



The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois October 3-4, 2020



PRELUDE: (*Sat.*) "This Little Light of Mine" *Bell Choir*
 (*Sunday*) "Simple Gifts" *arranged by Charles W. Ore*
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: 595 "O Blessed Spring"



1 O	bless-ed spring,	where Word and sign	Em - brace us
2	Through sum-mer heat	of youth-ful years,	Un - cer - tain
3	When au-tumn cools	and youth is cold,	When limbs their
4	As win - ter comes,	as win - ters must,	We breathe our
5	Christ, ho - ly Vine,	Christ, liv - ing Tree,	Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine:	Here Christ en - joins	each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears,	Sus - tained by Christ's	in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold,	Then through us, warm,	the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust;	Still held in Christ,	our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y:	That Word and wa - ter thus re -	



be	A branch of this	life - giv - ing Tree.
rain,	The boughs will shout	for joy a - gain.
move	With gifts of beau - ty,	wis - dom, love.
wing	And trust the prom - ise	of the spring.
vive	And join us to	Your Tree of Life.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

L: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day. **Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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: “Lift High the Cross”** *(arranged by Carl Schalk)*

Choir

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

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: Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

(please stand if 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 21:33-46

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter. C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The LWML Pledge

**In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption
we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;
and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields,
we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.
We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him,
our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises,
our lips to proclaim His redeeming love,
our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will,
and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost
and erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.**

(please be seated) (10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

**In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my life Lord, Be glorified to-day.
In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my song Lord, Be glorified to-day.
In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In Your church Lord, Be glorified to-day.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 474 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: “O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to
 o - pen!” Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON: “Good Grapes Grown in God’s Garden” Isaiah 5:1-7

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand if you are able.)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: C. John Prigge, Joan Prigge, Rich Moeller, Kenny Althoff, Curtis Hartmann, Larry Ebers, 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, 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
 +our nation as it continues to suffer from division, violence and unrest in our cities
 +the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Lutheran Women in Mission)

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Merciful Lord, You have planted us as Your own vineyard, that we might bear good fruit for Your glory. Embolden us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may give witness to Your mighty acts. Grant to us grace, that we may be faithful and show forth in our lives the good works that glorify You and serve Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, You are the Giver of all life. In your mercy, spare us from physical disease, free us from emotional fear and move us by Your Spirit to trust in You to deliver us from this pandemic and pestilence of COVID-19, protecting the vulnerable, healing the sick and comforting those mourning the loss of loved ones to this world's death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, rescue us from all enemies of Your Church, and bless us with church leaders whose voices will not waver in the face of threat. Bless the president of our Synod, our district president, our circuit visitor and our own church professionals and staff members. Inspire men and women to go into church-work vocations and bless those now preparing for this service in the church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, give to the nations both the desire for and the blessing of peace. Thwart the actions of terrorists and those who would oppress our cities with the power of fear and the threat of violence. Bless our president, especially at this time of illness for him and his wife. Bless our governor, our legislature and all those who pass, enforce and judge our laws as well as those who serve as members of our country's armed forces protecting our freedom and liberty as well as those who serve as law enforcement, healthcare and emergency personnel protecting our welfare and property. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other and strengthen them in their life together. Bless the homes in which Your people dwell. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, deliver the sick from their illnesses, give relief to the suffering, help the troubled to know peace of mind, and be with the grieving and those in their final days. Hear us especially for Doris, C. John, Joan, Rich, Curtis, Kenny, Larry, Lori, Lori, Brenda, Cheryl, Angie, Roger, Lola, Vic, Kim, and all those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide us, O Lord, that with all our hearts, minds, bodies and resources we may serve You. Give special blessing to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and to the many ways they bring the

good news of Your salvation and the works of Your love across our nation and world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Heavenly Father, prepare our hearts to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Supper, that we may be strengthened in hope, renewed in love and nurtured in faith by this holy communion. Give to us unity of confession and harmony in our life together. Bring us at last with the saints who have gone before, that we may attain everlasting life and dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, give us a willing spirit, that we may serve You with all that we have and all that we are. Help us to be faithful and fruitful in the godly use of Your resources and gifts, that we may use them in accord with Your will and for Your glory and teach us to live for You the life that You have given us, treasuring in our hearts all that is good and wise and seeking after these things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, O Lord, and give answer to the prayers of Your people prayed in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, forevermore.

Amen.

OFFERTORY: *(sung)*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me?

I will offer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

The 10:30 a.m. 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.

THE CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDECTION:

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: “Serve the Lord With Gladness” (*tune: “Onward Christian Soldiers”*)

1. **Serve the Lord with glad-ness! It is He a-lone
Who re-deemed us sin-ners, Guides us as His own
To en-joy the bless-ings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glo-ry Meet us face to face.
On-ward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

2. **Serve the Lord with glad-ness! He gave us com-mand
To pro-claim His Gos-pel Now in ev’-ry land
So that fel-low sin-ners May, like us, be blest,
Lead-ing them to Je-sus, We can serve Him best.
On-ward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

3. **Serve the Lord with glad-ness! There’s no great-er joy
Than to serve the Mas-ter, Work in His em-ploy.
As we build His king-dom An-gels, too, re-joice
Ov-er ev’-ry sin-ner Brought to hear His voice.
On-ward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

THE POSTLUDE: “Serve the Lord With Gladness”

arranged by Lani Smith

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*.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** (We sing the responses.)

PREFACE:

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: 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*)

(*Saturday*) "Lift High the Cross"

Bell Choir

(*8 a.m.*) **ANTHEM:** "Lord Jesus, Thou My Dearest Friend" (*arr. Wacker/Handrich*) *Choir*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

1	Lord	Je - sus	Christ,	life - giv - ing	bread,	May	I	in	grace
2	To	pas - tures	green,	Lord,	safe - ly	guide,	To	rest - ful	wa -
3	O	bread	of heav'n,	my	soul's de -	light,	For	full	and free
4	I	do	not	mer - it	fa - vor,	Lord,	My	weight	of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 691 "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 540 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” (*stand for last stanza*)

1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.
 Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

PLEASE STAND if able

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
 Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:
 Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
 To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally. A-men.

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” (*sung*)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-‘ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

With shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary give, 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: Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

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

CLOSING HYMN: “Serve the Lord With Gladness” (*tune: “Onward Christian Soldiers”*)

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On-ward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
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So that fel-low sin-ners May, like us, be blest,
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Than to serve the Mas-ter, Work in His em-ploy.
As we build His king-dom An-gels, too, re-joyce
Ov-er ev’-ry sin-ner Brought to hear His voice.
On-ward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

THE POSTLUDE: (*Sat.*) “With Praises Ring”
 (*Sunday*) “Serve the Lord With Gladness”

Bell Choir
arranged by Lani Smith

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This Week With Our Lord, October 4-11, 2020

SUNDAY, October 4- *Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

Monday, October 5-

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, October 6-

10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors’ Conference in Marion

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

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

Wednesday, October 7- *OVC Cross Country*

8:20 a.m. Chapel Service (Grades 3-8) with Mr. Palm

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 Fellowship Hall

3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Acolyte Training & Pizza Party at church

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

Thursday, October 8- *End of First Quarter*

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

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

7:00 p.m. Men’s Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 9- *No School! Teacher Institute Day*

Saturday, October 10- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Ayden Wiegard

SUNDAY, October 11-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Gavin Baldwin

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 Acolyte: Luke Kennedy

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

The thing about God is, He's winning-even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. Listen to “Victory in Defeat” (Daniel 1) with Speaker 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).

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Jonah Daniel Liefer into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism during the Saturday service. He is the son of Derek and Paige (Dilley) Liefer. His baptismal sponsors are Addison Dilley and Derak and Alison Schubert. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

DOOR OFFERING:

Following our services this weekend members of our Evening Guild will receive your door offering to support the Lutheran Braille Workers Sight Center in Baldwin. This is in honor of LWML Sunday.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 258; Holy Communion: 90; Adults & Youth: 36; Sunday School students: 48

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 9/27- General Fund: \$10,729.20; School- \$745. *"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 21:43 – "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class is from 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. DCE Bill Becker is teaching a Parenting Class during that time in the Junior High wing off of the new gym lobby in the school building.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS:

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet leads our high school aged members in a study called, "A Simple Explanation of Heaven and Hell." 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

This 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!

EPISTLES:

The October edition of our newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway. It also is on our website under the Media tab and has been emailed to those for whom Pastor has an email address. Please contact him to add or update your email address if you are not receiving his daily emails.

ACOLYTE TRAINING:

All St. John's members in grades 6-8 are asked to gather this Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at church for our annual Acolyte Training and Pizza Party. They will have a chance to sign up for which of our three weekend services they prefer to be scheduled to serve as an acolyte.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will review and approve our financial workplan for 2021 which includes salaries and benefits for our called church professionals and staff members.

TRUNK OR TREAT:

This year our annual Trunk or Treat literally be that as we will offer treats from the trunks of our vehicles parked on the west side of our school building on Saturday, October 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.

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 or her earlier CDs from the table in the entryway.

MORE MUSIC AVAILABLE:

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, Curtis Hartmann, Dorothy Heizer, 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, Lou Gerlach, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Elda Seders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/4- Loretta Buss, Tom Voges, Makenzie Liefer; 10/5- David Guebert, Curtis Winkelman, Dawn Seibold, Darcy Muench; 10/6- Jeremy Walker, Nick VanEck, Kellye Mounts, Casey Carnahan,; 10/8- Carol Stoll, Adam Guebert, Startina Heller, Felix Aubuchon; 10/9- Bart Miller, Matthew Burmester; 10/10- Charles LaChance, Rick Horrell, Bryce Donjon, Grant Krack. *Please call the office for corrections!*

VIRTUAL “BREW IN THE LOU”:

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA), of which we are a member, will begin sales of “Brew in the Lou” passports on October 1 at www.LESAstl.org. The cost \$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.

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

Jesus’ parable about vineyard tenants (Matthew 21:38-41) warns against abortion and assisted suicide. These acts always kill a son or daughter, without ever delivering the liberty they advertise. They ink us into contracts payable only with guilt and grief. But entrusting ourselves to Christ, who creates bodies and sustains souls even amid costs and losses (Philippians 3:7-8) like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, this gives life not only to “me” but to “us” (Psalm 80:18).

ADVOCATES FOR LIFE:

The Coalition for Life STL is sponsoring “40 Days for Life” from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1. Vigil hours are every day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Individuals may sign up at coalitionforlifestl.com. Congregations may register for a Church Adopt a Day Coordinator: Christy@CoalitionForLifeSTL.com. This includes a daily vigil outside of the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Fairview Heights. The Planned Parenthood Clinic is located at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights, IL 62208. It is a prayerful, peaceful, non-violent witness to life for those accessing the clinic for abortion services. There are alternatives to the taking of a human life in the womb. We need to be advocates for life at all stages from conception to death.

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

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.

Cross Country: The next *COS* Cross Country meet will be in Chester on October 8 at 4:00 p.m.

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.

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

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Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist and Coir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

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.) Summer Luttman; (8 a.m.) Lucas Schwartzkopf; (10:30 a.m.) Morgan Kent

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

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

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health***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's subjects include: 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.

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Creed (*please stand if able*)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 158**

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.

(10:30 a.m.) **The Apostles' Creed: page 159**

**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.**