

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 12 & 13, 2020

St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois

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THE PRELUDE: "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" *arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*

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 honor the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

Opening Hymn: 907 "God Himself Is Present"



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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Please stand if you are able

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

Fear the LORD, you His saints, **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

The Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand if you are able **Gospel Introduction** (*sung*) (LSB 697)

**Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that He might save;
With kind and gen-tle hearts for-give As God in Christ for-gave.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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

C (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

(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.

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

C 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.

(please be seated)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Children's Message Song: *(tune: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb")*
 Je-sus loves me and for-gives, all my sins that I may live;
 As His child and heir of heav-en, Know-ing that I am for-giv-en,
 Shar-ing Him with those I love; till we reach our home a-bove.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 843 "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls

You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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SERMON: "God Intended It for Good" Genesis 50:15-21

(Sunday) Installtion of Rev. Clifford Adair as Assistant to the Pastor

(Please stand if you are able) **Offertory** (sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

HEALING AND COMFORT: Edna Moeller, Cecelia Lautenschlaeger, Doris Mueller, Wanda Steele, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, JoAnn Kunkel, Curtis Hartmann, Charles Guebert, Gary Moeller, Marie Voges, Larry Ebers, Cheryl Walker, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Cheryl Zanders, Angie Cloughly, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Lola Seibold, Vic Mohr, Kim Ingwersen. *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

+our nation as it continues to suffer from division, violence and unrest in our cities

+the wedding of Sara Siegfried and William Shepherd on Sept. 19 at St. John the Baptist RC

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

Almighty God, as once You kept Joseph from evil and brought good from his suffering in Egypt, deliver us by Your grace so that we may learn patience in trials. Teach us to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, bless those who preach and teach Your Word, and give their hearers willing ears to listen and willing hearts to learn the Scriptures well. Bless those now training to be pastors and church workers. Grant to all the baptized the aid of Your Holy Spirit so that, receiving Your Gospel with joy, we may share it freely with those outside the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, give wisdom and courage to our elected and appointed leaders, that they may pursue justice, seek peace and protect life. Bring an end to the threats of terror and violence among the people of our land and open all nations to the voice of Your saving Word. Protect those who protect us from violence and who preserve order here as law enforcement and emergency responders and everywhere as members of our nation's armed forces, Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) Holy Lord, give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. Prepare us to receive Your own Son's body and blood with faith and bring to fruition in our lives the precious gift of grace we receive in this holy communion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, You know our weakness of body and soul. Give to the troubled in mind Your peace, to the suffering relief, to the sick healing, to the grieving comfort and deliver the dying into everlasting life. Hear us especially for Edna, Cecelia, Doris, Wanda, C. John, Ed, JoAnn, Curtis, Charles, Gary, Marie, Larry, Cheryl, Lori, Lori, Brenda, Cheryl, Angie, Roger, Lola, Vic, Kim and also for those now named in our hearts. [*Brief silence*] Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, deliver us from this pandemic and pestilence of COVID-19, from disaster and danger, and from a sudden death, that kept in faith, we may be preserved through this mortal life and in death be received into the arms of Your mercy and into the blessed rest of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord, all love that is true and pure comes from You to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank You for the love that Sara and William have found in one another.

We pray that as their family and friends join them, that You will bless them on the day of their wedding with the joy of Your holy presence. We trust that You also will bless the years of their marriage with Your gifts of health and happiness, peace and prosperity, and a shared faith and forgiveness in the name of our Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Lord, all good things come from You. Open our hearts to be generous with the poor and to bring You the tithes and offerings You are due, that Your Church and all her agencies may serve Your gracious purpose and suffer no lack of people or resources to do the work of Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You, and we pray You to comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on the day You have appointed and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

(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 and BENECTION:

Pastor: 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 take them to heart that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word 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. **People: Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C (*sung*) **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 537 "Beautiful Savior"



1	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	King	of cre - a - tion,	Son	of
2	Fair are the	mead - ows,	Fair	are the wood - lands,	Robed	in
3	Fair is the	sun - shine,	Fair	is the moon - light,	Bright	the
4	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	Lord	of the na - tions,	Son	of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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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. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

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

Preface (*we sing the responses*)

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

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

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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 out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us 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 God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P Our Father who art in heaven,but deliver us from evil.

(*sung*) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A-men.**

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

P ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. C (*sung*) **A-men.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. (*please be seated*)**

Distribution Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



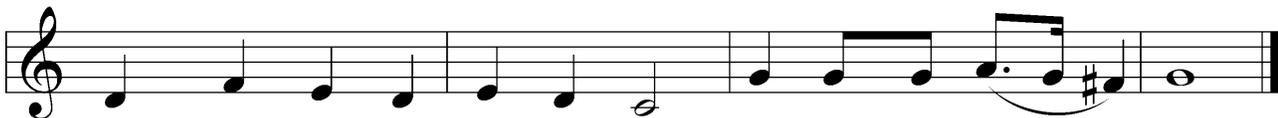
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
 3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
 frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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(please stand if you are able) **Nunc Dimittis** *(sung)*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** *(sung)* **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.**

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

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

P Bless we the Lord. **C** (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C (*sung*) **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 537 “Beautiful Savior”



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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THE POSTLUDE: “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

arranged by Heinrich Scheidemann

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This Week With Our Lord, September 13-20, 2020

SUNDAY, September 13-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the new gym; Parenting Bible Class in Junior High wing

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in the church basement

1-4 p.m. Pastor Koen's retirement Open House in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 14- *Pastor Nebel at a Board of Trustees meeting in Concordia, MO*

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, September 15-

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

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in new gym lobby

Wednesday, September 16-

8:20 a.m. Chapel Service (Grades 3-8) with Mrs. Nebel

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in the FH

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the FH

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Samuel)

Thursday, September 17-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

Friday, September 18-

8:20 a.m. School Chapel for PS through Grade 2

Saturday, September 19-

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

9:00 a.m. PTL Golf Outing at North County Country Club

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Addyson Piel

SUNDAY, September 20-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Bruce Quinn

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the new gym and Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Lily Kent

2- 6 p.m. District Pastor/Elder Workshop in the Fellowship Hall

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat. Listen to "Fireplace Spirituality" (Acts 2:37-47) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE AM 850 Sundays 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: 201; Holy Communion: 101; Adult Bible Class: 19 Sunday School: 45

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 9/6- General Fund: \$17,745; School- \$1,070; Debt: \$400; Bell Choir: \$50; Parsonage Repair: \$50. *"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 14:7 – "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors.

We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

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.

NEW BANNER:

A new chancel banner highlighting the Holy Trinity has been given to St. John's for the glory of God in loving memory of Karin Whelan with memorial money given in her honor.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next quarter's issue (October-December) of our daily devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the racks by the front and back doors of the church. Sonshine Visitation members, as you are able, please take one to the people that you visit. Thank you!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

"Perseverance: Praying Through Life's Challenges" is the Bible study that our women's study group is using. They are meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with plenty of room to allow for social distancing.

MUSICAL NOTES:

Bell Choir regular practices began on September 10th. All practices are at 6 p.m. Choir is always looking for more singers! We will start on Monday, September 14th at 7 p.m. in the school music room. We will sing at the early Sunday Morning services about 2-3 times per month. Some of the services we will be singing at this year include Reformation/All Saints Day (November 1st), Thanksgiving Day (November 26th), and Christmas Day. Any new and returning members are welcome and appreciated!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Class lessons resume this Sunday, September 13. Mr. Bill Becker also begins a parenting class at school on that date. Seminarian Wade Waterstreet begins High School Bible Class this Sunday in Room Two of the Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR KOEN'S RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE:

On Sunday, September 13, from 1-4 p.m. we will hold an open house for Pastor Russell Koen in honor of his retirement from St. John's. Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, we ask that you come to the Fellowship Hall in twenty-minute increments alphabetically based on your place in our Elder Zones. Please use the following schedule if at all possible:

Zone 1: Deborah Adams thru Rodie Collins- 1:00 to 1:20 p.m.

Zone 2: Susan (Stellhorn) Conboy thru Dennis/Kathy Grohmann- 1:20 to 1:40 p.m.

Zone 3: Nick/Emily Grohmann thru Roger/Kim Herriman- 1:40 to 2:00 p.m.

Zone 4: Ryan Herriman to Travis/Erin Krick- 2:00 to 2:20 p.m.

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- 2:20 to 2:40 p.m.

Zone 6: Pat Malik to Lanie Pensoneau- 2:40 to 3:00 p.m.

Zone 7: Alan/Amber Piel to Don Schrader- 3:00 to 3:20 p.m.

Zone 8: Jeff/Dawn Schrader to Bob/Carol Turner- 3:20 to 3:40 p.m.

Zone 9: Derek/Katelin Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner- 3:40 to 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO REV. CLIFFORD ADAIR:

As of September 1, Rev. Cliff Adair has begun his ministry with us at St. John's as our Assistant to the Pastor (part-time). He will preach on a monthly basis, work with Pastor Nebel on nursing home and homebound visitation and be available for hospital visits or emergencies when Pastor Nebel is out of town or on vacation. His number is 507/215-7333. He is a Baldwin native and has retired from parish ministry in Minnesota to live in Baldwin.

FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The WATERPROOFING of the church will begin on TUESDAY, SEPT. 15th. It will take all day TUESDAY and possibly part of WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16th. On those days please do NOT TO PARK in the FRONT of the church or on the Parking Lot closest to the church as workers need access to the church with their LIFT. If people park along the outer perimeter of the parking lot we will have plenty of room.

LWML GIVING TUESDAY:

Share your thankfulness on LWML's **GivingTuesday**, September 15. You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal. Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Your donation can help reach them and will be matched by a generous donor's gift on GivingTuesday. Donate online at lwml.org/givingtuesday or through LWML Facebook. (If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note GivingTuesday with your contribution.)

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. You can pick up a copy of this compact disc from the table in the entryway.

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, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Omer and Neva Liefer, Doris Mueller, 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, Curtis Hartmann, Nancy Holmstrom, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Elda Seders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

9/13- Elsie Liefer; 9/14- Gary Schwartzkopf, Ken Williams, Scott Voss, Brittany Schaefer, Crewe Wagner; 9/15- Ellery Byer, Diana Burgdorf; 9/16- Alice Hick, Jody Stapleton; 9/17- Peggy Hanebutt, Lori Moses, Allison Tribo, Emme Deterding; 9/18- Barbara Homer, Danielle Shannon, Clint Schaefer; 9/19- Dale Burmester, Nicole Bumann, Shamus Korves. *Please call the office for corrections!*

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

Today the good Lord has a good Word for those of us who have participated in abortion. He forgives that. He forgives you. “[A]s far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:12). What’s more, He redeems every sinner. He redeems all our failures. “[Y]ou meant evil ... but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20). Who could you counsel or comfort with what you’ve learned from this mistake (Romans 14:7)?

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at 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, hear the new format for Concord Matters: Care of Souls with Pastor Sean Smith (9/15 at 2:00 p.m.), continue in Proverbs on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and continue in 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word with Pastor AJ Espinosa (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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: Fear of Death, The Vocation of Police Officer, Holy Cross Day, 3rd Century North African Bishop Cyprian of Carthage and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO 850 AM. Also, listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Cross Country: The next COS Cross Country meet will be in Chester on Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.

Upcoming Events: The COS FFA Chapter will have a Helping Hands Auction on September 25 at 6:30 p.m. Watch our Facebook page for more details. On September 26 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. you can purchase a BBQ meal to go from the COS stand in the Red Bud IGA parking lot.

School Visitors: To help us follow Illinois COVID guidelines, we request that visitors to COS make an appointment.. Face coverings are required for entry into the school until Illinois changes its COVID mandates. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you.

School Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

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Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher

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, Amy Williams and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Clifford Adair Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

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

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Ava Clifford; (8 a.m.) Daniel Stapleton; (10:30 a.m.) Sofia Jones

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Peggy Hanebutt and Brenda vanBuren Paraments: Ella Hemmer

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!

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

SECRET ANGELS:

Our 8th grade students (day school and public school) need of three more Secret Angels. These are people who will pray for them, give them notes to encourage them in their confirmation studies and bless them with small gifts on a regular basis and special presents on major occasions. Your identity will be revealed to them at the Rite of Confirmation. Please contact Pastor Nebel if you are interested in serving. He will provide you with an information form that the students have completed.