

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

The Baptism of Our Lord
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The Prelude: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" *arr. by R. J. Powell*
 (10:30 a.m.) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Bell Choir*

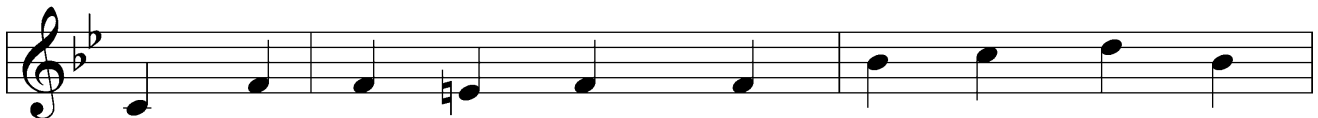
The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

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 everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

Opening Hymn: 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Gloria in Excelsis:



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

C Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. **L:** This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us, **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Common Alleluia and Verse *(please stand if you are able)*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

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

(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.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

(please be seated)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **Children's Message Song: "We Three Kings"**

**Glo-rious now be-hold Him a-rise, King and God and Sac-ri-fice;
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Earth to heav'n re-plies.
O star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright,
West-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, Guide us to thy per-fect light.**

Hymn of The Day: 404 “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”

Sermon: “Holy Baptism: Hearing God Speak to Us” Mark 1:4-11

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Elda Seders, Ed Luttmann, Barb Ladwig, Joan Prigge, Fred Buch, Dennis Deterding, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf, Jackie Quintin, Jack Kennedy; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Merlin Liefer, Doug Whelan, Brenda Manning, Judy Hackstadt, Wayne Collmeyer, Max Schrader, Velma Koenig. *Help us keep this list current!*

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

Heavenly Father, You have revealed Your Son to us in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve Your Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world. Give steadfast faith to all Christians by the preaching of Your Word and through the Holy Sacraments, and send laborers into Your harvest. Enliven the love of Your saints to bear one another’s burdens and to show mercy toward those outside of the Church. Quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Be gracious to preserve our president and president-elect, our governor, and all

legislators and judges. Protect all who serve in harm's way for our good, remembering especially our military members, law enforcement agents, emergency responders and all healthcare personnel. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give comfort and relief to those who are sick, depressed, tired, confused or in any need *especially* Elda, Ed, Barb, Joan, Fred, Dennis, Lori, David, Jackie, Jack, Lori, Roger, Barb, Boniface, Merlin, Doug, Brenda, Judy, Wayne, Max and those we now name in our hearts. Watch over all expectant mothers and their children, that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism and Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Graciously regard all for whom we pray asking for relief, recovery and protection from the Covid-19 pandemic. Be with those who are near death that they may hear Your Son's Words of grace in their last hour and be confident in their Baptism, where You named them Your child. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At Your invitation, O Father, we come to Your Supper for rest. Preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Your Son's blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself, with the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Your dear Son and, with Your voice, directed us to Him who has borne our sins, that we might receive grace and the remission of sins. Keep us, we beseech You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your dear Son, we pray You to strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services conclude 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.**

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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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** **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: 399 “The Star Proclaims the King is Here” (sing “A-men”)



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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The Postlude: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

arranged by Michael Burkhardt

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(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*.

Preface

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

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;

O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;

Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

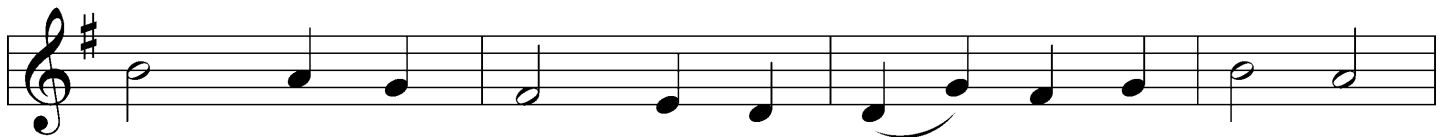
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(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness,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

“Rise to Greet the Sun”

Bell Choir

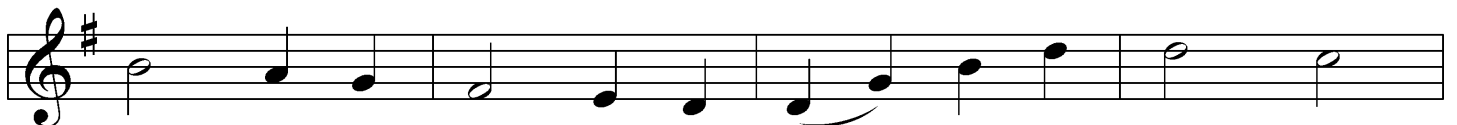
Hymn: 400 “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”



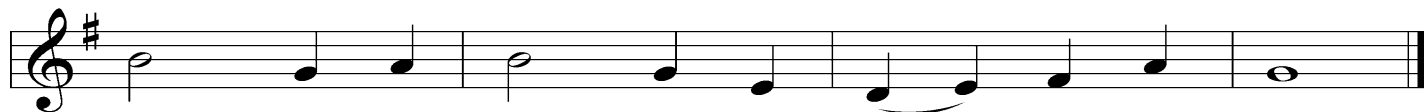
1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;



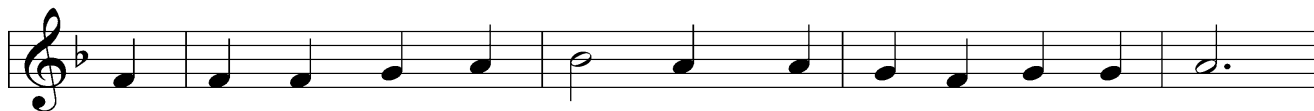
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Public domain

Hymn: 398 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.

- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
 From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever— That name to us is Love. Public domain

Hymn: 395 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

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(Please stand if able) **Nunc Dimittis:** page 211

**O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav'n-ly peace,
 For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:
 A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,
 The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.**

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
 All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
 For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
 God's tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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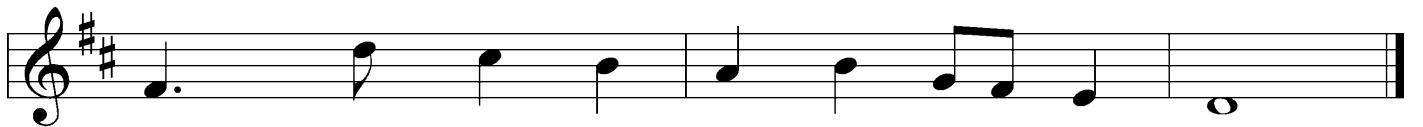
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why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
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 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



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 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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The Postlude: "Morning Song of Praise"

Bell Choir

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This Week With Our Lord, January 10-17, 2021

SUNDAY, January 10-

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 Bible class in the Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, January 11-

3:00 p.m. School faculty meeting

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

Tuesday, January 12-

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

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

Wednesday, January 13-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel Service in the new gym

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

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting at church

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

Thursday, January 14-

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

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

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

Friday, January 15- Remote Learning Day

11:00 a.m. Senior Meal service in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 16-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Taylor Guebert

SUNDAY, January 17-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Lucas Schwartzkopf

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 (Alternative) Acolyte: Connor Jordan

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: 226; Holy Communion: 103; Adults & Youth: 50; Sunday School students: 35

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 1/3- General Fund: No report; Automatic Giving: \$2840. *"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*

Mark 1:7 – "And (John) preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.'" John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Boxes of offering envelopes are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours and any for family members not able to be in worship with us. If you do not see a box for yourself, please call our office at 282-2394 and ask Julie for one. Thank you!

EPISTLES:

The January edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway. It is also on our congregation's website, www.stjohnsredbud.org, and has been emailed to those for whom Pastor has an email address.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

When you open yourself up to hearing the backstory behind the apparent contradiction, you may encounter what the Bible is all about. Listen to "The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction'" (Mark 2:13-28) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

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.

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

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets with Pastor Nebel this Sunday. We begin a new topic, "Fear or Faith; Terror or Trust? Worldly Existence or Christian Living." This is a great time to start a new practice of Sunday Bible study! DCE Bill Becker continues his class called "Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic." This is in the Junior High wing of the new part of the school.

ZOOM BIBLE CLASS OFFERING:

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is offering a Zoom Bible Class on Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of "Stump the Seminarian" please send an email to him at waterstreetw@csl.edu and he will send you a weekly Zoom link.

SENIOR MEAL OPPORTUNITY:

On Friday, January 15 from 11a.m.-noon the staff of St. John's Lutheran are serving another to-go lunch outside the Fellowship Hall. Spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and a dessert are on the menu. A Thrivent gift card will be used to buy the supplies so no donations are needed. Please rsvp by January 13 to DCE Bill Becker at 618-282-2958 (call or text).

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

Between services on January 24 we will recognize all those who become members of St. John's in 2020 by Holy Baptism, Adult Confirmation, Profession of Faith or transfer. Those in charge of our congregational organizations will make presentations. Refreshments will be served.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be Sunday, January 24 at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Election of officers and board members will take place then.

POSITION AVAILABLE:

We are looking for a part-time custodian to begin in February for the school. The hours are noon to 4 p.m. starting at minimum wage. We desire a person who is conscientious in work skills, cares about maintenance and cleanliness, is a team player and respects the health and safety of our student body. Please call John Preston (282-7783) or Mrs. Schneider at school (282-3873) if you are interested.

THANK YOU:

“God has blessed me through all of you! Thank you for the generous gift from the congregation at Christmas. Bruce and I also appreciate the cards, food, and gifts from congregation members during the Christmas season. May God continue to bless and keep you in His loving care.” *Mrs. Deitt Schneider*

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+St. John’s member Joan Voges offers 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Perfect Attendance in December:

1st Grade: Conner Liefer; 2nd Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Emma Guebert, Lucy Kuehn; 3rd Grade: Kellen Herriman; 4th Grade: Caleb Klausing; 5th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter; 6th Grade: Amelia Guebert; 8th Grade: Makayla Liefer, Sam Roscow, and Daniel Stapleton.

Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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, 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, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/10- Jessica Schloemann, Cheyenne Windsor, Madison Proctor; 1/11- Lauren Koen, Justin Papenberg, Cadin Voss, Everett Liefer; 1/13- Norma Preston, Nathan Salger; 1/14- Alan Schwegel; 1/15- Doris Stamm, Jim Schluter, Allie Kueker; 1/16- Samantha Kuehner. *Please call the office for corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Exercise gives us energy. Levels of fatigue and depression improve after just 30 minutes of moderately intensive exercise. Exercise improves our cardiovascular health. This means have more blood and oxygen flow around our bodies, therefore giving us more energy!

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 area Lutheran schools.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on **AM850 & kfuo.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO and kfuo.org study the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue in 2nd Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and take a moment in creation, scripture, faith, and family on Midday Moments (weekdays at 12:00 p.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or your favorite podcasting app.

ISSUES, ETC:

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: The Sacred Names of God, The Epiphany Hymn “The Only Son from Heaven,” Critical Theory, Responding to the Argument Against Miracles and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

Even in a formless, dark, and empty early universe, God made Himself present and powerful (Genesis 1:2). Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem just so uncertain. Terminal diagnoses can feel that desperate. But this Lord buried Himself in our graveyard (Romans 6:4). This Savior sowed life in death’s shadowy valleys. We need not let abortion or assisted suicide root us there as residents. The Heavenly Father always comes close and brings His own new creation to blossom.



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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

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Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams, Karin Russo and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

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

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

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Ava Clifford; (8 a.m.) Kadin Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Gavin Baldwin

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

Flower Servers: Kathy Valleroy and Skylar Valleroy Paraments: Carol Turner