

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**November 15, 2020 (10:30 a.m.)**

**Red Bud, Illinois**

**THE PRELUDE: "Holy, Holy, Holy" arranged by Matthew Weston**

**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: 686 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

*(Please stand if you are able.)*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Introit: Psalm 143**

O LORD, give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

**for no one living is righteous before You.**

I meditate on all that You have done; **I ponder the work of Your hands.**

I stretch out my hands to You; **my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

**Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

O LORD, give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

**Song of Praise: "The King of Glory Comes"** *(We repeat the refrain after each stanza.)*

*Refrain: The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.*

1. **Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him? He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages.**
2. **In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among His people curing their illness.**
3. **Sing then of David's son, our Savior and Brother; In all of Galilee was never another.**
4. **He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation, He took upon Himself the sins of the nation.**
5. **He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen, And He will share with us His heavenly vision.**

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### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**ANTHEM:** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*Third Grade*

### **The Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16**

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated His guests.

And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will He do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

### **The Gradual**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

### **The Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE: (sung) “King of Kings”**

**King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hal-le-lu-jah!**

**King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hal-le-lu-jah!**

**Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hal-le-lu-jah!**

**Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hal-le-lu-jah! (repeat)**

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### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two

talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

### **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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.*)**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: 605 "Father Welcomes"**

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



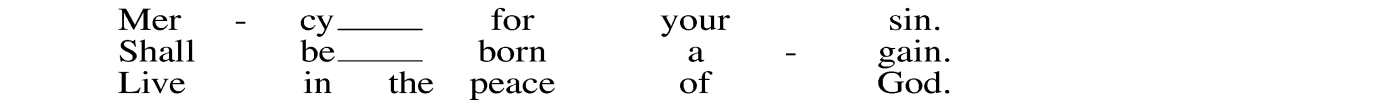
1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



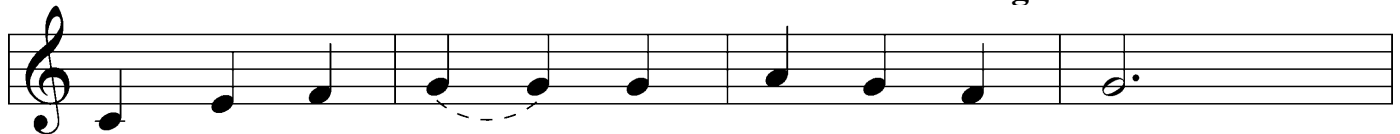
is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

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**HYMN OF THE DAY: 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

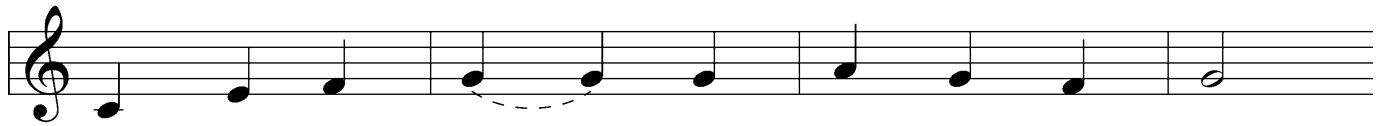
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.

I want to look at Je - sus.

I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.

Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,

When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.

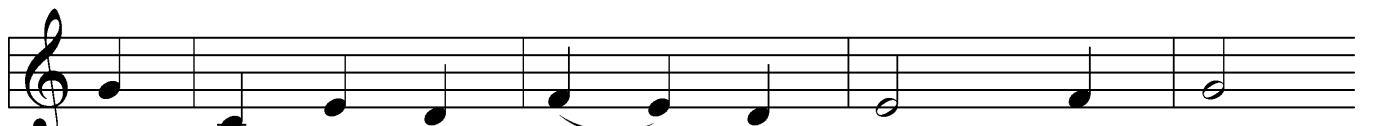
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.

We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



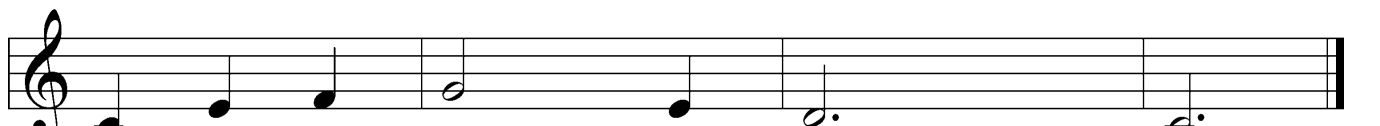
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**SERMON:** “What Are We Waiting For? Salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ”

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-11

**SONG OF RESPONSE: 697 “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”**



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

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Kenneth Koester, Kenny Althoff, Ed Luttman, Barb Ladwig, Arlene Pratt, Ron Seymour, Ken Williams, 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, Sara Kelly, Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Todd Loos. *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, Blake Koppel, 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)*

+coronavirus effects upon our nation, state and community, including Red Bud Care Center  
+for God's blessings upon the harvest and for weather that is favorable for farming

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You are worthy of being praised for all Your gifts and graces, which You have bestowed upon us, Your unworthy people. Hear us this day as we cry to You for mercy toward all people as they have need.

O Lord, You have made us Your people and preserved us through the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Continue to pour out upon us grace upon grace, that we may be kept in faith and guarded in hope. Make Your Church throughout the world one in doctrine, confession and life, and give us faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word with conviction. Deliver us from confusion and error by the power of Your Holy Spirit and raise up those who will continue to serve in faithfulness and humility. Confound all enemies of Your Church and convert their hearts to repentance and faith. Strengthen all Christians in their faith and in their vocation of service as Your children, that we may be obedient to Your Word as we receive the salvation of our souls. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, deliver the nations from the oppression of ungodly rulers and governments. Bless all in authority within our own nation, that righteousness may flourish and injustice end. Protect those who protect us as members of our nation's armed forces. Defend those who defend us as law enforcement and firefighters. Give strength to those who assist us in our times of weakness as emergency responders and healthcare workers. Bless all those places where Your people teach and learn, that our children may honor You, walk in Your commands, and show forth in their lives the fruits of the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, help us to know and rejoice in all noble occupations, and help the arts to flourish, that our lives may be enriched by beauty. Help us to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of the earth You supply for our common good granting Your blessings upon the harvest that is

now being gathered and giving Your strength to those engaged in that labor. Receive with our song of praise and sacrifice of thanksgiving the tithes and offerings we bring to You now, that, through good use of the skills, talents and time You have given us, You may be glorified in all that we are and do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, prevent all disaster and calamity, deliver us from war and violence, and spare us from this continuing Covid-19 pestilence. We pray that You would give protection to the healthy, healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, hope to the grieving and peace to the dying. Hear us on behalf of those who have requested our prayers *especially* Kenneth, Kenny, Ed, Barb, Arlene, Ron, Ken, Lori, David, Lori, Angie, Roger, Kim, Elda, Ralph, Pat, Sara, Barb, Boniface, Todd and those we now name in our own hearts. Sustain us in the day of trial, deliver us from all our enemies of body and soul, and keep us steadfast in the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering that here we have no abiding city but that heaven is our home, give us Your aid, O Lord, so that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, doing the works You have called us to do and accomplishing Your purpose in our daily lives. Help us to multiply Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through 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.**

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.**

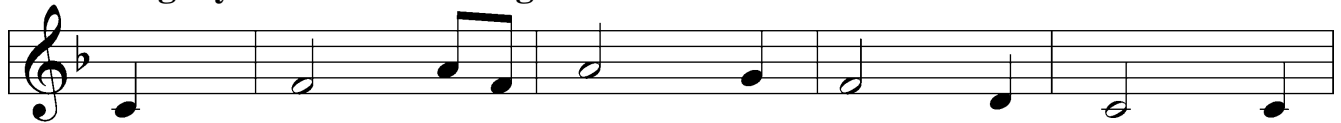
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Closing Collect and Benediction:**

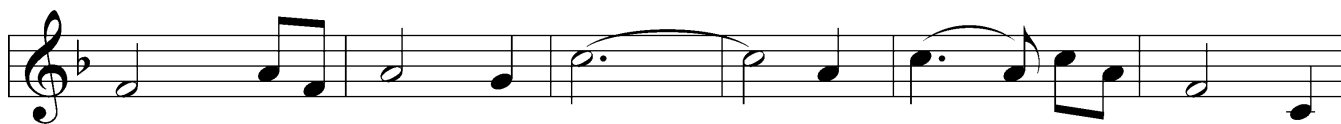
Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus 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.**

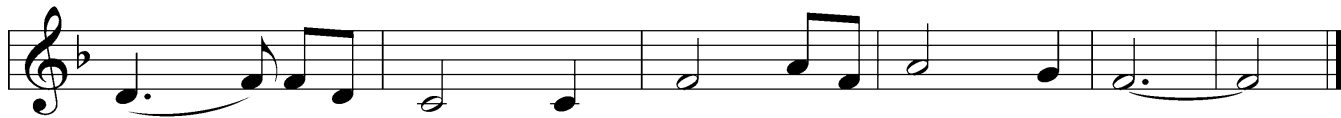
**The Closing Hymn: 744 “Amazing Grace”**



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

**The Postlude: “To Walk in God’s Ways”**

*arranged by Lani Smith*

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***This Week With Our Lord, November 15-22, 2020***

**SUNDAY, November 15-**

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

9:25 a.m. Sunday School and Faith/Pandemic Class in the new gym wing

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes in the Fellowship Hall

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

**Monday, November 16-**

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

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

**Tuesday, November 17-**

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Women's Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 18-

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

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 Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel)

Thursday, November 19-

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

2:00 p.m. At-risk/Vulnerable Holy Communion Service

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

Friday, November 20- *Pastor Nebel in Concordia, MO for a Board of Trustees meeting*

8:20 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

Saturday, November 21-

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

10:00 a.m. Junior and Senior Youth Operation Christmas Child in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Kinley Macbeth

SUNDAY, November 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Brody Stellhorn

9:25 a.m. Sunday School and Faith/Pandemic class in the new gym wing

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Ty Voss

**CHALICE/Common Cup Returns:**

The chalice/common cup is available for receiving the Lord's Supper should you desire to do so. While the risk of transmitting a disease in this way is very slight normally, we take the extra precaution of soaking the cloth purificators in high percentage alcohol, which kills the virus.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Big problems call for faith in an even bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling tells how the God Who is bigger than our problems works through us to bring bigger blessings to the people around us. Listen to "Bigger" (Daniel 6) 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: 294; Holy Communion: 126; Adults & Youth: 29; Sunday School students: 52

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 11/8- General Fund: \$10,783; Lutheran Witness: \$18; School: \$515. *"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 25:30a – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we want to render faithful service to Him with what He has given us.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:** *(9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)*

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall returns to the topic of “The Separation of Church and State” this Sunday. DCE Bill Becker will begin his new class this week called “Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic.” This is in the Junior High wing of the new part of the school.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

God has blessed Christopher and Jessica Stenzel with the birth of their daughter, Brenlee Susanne, on Thursday, November 5 at Missouri Baptist Hospital. She joins her older sister, Raelynn, at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

**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.

**VIRTUAL DINNER AUCTION:**

YOU ARE INVITED to participate in our annual PTL auction including your student’s 2019-2020 classroom projects and many gift cards! As you know, one of our largest fundraisers for our school, as well as a great fellowship event, was cancelled this year due to COVID concerns. While we worked to find alternate dates or methods of holding the event, the committee of volunteers ultimately decided to move some items to an online auction. While we are just as disappointed as you are that we could not hold this fun event in person, we hope you will join us as we embark on this new adventure! Here is the live link:

<https://www.biddingowl.com/StJohnsLutheranRB>

**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!

**SPECIAL HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:**

We do have another "At-risk" or "Vulnerable" Holy Communion service scheduled for this Thursday, November 19 at 2 p.m. at church. Please help us contact those who do not have access to these emails to let them know of this service. Masks and social distancing are required throughout the service.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

If you would like to receive our church body's monthly magazine, the *Lutheran Witness*, mailed to you in 2021 please call our office by November 20. The rate is \$18 which can be placed in the offering or sent to our office.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:**

Our Junior and Senior Youth will assemble Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring donations of school supplies, socks or gloves (check [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) for a complete list) or a filled shoebox if you wish.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING ASSISTANCE:**

We will need assistance in decorating the church building for the Christmas season at noon on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Please contact the church office or Joanna Ellner if you can help.

**ELDER BASKETS:**

The members of our Board of Elders will deliver gift baskets to our homebound and nursing home residents on the morning of Saturday, December 5. If you would like to support this project, please place an envelope marked "Elder Baskets" in one of the offering plates in the entryway or deliver/send it to our office at school.

**CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:**

Looking ahead to Christmas worship services, in order to enable your attendance in a socially-distant and comfortable way, we are asking for you to make a reservation as we want to limit each service to around 120 people (33% capacity of the sanctuary). We will set up a way to do this over the internet with a SignUp Genius as well as by phone. We also will add two Christmas Eve Holy Communion services, so the times will be 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to go along with the Christmas Day 10 a.m. Holy Communion service. So that will be five opportunities for worship here at St. John's at Christmas.

**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](mailto: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 Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

11/16- Bob Kueker, Alexander Rainey; 11/17- Debra Hartmann; 11/18- Lorna Schneider, Cindy Stellhorn, Dennis Heaton; 11/19- Darla Hollmann, Byron Rahn, Taylor Giglotto; 11/20- Lacy Evancich, Jonathan Ratz, William Kuehn; 11/21- Kalin Liefer, Melinda Kiefer, Terrill Deffenbaugh, Aiden Liefer. *Please call the office for corrections!*

**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](http://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.

**ISSUES, ETC.:**

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... 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 teachings include: Church Paraments & Vestments; Original Sin; The Passover; The Lord's Supper and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

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**LIFE THOUGHTS:** *(from Lutherans for Life)* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

Isn't abortion at least a little like wrapping precious treasure in a napkin and throwing it in a hole? Isn't assisted suicide literally burying unappreciated talents in the ground (Matthew 25:18)? Jesus warns it's a one-way ticket to weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:28-30). But what joy awaits us when we receive both our lives and everyone else's as a gift and expect that each will improve the other (Matthew 25:20-21)!





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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel

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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Justin Palm

Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham, Megan Diercks, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Instrumentalists: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Brandon Nehrt, and Jonathan Hudak

Acolyte: Brodie Stenzel Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Diane Kunkelmann Paraments: Virginia Moeller



**“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.**

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