

*Last Sunday of the Church Year**St. John's Lutheran Church*

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Red Bud, Illinois

THE PRELUDE: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" *arranged by Franklin D. Ashdown*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

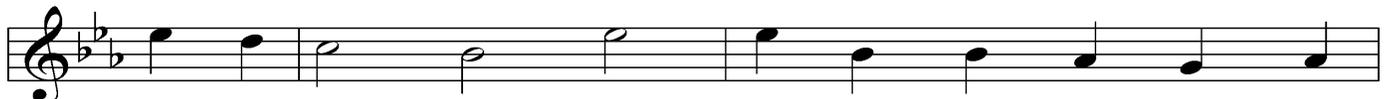
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. 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!

Opening Hymn: 670 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (*stand for last stanza; "A-men."*)

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

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 39



In keeping with His / promise	we are looking / forward
to a new heaven and a new earth,	the home of righteousness.
O LORD, make me to / know my end	and what is the measure of my days.
You made my days a few handbreadths,	and my lifetime is as nothing be-fore You.
And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?	My hope is in You.
Deliver me from all my trans- gressions.	Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
Hear my prayer and give ear / to my cry;	hold not Your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner / with You,	a guest, like all my fathers.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son	and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- ginning,	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
In keeping with His / promise	we are looking / forward
to a new heaven and a new earth,	the home of righteousness.

Kyrie (*we sing the responses*)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the

unity of all let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mer-cy.**

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: **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your SON as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder,

and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

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 Corinthians 15:20–28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under His feet.”

But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all. 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 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and

you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’

Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(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.)**

(8 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: "Soon and Very Soon"

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! (repeat twice)

Ha-le-lu-jah! Ha-le-lu-jah! We're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King! (repeat twice)

Ha-le-lu-jah! Ha-le-lu-jah! We're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King! (repeat twice)

Ha-le-lu-jah! Ha-le-lu-jah! We're going to see the King!

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 847 "Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

SERMON: “Our Shepherd Seeks, Separates, and Saves Us Scattered Sheep”
Ezekiel 34:11-15; Matthew 25:31-33

(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, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Ken Williams, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf, Bridgett Kennedy; *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, Merlin Liefer. *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)*

+all those affected by Covid-19 including Red Bud Care Center and Garden Place

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

For the faithful proclamation of Christ, our King, for the strengthening of God’s people in this true faith and their baptismal life in Christ, and for the protection of the Lord to extend over us against the devil, the world and our own sinful selves, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christ’s holy, apostolic Church, for all who faithfully confess the saving name of Christ, for all those who have wandered from the flock of God, for the faithful shepherds who gather them in through the voice of God’s Word, for our forgiveness, and for our willingness to forgive others in Christ’s name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God’s people in this place, for the mission and work God has given us to do, for the unity of the Spirit and a spirit of cooperation and harmony in our life together, for all the schools of our church body, for the seminaries where our pastors are being trained for Your service, and for the campuses where our young people are prepared for their occupations by their vocation as God’s people by Baptism and faith let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God’s mercy to prevent all disaster and calamity, to deliver us from war and violence, and to spare us from this continuing Covid-19 pestilence, remembering especially the residents and staff of Red Bud Care Center and Garden Place, and that our Lord would give

protection to the healthy, healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, hope to the grieving and peace to the dying, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) For a right reception of the true body and blood of Christ, for grace to use well what we receive here in Christ's name, and for the day when no division of doctrine and faith will hinder our communion together at the Lord's altar, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president and Congress, governor and legislature, for our newly elected leaders and all in authority over us, for the members of our nation's armed forces, for those who defend us as law enforcement agents and firefighters, for those who assist us in our times of weakness as emergency responders and healthcare workers, and for all Your people who teach and learn, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all artists and artisans; for science and invention; for those who serve us in the medical arts; for tradespeople and laborers; for those who work in disaster relief, and for the social-service agencies of our church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a thanksgiving spirit, that we may not neglect the poor the hungry and homeless, the unemployed and underemployed, nor fail to provide those resources to the Church which fulfill our Lord's bidding and work to spread the Gospel to every place, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those afflicted by illness of body or mind and for those who care for them, *especially* remembering Kenneth, Kenny, Ed, Barb, Arlene, Ron, Paul, Ken, Lori, David, Bridgett, Lori, Angie, Roger, Kim, Elda, Ralph, Pat, Sara, Barb, Boniface, Todd, Merlin and those we now name in our own hearts. that with God's strength they may kept through patience and delivered to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the grieving, that they may have hope, *especially* those who have lost loved ones to physical death recently, and also for those near the end of their earthly lives, that they may be sustained in faith to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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 8 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 Benediction:

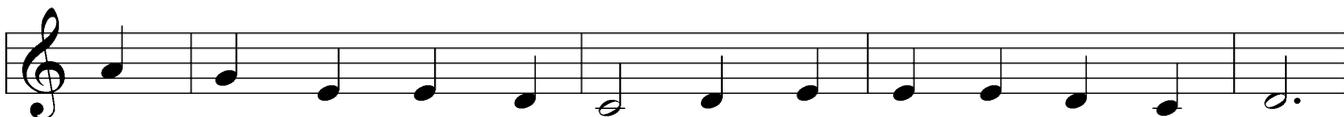
Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus 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: 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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The Postlude: “Splendor and Honor”

arranged by John Eggert

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(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) **Service of the Sacrament**

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*.

The Preface, Sanctus and Prayer of Thanksgiving: *(we sing the responses)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**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)

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

Distribution Hymn: 671 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Sing with all the saints in glo-ry, Sing the res-ur-rec-tion song!

Death and sor-row, earth's dark sto-ry, To the for-mer days be-long.

All a-round the clouds are break-ing; Soon the storms of time shall cease;

In God's like-ness we a-wak-en, Know-ing ev-er-last-ing peace.

Oh, what glo-ry, far ex-ceed-ing All that eye has yet per-ceived!

Ho-liest hearts for a-ges plead-ing Nev-er that full joy con-ceived.

God has prom-ised, Christ pre-pares it; There on high our wel-come waits.

Ev-'ry hum-ble spir-it shares it, Christ has passed the e-ter-nal gates.

**Life e-ter-nal! Heav'n re-joic-es: Je-sus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O death-less voic-es! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life e-ter-nal! Oh, what won-ders Crowd on faith; what joy un-known,
When, a-mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders, Saints shall stand be-fore the throne!**

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Distribution Hymn: 673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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Distribution Hymn: 680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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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)*

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.

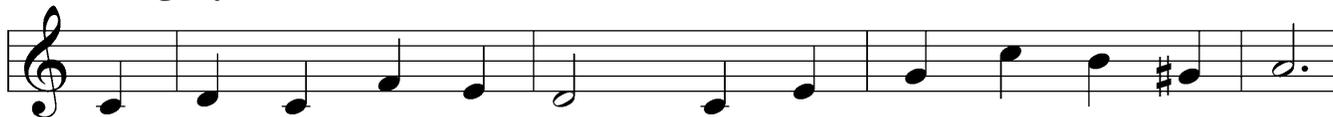
The Post-Communion Collect and Benediction:

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.**

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: 672 “Jerusalem the Golden”



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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The Postlude: “Splendor and Honor”

arranged by John Eggert

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This Week With Our Lord, November 22-29, 2020

SUNDAY, November 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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 with Holy Communion

Monday, November 23-

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

Tuesday, November 24- School Picture Retake Day

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

Wednesday, November 25- Remote Learning Day; no students at school!

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

No Public School Confirmation classes!

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service Acolyte: Jakob Biffar

Thursday, November 26- Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Communion Service Acolyte: Crewe Wagner

Friday, November 27- No School; Office Closed

Saturday, November 28-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Olivia Candler

SUNDAY, November 29-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Blayton Sutton

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: Samuel Roscow

Noon Christmas decorating of the church building; all help appreciated!

6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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:

Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. Listen to "Politics in Perspective" (Daniel 7:1-14) 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: 318; Holy Communion: 79; Adults & Youth: 45; Sunday School students: 55

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 11/15- General Fund: \$10,783; Lutheran Witness: \$18; School: \$515; Automatic Giving: \$5,665. *"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 25:44 “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask Him to increase our faith.

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

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall continues the topic of “The Separation of Church and State” this Sunday. DCE Bill Becker has begun 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 have begun 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.

THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

Services are this Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 9 a.m. This is a good time to invite someone not otherwise in Christian worship to join you for worship here at St. John’s.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next edition of our quarterly devotion, *Portals of Prayer*, for January-March of 2021 is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church.

CONGRATULATIONS:

St. John’s member and Red Bud High School senior Kinley Bowles is the Student of the Month for November! This is sponsored by the Red Bud Lions Club.

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>

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.

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.

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 Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

11/11- Nolan Liefer; 11/22- Chad Grohmann; 11/23- Terry Harms, Shane Seiber, Cyndi Liefer, Maybre Falkenhain; 11/24- Sydney Krick; 11/25- Grace Richards; 11/26- Willard Uffelmann, Jr., Aaliyah Bert, Aliyah Cox; 11/27- Diane Stenzel, Nancy Jones, Sandra Mehner, Brayden McCarthy; 11/28- Karen Buch, Kenneth Wetzell, Brandon Hick, Cailee Strong, Brody Stellhorn, Jackson Neff. *Please call the office for corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Boost Your Immune System: To help prevent a cold and the flu try citrus fruits as an easy to find and easy to eat immune system booster. All are high in Vitamin C which is thought to increase the production of white blood cells, which are key to fighting infections. Our bodies do not produce Vitamin C on their own and we need 75 mg a day for women and 90 mg a day for men.

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.

BOOK NOOK CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOK:

The latest addition to our church library in the Fellowship Hall is “Hearts of Fire: Eight Women in the Underground Church and Their Stories of Costly Faith.” This is published by Voice of the Martyrs. “These role models of faith and passion will inspire you to pursue Christ with heart aflame, no matter what the cost.”

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: Thanksgiving in the Bible; The Lord’s Prayer Petition “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread;” God Condoning War & Killing in the Old Testament; The Book of 2 Peter 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, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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at 11 a.m.), finish Titus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and vocation as Lutherans on Concord Matters (11/24 at 2 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

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

“As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Jesus has consecrated your life in His incarnation and crucifixion. And in the same way He has sanctified every human life, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. When we behold our unborn neighbors, when we care for incapacitated ones, when we advocate for embryos or elderly, we encounter God.

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

Blood Drive: The next Red Cross Blood Drive at *COS* will be November 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Appointments and masks are required. To book your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS, go online to www.redcross.org, or use the Red Cross Donor App.

***COS* Spirit Wear:** Order new *COS* Spirit Wear through this link: <http://bit.ly/COSLHS-SpiritWear>. Orders should be placed by November 23 and should be ready by Christmas.

SUDZ Fundraiser: This fundraiser of soap and candles will benefit our 2022 mission trip. Orders are due by November 30 with payment. If you are interested in placing an order, please call *COS*. Checks should be made payable to *Christ Our Savior*.

FFA Sausage Fundraiser: The *COS* FFA is selling Stonies Sausage. Contact a FFA member or the school to receive a copy of the order form. Orders are due Dec. 3 for Dec. 18 pick-up.

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. 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: Please follow state COVID guidelines when visiting school.

School Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.



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Junior Youth -- Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343
Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele
Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel
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Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer
Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy
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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,
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Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams, Karin Russo and Geraldine Thompson

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller
Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kinley Macbeth; (8 a.m.) Brody Stellhorn; (10:30 a.m.) Ty Voss
Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Diane Kunkelmann Paraments: Virginia Moeller