnoses may mean intense suffering. But our Lord and Savior promises these circumstances also bring returns that far exceed the costs (Romans 8:18). He draws near and dwells with us in all our afflictions (Romans 8:26) and cultivates a life that's greater than physical comforts – like resurrection smuggled under cover of crucifixion and a harvest of wheat safely hidden to blossom behind weeds (Matthew 13:30).

**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!

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

**Thank you for supporting our Annual Rummage Sale and Bake Sale!** The response of both donations and shoppers was great.

**It is not too late!** Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2020-2021. For more information, contact the school office or Lisa Luebke, [enroll@coslhs.org](mailto:enroll@coslhs.org).

**Summer Hours:** Someone will usually be in the office from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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  
 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, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen  
 Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet  
 Greeter: (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Evan Kiefer ; (8 a.m.) Noah Kassing; (10:30 a.m.) Taylor Guebert  
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
 Flower Servers: Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow Paraments: Irma Birkner

(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:**