

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost MISSION FESTIVAL St. John's Lutheran Church
November 7-8, 2020 Divine Service One, page 151 Red Bud, Illinois

THE PRELUDE: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "Lift High the Cross" *arranged by John Eggert*
 (10:30 a.m.) "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" *Bell Choir*

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: 837 "Lift High the Cross"

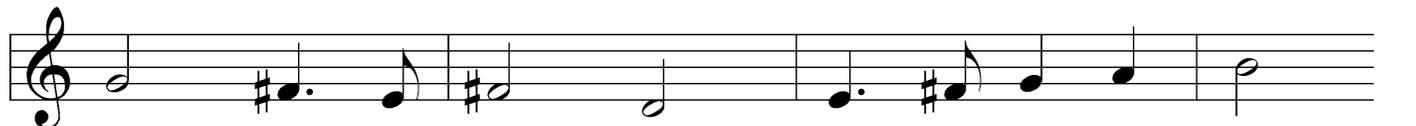
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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 84



Even the sparrow / finds a home,
at Your altars, O / LORD of hosts,
How lovely is Your | dwelling place,
Behold our shield, | O God;
For a day / in Your courts
Better a doorkeeper in the house / of my God
For the LORD God is a / sun and shield;
O | LORD of hosts,
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
as it was in the be- | ginning,

where she may | lay her young,
my King | and my God.
O | LORD of hosts!
look on the face of Your a- | nointed!
is better than a thousand | elsewhere.
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.
blessèd is the one who | trusts in You!
and to the Holy | Spirit;
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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: “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

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

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day. C: **Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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)***

The Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer Me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from Me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

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 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and

rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. **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 25:1-13

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

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

(Jesus said) “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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: (LSB 826)

Hark, the voice of Je-sus cry-ing, "Who will go and work to-day?
Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"
Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee.
Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
If you can-not speak like an-gels, If you can-not preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Je-sus, You can say He died for all.
If you can-not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a-larms,
You can lead the lit-tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait-ing arms.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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SERMON: "Be Vigilant!" Matthew 25:1-13

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Lou Gerlach, Kenneth Koester, Kenny Althoff, Barb Ladwig, Arlene Pratt, Ron Seymour, Kenneth 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. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure

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

- +the birth of a daughter to Landon and Karly (Cartwright) Durbin on October 18
- +coronavirus effects: outbreaks at Red Bud Care Center and Oak Hill Nursing Home
- +our nation as election results are being determined
- +for God's blessings upon the harvest and for weather that is favorable for farming
- +thanksgiving for our nation's military veterans
- +for the mission outreach of Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Lord, You are our help and deliverer and to You we bring the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant to us all things good and needful and guard us against all things evil and harmful. *Brief silence*

That the Lord would rule over the darkness and shine His light over all the earth, that those from many nations may be united as one people through Baptism and live together in faith, that all those who hear may believe by the power of the Holy Spirit, and that believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness before the world and be kept to the day when Christ returns as Lord and Judge of all, thankful for the work of Lutheran Heritage Foundation in bringing the truths of the Christian faith to people all over the world in the words of their own language, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would grant us wisdom and courage in the face of this Covid-19 pandemic, that we may be prepared at all times to aide those in need, thankful for the work of emergency responders and medical professionals and remembering with our care and concern the health and well-being of those residents and staff at Red Bud Care Center and Oak Hill Nursing Home especially affected by this disease, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the uncertainties of our nation's recent election would be resolved peacefully and honestly, that our newly elected or re-elected leaders would act justly and with mercy, that we may be spared war and violence, and that we may use wisely and for the Lord's glory His gift of liberty and the abundant blessings He has poured out upon our land, thankful for those who serve us by defending our country's freedom as members of our nation's armed forces now and honoring those military veterans who served us this way in the past, having dedicated an important part of their lives to insuring the liberty of our land, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would give aid and comfort to the sick, the suffering and those in their last days, that He may grant healing according to His will and strength to bear up under the weight of loneliness or affliction, as we remember especially Lou, Kenneth, Kenny, Barb, Arlene, Ron, Ken, Lori, David, Lori, Angie, Roger, Kim, Elda, Ralph, Pat and those we now name in our own hearts, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Thankful that the Lord continues to bless our world with life in the birth of children, that we may rejoice along with Karly, Landon and their families in the birth of their daughter, Brynlee Jo, praising God for bringing both mother and child safely through this delivery and trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide these new parents in raising her to know God's Son Jesus as the Lord of her life and her Savior from sin, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would give His blessings upon the harvest that is now being gathered, that the weather would be favorable, the equipment dependable, the strength sufficient and the workers protected as their labors provide the food we need for our bodies and lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) That the Lord would prepare our hearts by His Spirit for this Holy Communion upon the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and that we may keep in holy hearts and live out in holy lives what we have received here upon holy lips, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be ready to receive the Lord when He comes again in glory, that the Lord may open the hearts of those who have wandered away from the faith, and that the Lord may restore those caught up in error's maze, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may hear and answer the prayers of His people and that we may be content with His answer, trusting in His Fatherly will and wisdom to grant us all that we need and all that will profit our salvation, let us pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**

CLOSING HYMN: 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
- 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
- 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
- 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

The Postlude: “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*arranged by Johann G. Walther*

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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:

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:

(sung) **Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might:**

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

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

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words Of Our Lord and The Pax Domini:

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

The Agnus Dei: *(sung)*

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

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

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

(10:30 a.m.) **Anthem:** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Bell Choir

Distribution Hymn: 829 “Christ the Eternal Lord”

1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
 Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
 When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
 Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

Distribution Hymn: 835 “On Galilee’s High Mountain” (*stand for last stanza; “A-men.”*)



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand
 2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,
 3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:
 Who preached to all who lis-tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—
 How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;
 But ev - 'ry - where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:



“All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;
 This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at God's right hand,
 His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour-age I am sent,
 The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use.”
 Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.
 My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.
 Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.

- 5 That ev'ryone He chooses, For reasons of His own,
 Will find in Christ his calling To live His love alone.
 His presence always leads us Till time no more shall be;
 Christ's strength, His love, His comfort Give us His victory.

*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 Canticle: Thank the Lord** *(sung)*

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

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

- A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C (sung) **A-men.**
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. C (sung) **A-men.**

The Closing Hymn: 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

The Postlude: (5 p.m.) “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” *arranged by Johann G. Walther*
 (10:30 a.m.) “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” *Bell Choir*

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This Week With Our Lord, November 8-15, 2020

SUNDAY, November 8- Mission Festival

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

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

11 a.m. to ??? Men’s Club BBQ and Senior Youth Bake Sale in the school parking lot

Monday, November 9-

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

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

Tuesday, November 10-

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

Wednesday, November 11- *Veterans' Day! No School*

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

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

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

Thursday, November 12-

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

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

6-8 p.m. Women's Crafting and Men's Euchre at Lieferbrau

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

Friday, November 13-

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

Saturday, November 14-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Liam Quintin

SUNDAY, November 15-

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

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Brodie Stenzel

GUEST SPEAKER:

We welcome Rev. Tim Schnare of Lutheran Heritage Foundation as our guest preacher and Adult Bible Class leader today. He is retired from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alliance, Nebraska and now resides in Hamel, Illinois.

DOOR OFFERING:

After each service there will be a door offering to support the ministry of Lutheran Heritage Foundation as it works to send Lutheran theological books in native languages to people all over the world. This will be received in the plates people are holding, not the ones on the stands, those are for your worship offerings. Thank you!

CHALICE/Common Cup RETURNS:

You may again make use of the chalice/common cup in receiving the Lord's Supper should you desire to do so. While the risk of transmitting a disease in this way is very, very slight ordinarily, we have taken the extra precaution of soaking the cloth purificators in high percentage alcohol, which kills the virus.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Humble pie is on the menu at an ill-fated feast. Listen to "Tied into the Same Lifeline" (Daniel 4-5) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUD 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: 235; Holy Communion: 176; Adults & Youth: 41; Sunday School students: 29

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 11/1- General Fund: \$22,856.01; Automatic Giving: \$2715; School: \$70; Debt: \$200; Sunday School: \$100; Parsonage Repair: \$100 *“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”* (Malachi 3:10)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Matthew 25:4 – “... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom’s words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

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

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall hears a presentation on Lutheran Heritage Foundation this Sunday. Next Sunday we return to the topic of “The Separation of Church and State. DCE Bill Becker will not hold his class this week. He will begin his new class next 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 Landon and Karly (Cartwright) Durbin with the gift of their first child, a daughter, Brynlee Jo, on October 18 at Barnes Hospital. 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.

EPISTLES:

The November edition of our monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway. It is also on our website and has been emailed to everyone for whom Pastor has an email address.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

These students had perfect attendance in Sunday School for October: Pre-Kindergarten: Kolton Liefer, Dallas Doeding; 1st Grade: Claire Doeding; 2nd Grade: Natalie Kassing, Holden Wagner; 5th Grade: Sydney Kassing, Norah Wagner; 6th Grade: Milla Neff; 7th

Grade: Noah Kassing. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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!

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 DECORATING ASSISTANCE:

We will need some assistance in decorating the church building for the Christmas season at some point after the Thanksgiving holiday. Please contact the church office if you can help.

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.

BBQ:

Our St. John's Men's Club will hold a BBQ in our school parking lot this Sunday, November 8 in place of our annual Wurstmarkt which cannot be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our Senior Youth will have a Bake Sale along with this BBQ.

PASTOR APPRECIATION THANK YOU:

"Thank you so very much to everyone who arranged, attended and encouraged me with their cards, gifts and kind words at the Pastor Appreciation Event and recognition of my 30th ordination anniversary. I am overwhelmed at your goodness and generosity. I thank God for you and our ministry together in Jesus' name. I am truly grateful that our family could be here with us for this event." *God's blessings, Pastor Mark and Cindy Nebel*

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.

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!:

11/8- Earl Sachtleben, Sherry Doty, Suzanne Neff, Rhonda Nobbe; 11/10- Debbie Carrico; Zachary Seibold; 11/11- Deb Grohmann, Brittany Veath, Valerie Liefer, Tyler Brauer, Michael Miller, Trace Wagner; 11/12- Robert Burgdorf, Amanda Stapleton, Zachary Langrehr, Kane Trost; 11/13- Ronald Weseloh, Dorothy Hartmann, Nick Kassing, Konnor Cartee, Barrett Wagner; 11/14- Janet Braun, Mike Schnepel; 11/15- Peggy Moeller, Susan Conboy, Debra Meyer, Crystal Liefer, Geoffrey McDaniel, Michael Watters, Sophie Heller, Chase Lucht, Lucas Schwartzkopf, Evan Muench. *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. The cost is \$30 for a 12-month ticket with more than \$300 worth of beverages, distilleries, wineries, restaurants and retailers in the St. Louis area. Money raised supports students in St. Louis area Lutheran schools.

WURSTMARKT DINNER:

Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt is holding a carry-out Wurstmarkt on Saturday, November 14 from 3-6 p.m. with orders pre-paid by Monday, November 9. The cost is \$11. Send checks to Zion at 117 West White Street, Millstadt, IL 62260 or put order form (on our church bulletin board) and check in black deposit box outside the church's rear entrance.

ISSUES, ETC.:

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The TV Series "The Mandalorian;" 1 Peter; Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise; The Doctrine and Practice of Closed Communion; 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.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Life's Simple 7- "Preventative Measures to Lower Your Risk of Heart Disease" 7) Maintain healthy cholesterol numbers. LDL ("bad") cholesterol level should be less than 100 mg/dL. (Levels of 100 to 129 mg/dL are acceptable for people with no other health issues.) HDL ("good") cholesterol level should be 60 mg/dL or higher.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUE Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on **AM850 & kfuo.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUE.org, Facebook, [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

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

Surprise pregnancies bring real burdens. Terminal diagnoses come with genuine hurts. But we need not grieve them like those who have no hope (2 Thessalonians 4:13b). Whenever anyone's oil runs out, there Jesus our Lord arrives and intervenes (Matthew 25:6). Until then we encourage each other with compassion and courageously carry crosses together rather than seeking cheap escapes.

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 available:** Order new *COS* Spirit Wear through this link: <http://bit.ly/COSLHS-SpiritWear>. Place orders by November 23 to be ready by Christmas.

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

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

School Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. It will be closed this Wednesday, Veterans' Day.



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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel

First Grade – Rachel Miller

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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Serving Us in Worship Today

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

Lector: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Connor Bumann; (8 a.m.) Annika Herriman; (10:30 a.m.) Ian Moll

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.**