

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 25 & 26, 2020

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

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PRELUDE: "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" *arranged by Kevin Hildebrand*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

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*.

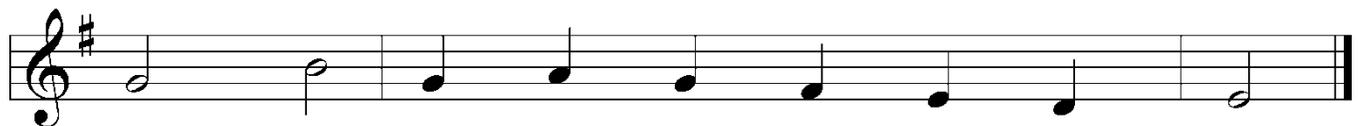
Opening Hymn: "Lord, Open Now My Heart" *Please stand for last stanza, "A-men."*



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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)

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

Summer Singers

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6–9

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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 8:28–39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For Your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:44-52

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

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

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 763)**

When peace, like a riv-er, at-tend-eth my way; When sor-rows, like sea bil-lows roll;

What-ev-er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 719 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

- 1 I leave all things to God’s di-rec-tion; He loves me both in joy and woe.
His will is good, sure His af-fec-tion; His ten-der love is true, I know.
My for-tress and my rock is He: What pleas-es God, that pleas-es me.**
- 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for me will nev-er cease.
Upon His hands He did en-grave me With pur-est gold of lov-ing grace.
His will su-preme must ev-er be: What pleas-es God, that pleas-es me.**
- 3 My God de-sires the soul’s sal-va-tion; My soul He, too, de-sires to save.
There-fore with Chris-tian res-ig-na-tion All earth-ly trou-bles I will brave.
His will be done e-ter-nal-ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas-es me.**
- 4 My God has all things in His keep-ing; He is the ev-er faith-ful friend.
He gives me laugh-ter after weep-ing, And all His ways in bless-ings end.
His love en-dures e-ter-nal-ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas-es me.**

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SERMON: “All the Good God Does for Those Who Love Him” Romans 8:28-30

- I. God Works for Our Good
- II. God Knows Us Before
- III. God Chooses Us in Advance
- IV. God Calls Us
- V. God Justifies Us
- VI. God Glorifies Us

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Cecelia Lautenschlaeger, Doris Mueller, Wanda Steele, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, Curtis Hartmann, Gary Moeller, Larry Ebers, LuAnn Liefer, 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, Rev. Timothy Scharr. *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
+Pastor Koen as he enters into retirement from full-time public ministry

O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear us as we cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Brief silence*

That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, praying that the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, and that we may with joy give thanks for Pastor Koen's 37 years of public ministry and ask for God's blessings upon his life and future service as he begins his well-deserved retirement as a faithful servant of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world asking also that the Lord would bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us and serve us for our protection as members of the military, law enforcement, emergency responders and healthcare workers, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, *and especially do we pray for* Cecelia, Doris, Wanda, C. John, Ed, Gary, Larry, LuAnn, Lori, Lori, Brenda, Cheryl, Gena, Kent, Ruth, A.J., Angie, Roger, Daniel, Ruth, Jim, Rev. Scharr and all those we name in our hearts including all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic's ravages asking our heavenly Father to bring this illness to a merciful end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

(10:30 a.m.) That we may receive with faith the Lord's body and blood today and by this Holy Communion be forgiven of our sins, strengthened in faith and equipped for His service, glorifying God with our words and works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of 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.**

(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

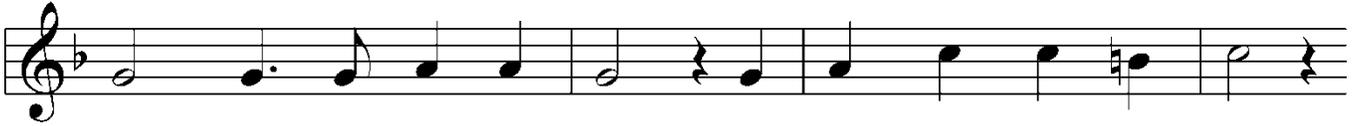
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C** (*sung*) **A-men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 794 "The Lord, My God, Be Praised" (*sing "A-men."*)

1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the 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: 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Distribution Hymn: 821 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in

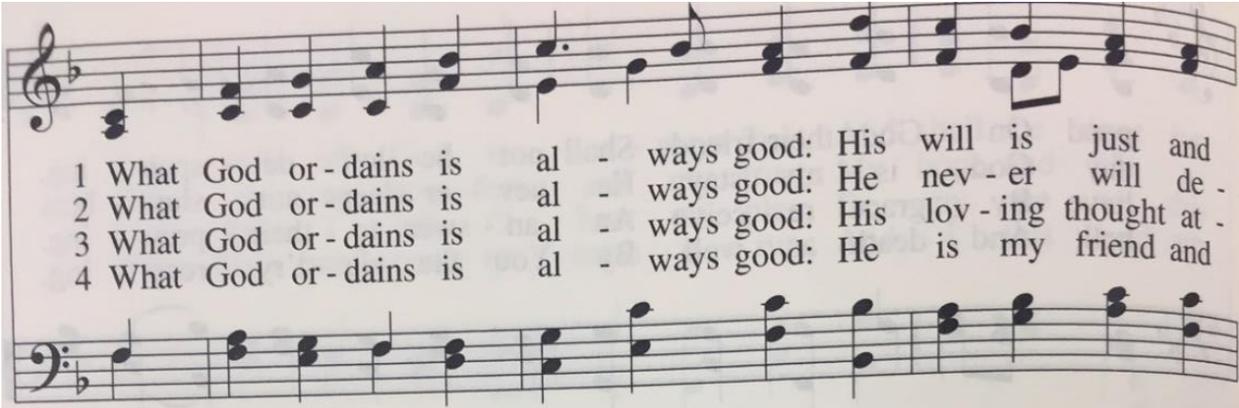


like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both

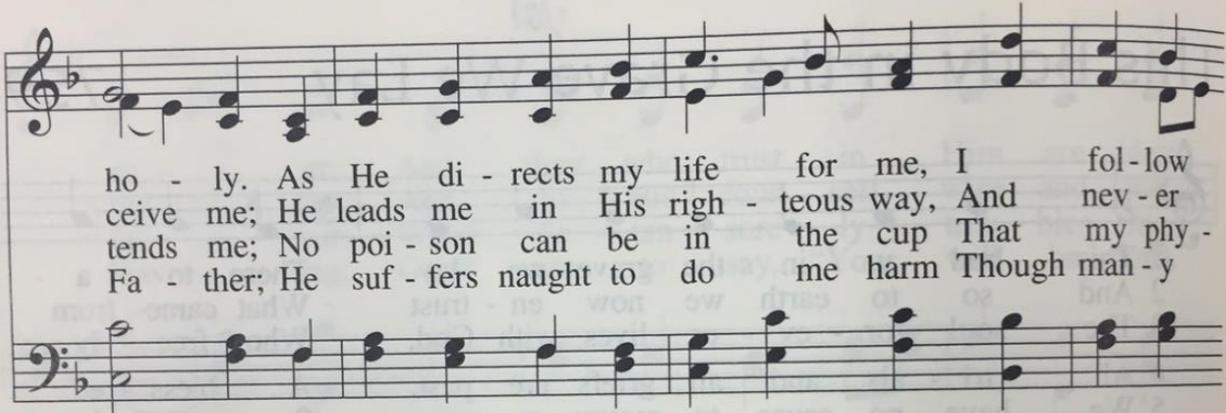


ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

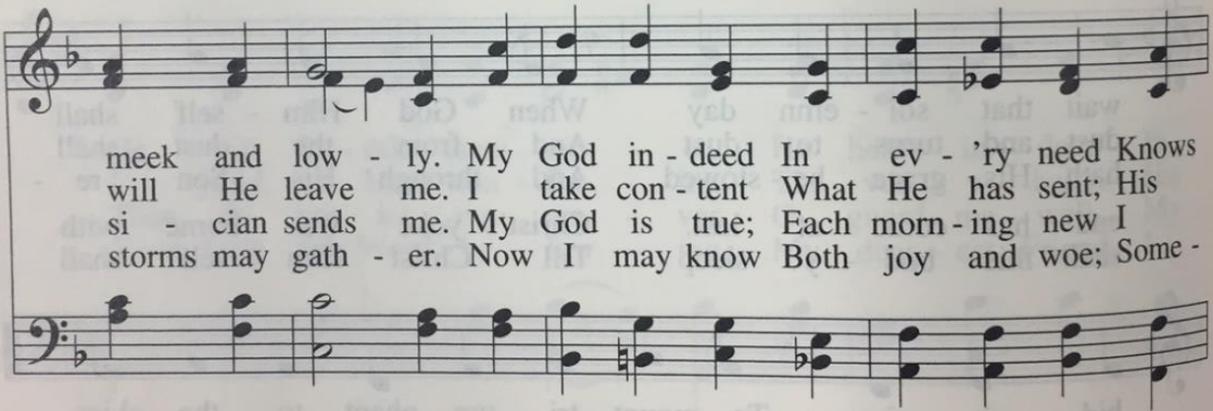
Distribution Hymn: 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"



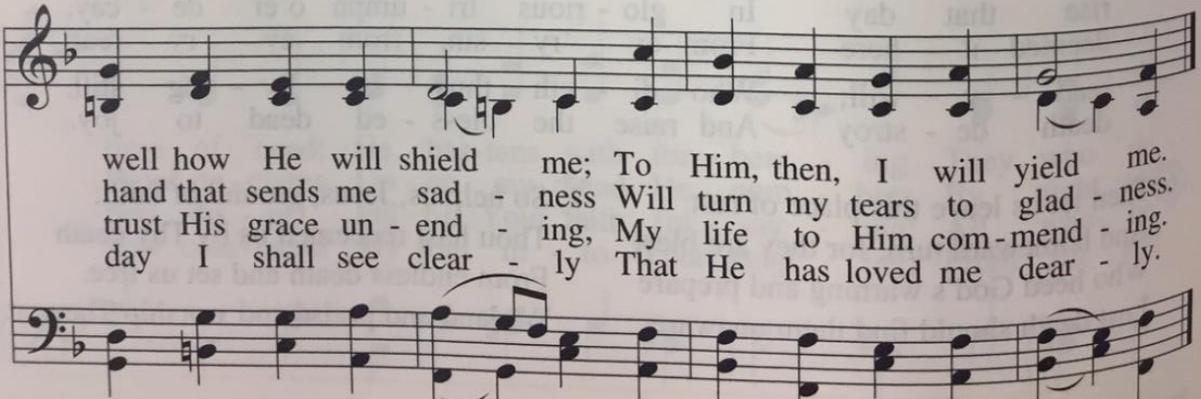
1 What God or-dains is al - ways good: His will is just and
 2 What God or-dains is al - ways good: He nev - er will de -
 3 What God or-dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing thought at -
 4 What God or-dains is al - ways good: He is my friend and



ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me, I fol - low
 ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way, And nev - er
 tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup That my phy -
 Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm Though man - y



mEEK and low - ly. My God in - deed In ev - 'ry need Knows
 will He leave me. I take con - tent What He has sent; His
 si - cian sends me. My God is true; Each morn - ing new I
 storms may gath - er. Now I may know Both joy and woe; Some -



well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.
 hand that sends me sad - ness Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 trust His grace un - end - ing, My life to Him com - mend - ing.
 day I shall see clear - ly That He has loved me dear - ly.

**What God or-dains is al-ways good: Though I the cup am drink-ing
Which sa-vors now of bit-ter-ness, I take it with-out shrink-ing.
For af-ter grief God gives re-lief,
My heart with com-fort fill-ing And all my sor-row still-ing.**

**What God or-dains is al-ways good: This truth re-mains un-shak-en.
Though sor-row, need, or death be mine, I shall not be for-sak-en.
I fear no harm, For with His arm
He shall em-brace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.**

(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.**

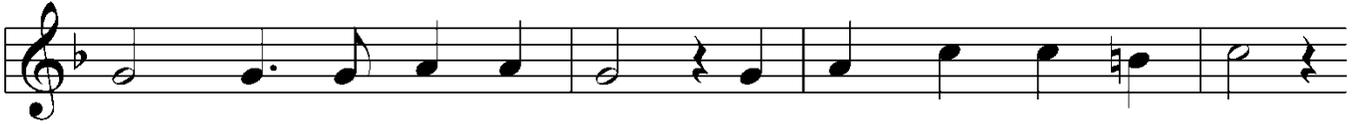
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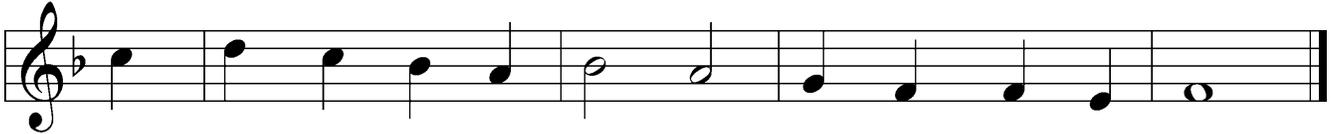
1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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THE POSTLUDE: “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” *arranged by Georg. F. Kauffmann*

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This Week With Our Lord, July 26-August 2, 2020

SUNDAY, July 26-

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)

Monday, July 27- *Pastor Nebel on vacation this week (sort of)*

Tuesday, July 28-

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

Wednesday, July 29- *Epistle articles are needed in the office*

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

1:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

7:00 p.m. Voters Assembly meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 30-

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

Friday, July 31- *Pastor Koen's retirement date*

Saturday, August 1-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Cadin Voss

SUNDAY, August 2-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Austin Kiefer

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Claire Diewald

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in the church basement hangout

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

How do you react to the brokenness all around you? God gives His people the reflex to reflect His mercy in the world. Listen to “Reflexive Mercy” (Exodus 32) 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:

Flowers on the pedestal this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptisms of Lillian Mae Guebert and Eve Amelia Guebert. They are a gift from their grandparents.

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: 248; Holy Communion: 132; Adult Bible Class: 20

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 7/19- General Fund: \$11,084.82; School-\$320; Rally Day: \$100; Automatic Giving: \$4,465. *“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*

Matthew 13:45-46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us and purchased us back from sin and death with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is the foundation for our own generosity: imitating the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Lillian Mae Guebert and Eve Amelia Guebert into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism following the Saturday evening service. They are the twin daughters of Adam and Lisa (Klingler) Guebert. Lillian’s baptismal sponsors are Jonathan Klingler and Jennifer Langrehr. Eve’s baptismal sponsors are Benjamin Guebert and Cor Stanczyk. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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. Coffee and refreshments are being served.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be held this 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.

UPCOMING STAFFING CHANGES:

Pastor Russell Koen's last day of active ministry with us is July 31. We wish him God's richest blessings on his retirement. The Board of Elders is planning a reception for him on Sunday, September 13. Watch for further details as they are planned. On August 1, Mr. Bill Becker will begin duties as our Director of Christian Education. Mrs. Cindy Nebel will teach 4th grade this year. Mrs. Patty Schnepel will assist Mrs. Schmitz as an aide in the Kindergarten classroom. On September 1, Rev. Clifford Adair, a Baldwin native and recently retired from a Lutheran congregation in Pipestone, Minnesota, will begin his service to us as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor with duties of preaching and visitation.

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.

DANKE SCHOEN! (aka Thank you!):

"A big thank you to all of you who remembered me with your cards, gifts and best wishes on my 90th birthday. God has been very good to me these 90 years. I was blessed with wonderful parents, T.J. and Bertha Koch; 11 siblings; a good, kind and loving husband Ron (now sainted); and our wonderful and caring children and their spouses; super grandchildren and their spouses, and our great-grandchildren (3 and counting). Last, but not least, is my wonderful church family of fellow Christians here at St. John's. God is very good. Thank you, Lord, and thank all of you. God bless all of you!" *Eunice Snyder*

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!:

7/26- Elda Seders, Anna Guebert, Melissa Cheek, Kailyn Moeller, Logan Donjon; 7/27- Wilma Schleifer, Maya Macbeth; 7/28- Jean Niemeyer, Travis Krick, Kody Schoenbeck, Kendall Crafton, Annika Herriman; 7/29- Stephanie Liefer, Nicholas Voges, Hayden Mounts; 7/30- Adrienne Vallett, Preslie Kueker; 7/31- Chelsea Schrader, Tanner Valleroy, Kelly Pollard, Damon Renner; 8/1- Chad Langrehr, Sarah Heller, Colt Hess. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Get a Gut Check with Bacteria: Prebiotics serve as food for the bacteria. Those foods consist of dietary fibers that the body can't digest. They pass through the upper GI and then in the lower colon produce short-chain fatty acids that feed the beneficial bacteria already there. Common sources of prebiotics include asparagus, artichoke, banana, barley, rye, wheat, honey, yams, milk, onion, garlic, and tomato.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, AM850 & kfu.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfu.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at 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, hear the comfort of the Gospel daily on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m., weekends at 7:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m., and continue studying the book of Judges on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs, including the new Lutheran Witness podcast, on demand at 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. This week's topics include: Myths about Lutheran Worship, Callings in Life, The Hymn "Thy Strong Word," Johann Sebastian Bach and more. 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, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LIFE THOUGHTS: (from *Lutherans for Life*) www.lutheransforlife.org

Measuring a field's dimensions cannot diminish the value of a treasure buried there (Matthew 13:44). So however pretty, popular, or productive, however controversial the politics and however personal the choices, do the rest of us amount to any more than embryos or incapacitated hospital patients when compared to the Almighty Maker of heavens and earth? The Lord God actually has a preference for small (Deuteronomy 7:7). The less we have, the more He gets to give. And since He will have us, He wants every member of our race.

The **SID Advocates for Life Team** presents an opportunity for high school students, college students, and young adults to participate. Students for Life of America is holding a National Pro-Life Generation Sidewalk Day on August 1st. From 7 am to noon, the local group--STL Pro-Life Future--is planning to host the sidewalk day at Hope Clinic (abortion facility) in Granite City, Illinois. A great turnout is needed to provide an impact for people coming into the abortion clinic that day. This event is for high school students, college students, and young adults. If you'd like more information, contact STL Pro-Life Future leader, Austin Tuttle (Edwardsville) at 217-801-8758.

On August 1, groups of pro-life young people around the country will be at abortion facilities to provide sidewalk counsel to women coming to those clinics. They will have materials to hand out to women coming to the clinics. Advance training will be provided for those who are willing to do sidewalk counseling. Others are invited to hold supportive signs (provided by the leaders or you can bring your own) and pray. The goal is to be a positive presence for the women coming to the clinic and to represent the pro-life cause in a positive way.

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.

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 (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – 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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Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Christina Gidley

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Ryker Papenberg; (8 a.m.) Owen Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Hailey Proctor

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!