

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Red Bud, Illinois

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The Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

Opening Hymn: 905 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (stand for last stanza sing "A-men.")



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in

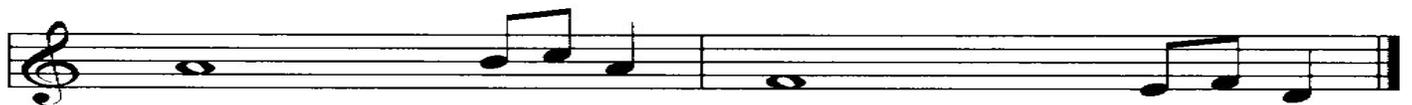
thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 51



Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iq-ui-ty, and cleanse me | from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, | O God,

and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

Cast me not away from Your | pres-ence,

and take not Your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your sal- | va-tion,

and uphold me with a willing | spir-it.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spir-it;

as it was in the be- | gin-ning,

is now, and will be forever. | A-men.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iq-ui-ty,

and cleanse me | from my sin!

**Kyrie (*sung*) Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis:**



- 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.

**C** O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

(Moses said) "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you..."

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children..."

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE GRADUAL:

Fear the Lord, you His saints,

**for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

**THE EPISTLE READING:****Ephesians 6:10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; *and take* the helmet of salvation, and *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.***(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:****Mark 7:14-23**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And Jesus called the people to Him again and said to them, "Hear Me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. And He said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.) And He said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.****OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:***(Sunday)* **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. *(please be seated)***

*(Saturday)* **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)***

*(Saturday)* **Children's Message Song: "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"**

**God's Word is our great her-i-tage And shall be ours for-ev-er.**

**To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief en-deav-or.**

**Through life it guides our way, I death it is our stay.**

**Lord, grant, while worlds en-dure, We keep its teach-ings pure.**

**Through-out all gen-er-a-tions.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 665 "Be Strong in the Lord" *(tune: "O Worship the King")***

**Be strong in the Lord In ar-mor of light,**

**With hel-met and sword, With shield for the fight**

**On prayer be de-pen-dent, Be belt-ed and shod,**

**In breast-plate re-splen-dent: The armor of God.**

**In-te-gri-ty gird You round to im-part  
The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;  
His righ-teous-ness wear-ing As breast-plate of mail,  
His vic-to-ry shar-ing, Be strong to pre-vail.**

**With ea-ger-ness shod Stand firm in your place,  
Or go forth for God With news of His grace;  
No foe shall dis-arm you Nor force you to yield,  
Nor ar-row can harm you With faith as your shield.**

**Though Sa-tan pre-sume to test you and try,  
In hel-met and plume Your head shall be high;  
Be-set by temp-ta-tions Be true to your Lord,  
Your hel-met sal-va-tion And Scrip-ture your sword.**

**Se wield well your blade, Re-joice in its pow'rs,  
Fight on un-dis-mayed For Je-sus is ours!  
Then in Him vic-tor-ious Your ar-mor lay down,  
To praise, ev-er glor-i-ous, His cross and His crown.**

**SERMON:** “Take the Sword of the Spirit Which is the Word of God” Ephesians 6:10-20

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

*(Each petition ends, “Lord, in Your mercy,” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Doris Mueller, Ed Luttmann, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Doug Whelan, Bob Rothley, Bruce Schneider, Michelle Dillon, Nelda Eggemeyer, Bethany Liefer. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, 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, Austin Grohmann

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Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn; Police- Abigail Brundage, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan (*Please call our office with names*)  
 +thanksgiving for the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ken and Lori Langrehr on August 29  
 +thanksgiving for the 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of Wayne & Joyce Mesnarich on August 29  
 +thanksgiving for the birth of a son, Kullen Lee, to Kristopher/Danielle Liefer on August 25  
 +relief from Covid pandemic and issues of violence and suffering throughout the world  
 +our district's campuses ministries at S. Illinois University in Edwardsville and Carbondale

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

Almighty God, we ask You to be near us with Your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we may not stray from the way of Your commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings that You have given to us. Direct us always with Your Word of truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By Your Holy Spirit, protect us this day from the assaults of the devil. Equip us with the full armor of God, that we may be clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, bearing the sword of the spirit, which is Your Word. Keep us all in safety and security from the forces of the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, preserve us from all that would defile us in heart and soul. Keep us from all evil thoughts, immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, that we would be holy as You are holy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all knowledge and wisdom, grant us to know You and Your love. Bless pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all who teach the faith, that the Gospel may continue to spread throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You are the strength of the weak and the refuge of the powerless. Be with Your people who are struggling with doubt and temptation. Grant assurance to the doubtful and deliverance to those tempted by this world. Give Your power, grace and love to those who need it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve, O Lord, Your estate of holy marriage. Grant that wives and husbands would reflect in their love for one another the sacrifice and submission that we, Your church, enjoy with Your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave Himself up for us. We join with Wayne and

Joyce and their family as they celebrate Your 62 years of marriage blessings to them this weekend. We also join with Ken and Lori and their family as they celebrate Your 40 years of marriage blessings to them this weekend. We thank You for their examples of loving Christian marriages. We pray that as they step into a new year of life lived in Your name and for Your glory, that You will continue to bless them in their marriages with peace and prosperity, health and happiness and a shared faith and forgiveness in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy today *including* Doris, Ed, Barb, Elroy, Dennis, Rhonda, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Lori, Doug, Bob, Bruce, Michelle, Nelda, Bethany, and those we name in our hearts. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain. Bless all medical professionals with the skills necessary to give relief and care to their pain where possible. Protect us from and bring an end to this Covid pandemic. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, so much is happening of a tragic nature throughout the world, suffering in some places due to earthquake and storms. Violence and turmoil in Afghanistan that has led to the loss of life for members of our nation's military. Hear our prayers for our nation and its leaders, for all civil servants, for the members of our nation's military and for those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of serving their neighbor. We pray for Your healing presence, loving peace, and care for all those now in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of all life that is Your gift to the world we join with Kristopher, Danielle and their families in thanking You for the birth of their son, Kullen Lee. We praise You for bringing both mother and child safely through this delivery. We pray for their recovery and strength. We trust that Your Holy Spirit will guide these parents in raising their son to know Your Son, Jesus, as the Lord of his life and his Savior from sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, as students return to college, we ask for Your blessing upon them as they prepare for vocations to serve you and their neighbors. Especially bless our campus ministries at the Southern Illinois Universities of Carbondale and Edwardsville. We thank you for the new pastors serving these campuses. Bless Rev. Jess Bierman, the associate pastor at Trinity in Edwardsville who also serves the campus at SIUE. We pray for Bessie Fick who continues to minister to the international students at that same campus. Also bless Rev. Peter Weeks who joins Pastor Jason Holden in their work on the SIUC campus & international ministry as well as at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(*Sunday*) Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to shed His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Bless us this day as we receive that same body and blood in this Holy Sacrament, remembering and proclaiming with joy the salvation accomplished for us by His death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Saturday service continues with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer.*

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**

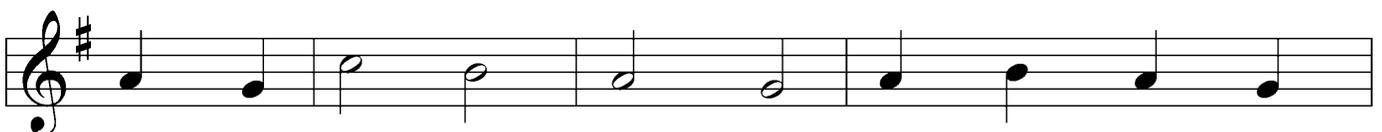
P Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

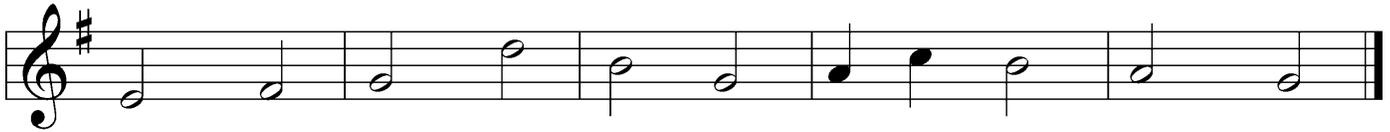
### **The Closing Hymn: 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (*sing "A-men"*)**



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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**The Postlude: “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”** *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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(Sunday) **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 your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and received the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. 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**

P ....The 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.**

**Distribution:** (*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.)

**Hymn: 585 “Lord, Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”**

**Lord, Je-sus Christ, with us a-bide, For round us falls the e-ven-tide.**

**O Let Your Word, that sav-ing light, Shine forth un-dimmed in-to the night.**

**In these last days of great dis-tress Grant us, dear Lord, true stead-fast-ness**

**That we keep pure till life is spent Your ho-ly Word and Sac-ra-ment.**

**To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold**

**To shine Your Word of sav-ing grace In-to each dark and loveless place.**

**May glo-rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your might-y Word,  
Spurn Sa-tan that Your Church be strong, Bold, u-ni-fied in act and song.**

**Re-strain, O Lord, the hu-man pride That seeks to thrust Your truth a-side  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spir-it sings.**

**Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Pre-serve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word a-long our heart's de-fense, The Church's glo-rious con-fi-dence.**

**Hymn: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"**



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom-ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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### Hymn: 620 "Jesus Comes Today With Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,  
 Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,  
 With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,  
 Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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

**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.**

### Benedicamus and Benediction

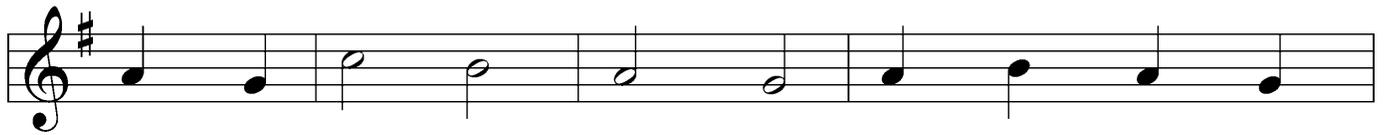
P Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

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: 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" *(sing "A-men")*



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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**The Postlude: “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”** *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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***This Week With Our Lord, August 29- September 5, 2021***

**SUNDAY, August 29-**

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

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

11:00 a.m. Senior Youth BBQ in school parking lot

**Monday, August 30-**

9:30 a.m. Pastor Nebel at SID Board of Spiritual Care meeting (district office)

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

**Tuesday, August 31-**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Sixth Grade parent meeting in the school library

7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade parent meeting in the school library

**Wednesday, September 1-**

8:20 a.m. Upper Grades Chapel service in the new gym

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30-4:30 p.m. 6-8<sup>th</sup> Public School Confirmation at school

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

**Thursday, September 2-**

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)

4:15 p.m. Girls’ Softball/Boys’ Baseball home vs St. John Lutheran, Chester

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

Friday, September 3- *No School! Lutheran Elementary School Assc. Conference*

Saturday, September 4- *Cross Country at Pinckneyville*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Connor Bumann

SUNDAY, September 5-

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

9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Ian Moll

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

+Flowers on the pedestal in the chancel this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ken and Lori Langrehr which they are celebrating on August 29. They are a gift from their children and grandchildren. Thank you, congratulations and God's blessings!

+To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 396; Holy Communion: 153; Adults/Youth: 30; Sunday School: 73

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 8/22- General Fund: \$12,136.20; School: \$530. *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**

Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’” There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us; so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

It is “August Archives.” We can resist temptation by using the "power tools" God provides: His Word and the shield of faith. Listen to “Use What You’ve Been Given” (Ephesians 6:10-17) with former Speaker Dr. Greg Seltz on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. (Bott Christian Radio on Sundays 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM).

**RETURN TO COVID PRECAUTIONS IN WORSHIP:**

We have returned to every other pew seating, to continuous line distribution for Holy Communion; and to Pastor/Elders wearing masks for distribution.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

God has blessed Kristopher and Danielle Liefer with the birth of a son, Kullen Lee, on August 25 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. He joins his older brother Kolton and his old sister Kendall at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of this child!

**COME JOIN OUR TEAM IN THE DAYCARE!:**

St. John's Lutheran Daycare is seeking loving and energetic individuals for full and part time positions at the center! Hours can be flexible. Applicants must be age 18 or older. For more information please contact Amanda at 282-3873 ext. 224 or by email at [amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org)

### **CALLING FOR SECRET ANGELS:**

If you are willing to be a Secret Angel for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student (day school or public school), please contact Pastor. You will pray for that student and encourage that student with regular notes and small gifts and large gifts on special occasions. Pastor will give you a information sheet to help you get to know your student.

### **MUM SALE:**

The 6th grade, Class of 2024, is selling mums!! Colors are Yellow, Orange, Purple, Red, Bronze, White and they are \$8 each. Orders are due September 1st with pre-order pick up on Thursday, September 9th from 2:30-7pm. Your order and payment can be turned into the office or to any 6th grade family. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Korando at 618-615-2818.

### **EPISTLES:**

If you would like information to go into the September edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, please have it in the office by Tuesday morning. Thank you!

### **YARD SIGNS:**

If you have a yard sign from the PTL, please return it to the office. If you could put your student's name on it with a post it note or be sure to let Jessica know in the office that you have dropped it off that would be great! Thank you!!

### **ROOM PARENTS NEEDED:**

The PTL is looking for room parent volunteers for the following classes: **Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**. Responsibilities may include coordinating the class dinner auction project, collecting money for teacher appreciation gifts, assisting with holiday parties, and supporting the teacher in other tasks as needed. A majority of the efforts are done outside of school, so this volunteer opportunity is likely to fit into a variety of schedules. Please reach out to Lara Voss (618.304.9010) or Chrystal Kiefer (618.201.7683) if you are interested in supporting your child's class, their teacher, and our school in this way. Thank you!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

8/29- Aubrey Valleroy; 8/30- Wayne Donjon, Tracy Vallett; 8/31- James Schneider, Mitchell Fleming, Brady Hemmer; 9/1- Cheryl Walker, Chad Voss, Christopher Voss, Alex Quinn, Macie Brown, Ellie Stellhorn; Kim Herriman, Nancy Horrell, Tammy Kueker, Doreen Schnepel, Amanda Liefer, Kara Wagner, Macey Liefer, Carson Moll, Keegan Hudson, Amelia Cheek; 9/3- Marilyn Oettle, Danny Moll, Savannah Cowell, Makennah Harless, Dallas Doeding; 9/4- John Wiatr, Jordyn Mulherin, Lena Heller; ***Call the office with any corrections!***

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

On Saturday, Sept. 18 our 29<sup>th</sup> annual St. John's Lutheran School Golf tournament will begin at 9 a.m. It is a 4-person scramble for \$250 a team for golf with cart and meal following. All proceeds benefit St. John's Lutheran School Athletic Fund. Contact Quent Stenzel at 282-4661.

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Doris Mueller, Alice Smith, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst in

Waterloo- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf; Oak Hill, Waterloo- Cecilia Lautenschlaeger.

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:**

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don/Betty Fausz, Lou Ann Gerlach, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

**THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. 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 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).*

**LCMS FOUNDATION:**

You will not take a joystick with you to the grave. You won't be able to control your estate assets once the Lord calls you home. "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1). But you do have a chance right now to put a plan into place about the proper use of God's gifts found in your estate. You can focus that use on things that will connect people with Jesus. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:**

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: August 29- Titus 1:1-16; August 30- Titus 2:1-15; August 31- Titus 3:1-15; September 1- Matthew 5:1-20; September 2- Matthew 5:21-37; Sept. 3- Matthew 7:1-14; and Sept. 4- Matthew 7:15-29.

**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 Fellowship Hall.

+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 Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2021:** (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann - R/K Herriman- Elder Jacob Arbeiter (618/615-1108)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Adam Guebert (618/920-2403)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Mike DeRousse (618/719-7024)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelman thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

### **UPCOMING LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT:**

This coming Oct. 20th (Wed) & 21st (Thurs), 2021, the Southern Illinois & Missouri Districts of the LCMS will host the 19th Lutheran Older Adult Retreat at the Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center in Grafton. The theme will be "20/20 Perfect Cross-Eyed Vision. ("Cross Eyed" simply means that our Eyes are focused on the Cross of Christ!). Dr. Richard Bimler, expert on aging & humor, will be our Keynote Speaker. More information to come!

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

The devil himself drove Herod to behead the Baptist. Satan sees Jesus in Christians and children. His vengeance attempts to slay anyone connected to the One who escaped the grave. Abortion has become a spiritual battle, not just a political issue. Our only hope lies in leaning ourselves and every little one upon the Lord of Life (Psalm 71:6), from fertilization to forever.

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

Studies show that those who use a step tracker or mobile app average an extra 1,850 steps per day compared with non-users. That is nearly a mile more a day. That same group continued to move significantly more than non-users 13 weeks later. These works best when they provide instant feedback on progress, allow users to set goals and have automatic reminders to get active.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://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](http://kfuo.org) begin Habakkuk on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Hebrews 11-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) and hear practical application of the Small Catechism on Concord Matters (9/4 at 10 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on our KFUO Radio app!

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL-** 618-853-7300

**Volleyball:** Our first home volleyball game is scheduled for August 31 vs. Dupo at 6 p.m. On Sept. 2, we will play First Baptist Academy at home at 6:00 p.m. Come cheer on the Soldiers!

**Cross Country:** Our cross country team will run at the St. Vincent, (Perryville) meet on September 1 at 4:00 p.m.

**Annual Dinner Auction:** Plans are being made to hold our annual dinner auction on November 6. If you are interested in helping with the auction in any way, please call the office or contact Edith Laufer, [elaufer@coslhs.org](mailto:elaufer@coslhs.org).

**School Visitors:** To comply with new regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. 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:** Regular office hours have resumed. The office will be open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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Senior Youth – Terry and Susie Harms 618-201-5654

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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 and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

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

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

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

Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

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

Church Council

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Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

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

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowald; (10:30 a.m.)  
 Jim and Judy Guebert

Lector and Children's Message: (Saturday) DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Shamus Korves; (8 a.m.) Blayton Sutton; (10:30 a.m.) Samantha Kuehner

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Rebekah Liefer & Peggy Sitzes Paraments: Virginia Moeller