

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Red Bud, Illinois

THE PRELUDE: "O Gott, du frommer Gott"

arranged by Carl F. Schalk

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 you 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!

Hymn of Invocation: 703 "How Can I Thank You, Lord" (*stand for the last stanza*)



1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
 3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
 4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
 O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
 And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
 Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
 Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
 My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
 Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.

5 O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;

O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;

O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide

That I may serve You here And there with You abide. A-men. Public domain

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

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C **A-men.**

Hymn of Praise: “Gloria in Excelsis” (*sung*)

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:
we wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.**

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. **C: O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**
(*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, you shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

He will command His angels concerning you **to guard you in all your ways.**
Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

L: 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 eternal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to Him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies under Your feet? If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

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

(10:30 a.m.) **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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**

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: (AGPS 53)**

Jesus hears His children crying, Sees them hungry, lost and dying;

Who will comfort all their sorrows? Who will brighten their tomorrows?

Rise and follow! He will lead us; Heed the cries of those who need us!

And when life has ended for us, Heaven's glories lie before us.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 701 "Draw Us to Thee"

1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy

steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry

gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

SERMON: “Living in the Likeness of God; Loving Others as Ourselves” Leviticus 19

I. “Be Holy”

II. “You Shall Not...You Shall...”

III. “You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself”

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Lou Gerlach, Kenneth Koester, Kenny Althoff, Arlene Pratt, Larry Ebers, Todd Birkner, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Angie Cloughly, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Kim Ingwersen, Elda Guebert, Rev. Ralph Laufer, Pat Smith. *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., 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, Keenan Turnure

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: **Fire/EMS-** Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Scot Heller, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser; **Police-** Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Jason Palm *(Please call our office with names)*

+those suffering from the coronavirus and the effects of it on our society: outbreaks at Red Bud Care Center and Oak Hill Nursing Home

+our nation as an election is taking place

+for God’s blessings upon the harvest and for weather that is favorable for farming

Having confidence in our justification by grace through faith and having access to the Father in Jesus’ name, let us turn our hearts in prayer on behalf of ourselves, the Church and all people according to their needs. *Brief silence*

O almighty God, You have shown Your faithfulness by raising up those in every generation who call Your Church to repentance and renewal. Continue to raise up voices in our own day who herald the truth of Your Word and proclaim the faith in purity and truth against all enemies. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, You do not desire the death of the sinner but want all to come to faith and life in Christ. Raise up faithful pastors who will preach Your Word without fail and teach the doctrine delivered to the saints, that many may hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, Your Word has been the light and salvation throughout the ages. Help us to bring Your grace to those in darkness and grant them freedom through the forgiveness of their sins. Bless the missionaries serving far and near and the new congregations they establish in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of power and might, You have established governments and the order of law for the protection of all people and to preserve the freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth. Grant to our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor and the legislature of our state wisdom, humility and integrity for the exercise of their duties. We also pray that You will bless those who protect and defend us against all the enemies of our land as members of our nation's armed forces, and those who serve and protect us in our communities as law enforcement agents, firefighters, and emergency responders. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and gracious God, Your power is revealed chiefly in showing mercy to those in need. Give to the sick healing, to the troubled peace, to the grieving comfort and to the dying peace. Hear us first on behalf of Lou, Kenneth, Kenny, Arlene, Larry, Todd, Lori, David, Lori, Angie, Roger, Kim, Ralph, Elda, Pat and those we name in our hearts before You. According to Your gracious promise, grant patience to those in tribulation and trial. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, we pray on behalf of those who serve us as doctors, nurses, and all healthcare personnel in hospitals, nursing homes and medical offices, asking that Your wisdom would guide medical researchers and those who work to end disease, that we would be spared from and relieved of this COVID-19 pandemic, remembering especially the residents and staff of Red Bud Care Center and Oak Hill Nursing Home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we pray in thanksgiving for Your creation and for all of Your gifts to us, asking for Your Holy Spirit to grant us grateful hearts, that we may honor You with our words and with our works, also asking for Your blessings to be upon the harvest now being gathered, for the safety of those who work the land and tend the livestock and for weather that is favorable, equipment that is dependable and strength that is sufficient for the work that needs to be done. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have given great gifts to us as a nation and provide us resources for our needs. Bless the agencies and programs of our country by which we give aid and support to those who are in need. Help us to provide gainful employment to all people, that they may enjoy the fruits of their labors and honor You with the works of their hands. Guide us as we consider those now running for elective office and as we fill out election ballots wisely, safely and freely. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) Gracious God and Father, Your own Son has set His table among us and gives His own flesh and blood to be the bread of heaven that feeds us everlasting life and the cup of salvation in which our thirst is satisfied forever. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may

commune worthily and in repentance and faith feast upon His Holy Sacrament. Bring us at last to that day when all earthly divisions will cease and we will be one people before the altar of the Lord. Until that day, preserve among us Your life-giving Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God and Father, we ask You to grant us all good things to benefit us in body and soul and to prevent any harm to us or to our salvation. Teach us to live in contentment with Your will and purpose and in the freedom You alone supply to serve You with all our heart, mind, body and soul; all these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.**

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services continue 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.

THE CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION:

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 the 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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: (sung) A-men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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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**

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.

P 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining

for You a holy people. 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 And Prayer Of Thanksgiving: *(sung)*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

P: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer:

P: 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.**

The Words Of Our Lord and The Pax Domini:

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

The Agnus Dei: *(sung)*

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

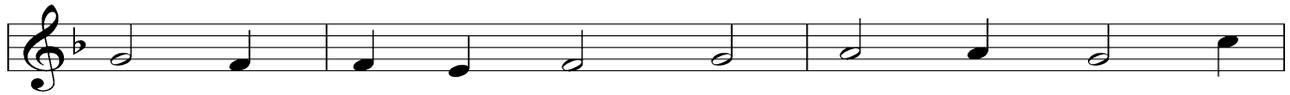
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. *(please be seated)*

Distribution Hymn: 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty; Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Distribution Hymn: 694 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"



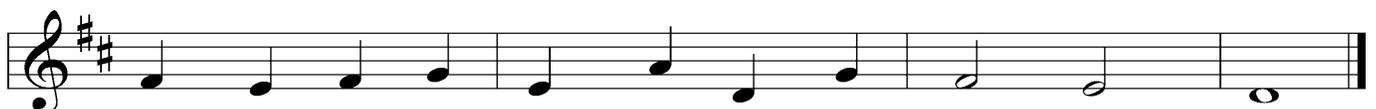
1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine. Public domain

Distribution Hymn: 700 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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*May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you faithful to life everlasting.
Go in His peace. Amen!*

(Please stand if able) **Post-Communion Cantic: Thank the Lord** (*sung*)

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

- 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*) **A-men.**
- 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.**

The Closing Hymn: 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



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 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

The Postlude: "Olivet"

arranged by Amanda Husberg

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This Week With Our Lord, October 25-November 1, 2020

SUNDAY, October 25- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:00 a.m. Pastor Appreciation Reception in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the new gym

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

Monday, October 26-

6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers in the school library

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

7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 27-12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship HallWednesday, October 28-

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

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

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

Thursday, October 29- *Have your articles for the November Epistle in the office*

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

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, October 30-

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

Saturday, October 31- *Reformation Day*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Grayson Herriman

6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the school's west parking lot

SUNDAY, November 1- *All Saints' Day*

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Pandemic class in the new gym

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Olivia Geraldts

Noon: Senior Youth gathering in the church basement

UPDATED WORSHIP PROCEEDURES: *From our Board of Elders*

1- Children's worship bags are available again in the entryway. However, instead of returning them after the service, leave them in the pew. We will take that bag out of the rotation for the weekend and replace it with a fresh one so that they are used only once per weekend.

2-The hymnals are back in the pew racks. We will use them only for the hymns at first. The rest of the worship service still is in the folder for you to use and take home with you. There a few large print bulletins available with the hymns in them. That is the copy on our website.

3- We will no longer live stream a service on Facebook. To do so with a quality more consistent than what we have been able to do would mean paying for and installing new equipment and having a monthly internet cost in order to have WiFi. We will record a worship service every weekend and upload it to YouTube with the equipment we have now so that it can be viewed later at your convenience. This requires no extra cost (the only thing better than cheap is free!).

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God's kingdom belonging comes before performance. Listen to "No Boasting, Just Belonging" (Romans 3:19-31) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler 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: 291; Holy Communion: 128; Adults & Youth: 28+; Sunday School students: 38

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 10/18- General Fund: \$8,314.20; School: \$1,025; Parsonage Repair: \$100. *"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)

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Sunday morning Adult Bible Classes will resume next Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS:

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet and our high school students will begin a study on "The Gospel of Matthew." This is in Room Two of the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

ADDITION TO WORSHIP PRAYERS:

If you are or have in your family an emergency responder or healthcare worker whose position has become especially difficult during this time of pandemic, please call or email our office so that we can list the name of that person in our group prayers much like we remember our nation's military personnel.

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Filling the vacancy for Zone 7 (Alan/Amber Piel thru Don Schrader) on our Board of Elders is Mike DeRousse (282-3066). We thank him for agreeing to serve us in this way!

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER:

Copies of the most recent edition of our excellent St. John's Lutheran School Alumni News are available in the entryway for those who do not receive this by mail.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH:

In October many congregations thank their pastors and families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication, and blessings of shepherding them in the name of Jesus. This year we also celebrate Pastor Nebel's 30th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Ministry as a faithful servant of God and minister of the Word. To celebrate this milestone, we will hold an Open House for Pastor and Cindy Nebel this Sunday, Oct. 25, from 9-10:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served. (Please wear masks and social distance during this time.) In appreciation for Pastor's service to our St. John's congregation these past 13+ years, we will include a card shower in this event. Thanks be to God for Pastor and Cindy Nebel and their work to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

RED RIBBON WEEK AT SCHOOL:

Monday: “We dream of a life without drugs!”- Pajama Day (send shoes if child wears slippers)

Tuesday: “Team up against drugs!”- Wear your favorite team shirt or jersey.

Wednesday: “We’re too bright for drugs!” – Wear tie dye, pink or bright colors.

Thursday: “We are ‘red’y to say ‘no’ to drugs!”- Wear red or school themed shirt.

Friday: “We’re not falling for drugs!”- Wear your favorite fall or Halloween/Reformation shirt.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING:

Our annual Nominating Committee consists of all elected officers and board members (except Chairman and Vice-Chairman) whose current term of office ends January 31. We will meet this Monday at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to begin the process of nominating adult members of St. John’s for our offices (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer), boards (Elders, Parish Education, and Trustees), and committees (Finance, Estate Fund, and Christ Our Savior LHS representatives). The more names you bring with you for us to consider, the quicker and easier this process goes!

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary for social distancing. We will review and approve our financial workplan for 2021 which includes salaries and benefits for our called church professionals and staff members. We will consider the following addition to our by-laws which is required for our Articles of Incorporation in the eyes of the state. The need for this became an issue when we applied for the federal government’s Paycheck Protection Program loan in the spring:

Bylaw 14) Articles of Incorporation- St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, U.A.C. is organized as a General Not for Profit Corporation file # 72930622 filed at the Secretary of State of Illinois on September 18, 2020. A three-member board of directors is required by the State of Illinois. This board of directors shall consist of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Congregation, the Chairman of the Congregation, and the Chairman of the Board of Elders of the Congregation. Appointments to this Board of Directors shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees of the Congregation. In the event and upon the dissolution of the Corporation assets shall be distributed as directed by the Congregation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

TRUNK OR TREAT:

This year Trunk or Treat will be that as we will offer treats from the trunks of our vehicles parked on the west side of our school building on Sat., Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. Those who would like to have a vehicle parked there and provide treats should call our office to reserve a space.

BBQ:

Our St. John’s Men’s Club will hold a BBQ in our school parking lot on Sunday, November 8 in place of our annual Wurstmarkt which cannot be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

THANK YOU:

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church and School: I thank God for allowing me to serve Him for over eighteen years here at St. John's. God allowed me to serve Him at St. John's longer than at any other congregation. I began preparations for the ministry over forty-five years ago. The time has flown by! God is still keeping me busy by helping the other congregations in our Circuit as the Circuit Visitor. I have met a lot of people over those many years and taken with me many encouraging experiences. They have helped me in my daily walk with my Savior. God has sent me many uplifting messages through the faithful members of St. Johns. Even with a few surprises along the way, I greatly appreciate the time we spent together worshipping our Savior and growing together in His love and forgiveness. The members of St. John's have a special place in my heart and always will. Paul wrote to the Christian in Colossians 1:10-14: *“walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”* Thank you for sharing His love with me and my family through your cards, gifts and prayers. We especially thank God for the generous gift from St. John's Church and School. God always provides when there is a need. He has provided for us again through your generous gift. Your brother in Christ Jesus, *Rev. Russell E. Koen and family*

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+St. John's member Joan Voges is offering music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. You can pick up copies from the table in the entryway.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has a new CD of music available called, "Freely Given Freely Received." This, plus a few of his earlier CDs also are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

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 her at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call our 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, 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, Doris Mueller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Elda Seders, 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, Lou Gerlach, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/25- William Becker, Blake Henry, Kendyll Cox; 10/26- Clare Carnahan; 10/27- Mary Jane Harrell, Tyler Cox, Tanner Winkelmann; 10/28- Christine Stechmesser, Simone Liefer; 10/29- Dorothy Papenberg, Dennis Zanders, Susie Mehring, Patricia Presley, Cindy Ebers; 10/30- Julie Ratz, Jody Winkelmann, Colton Albert; 10/31- Randy Koester, Kevin Burgdorf, Lydia Wright.
Please call the office for corrections!

THANK YOU:

“On behalf of ComWell (Human Service Center) I thank you for your generous donation to our food pantry. Your gifts allow us to fill bellies and offer comfort to families who need a little extra help to get by, especially during this difficult and uncertain time. At ComWell we are so blessed by friends such as you who give so generously to others who need help right here in our own community. Thanks again for helping our community be a wonderful place to call home.”
Shea Haury, Executive Director (Her complete letter is on the church bulletin board.)

VIRTUAL “BREW IN THE LOU”:

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA, we are a member), is selling “Brew in the Lou” passports. They are in our office or you can go to www.LESAstl.org. The cost is \$30 for a 12-month ticket with more than \$300 worth of beverages, distilleries, wineries, restaurants and retailers in the St. Louis area. Money raised supports students in St. Louis area Lutheran schools.

WURSTMARKT DINNER:

St. Patrick Church in Tipton (5675 LL Road) will hold a Drive-thru Only Wurstmarkt this Sunday, October 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$11. Fresh sausage is for sale by calling Al (458-7762) or Don (458-6993) to pre-order.

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](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo). **This week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org**, continue studying 1st Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear a heartwarming adoption story on The Coffee Hour (10/28 at 9:00 a.m.), and continue in 2nd Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs and more on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

ISSUES, ETC.:

SACRED MUSIC STATION...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 we will hear about the journeys to confessional Lutheranism from former Atheists, Mormons, Roman Catholics, Evangelicals, Calvinists and liberal Lutherans. You can listen to the best of the Church's music for the past 2,000 years on Lutheran Public Radio. LPR streams 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Life's Simple 7- “Preventative Measures to Lower Your Risk of Heart Disease” 3) Don’t smoke anything. Our lungs were not created to be filled with chemical-laden smoke or aerosols; 4)

Maintain a healthy weight. The waist circumference for men should be less than 40 inches and for women less than 35 inches. (More next week)

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

Scripture highly praises motherhood and fatherhood (1st Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12). The Holy Spirit inspires the Apostle Paul to use them as words for the love of one Christian for another. We protect each other like fathers and take care of each other like mothers. If this clearly excludes the killing of even a neighbor (Leviticus 19:16), how much more shall we cherish the lives of children, however young, and parents, however old!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL [618-853-7300](tel:618-853-7300)

Pork Butt Fundraiser: Thank you for supporting our Pork Butt Fundraiser! Orders will be available November 4 and 5. You will be notified when you can pick up your order.

Thrivent Action Grants: Members of Thrivent can request two \$250 action grants each year. If you or a family member has a Thrivent Action team they have not used yet, please consider using it for a project for COS. We would like to update landscaping, do some deep cleaning, painting, and maintenance work. We also have a smoked pork butt fundraiser coming up in November. Please contact Lisa via email at enroll@coslhs.org or call the school if you would like to use an Action Team Grant toward one or more of these projects.

School Visitors: To help us follow Illinois COVID guidelines, we request that visitors to COS make an appointment for any visits or other deliveries. 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.

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Junior Youth -- Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald

Lector: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

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

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

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

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

“This Is the Feast”

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of

God. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*