

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Red Bud, Illinois

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Divine Service Four, page 203 September 11-12, 2021

The Prelude: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche  
The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

(Saturday) BAPTISM HYMN: 592 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -  
2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -  
3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this  
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near  
bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,  
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;  
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it  
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter  
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be  
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.  
and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."  
shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.  
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.

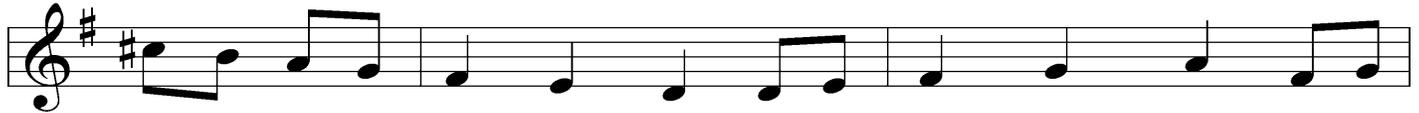
5 Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
Our petitions heav'ward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded!  
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven! Public domain

(Saturday) Holy Baptism, page 268ff. (please stand)

(Sunday) OPENING HYMN: 868 "Awake, My Soul"



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
 2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science  
 3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -  
 4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
 as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing  
 freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from  
 sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.  
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
 thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say  
 That all my pow'rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite.

*(please stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men")*

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

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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.**

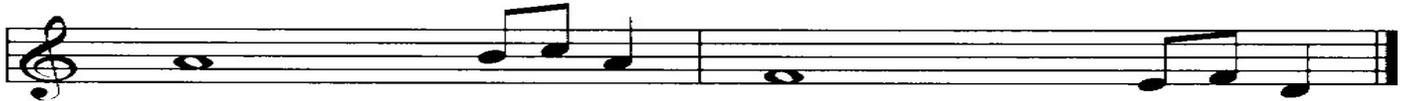
P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, 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 31



Be strong, and let your heart take   cour-age,	all you who wait   for the LORD!
But I trust in   You, O LORD;	I say, "You   are my God."
My times are   in Your hand;	rescue me from my per-   se-cu-tors!
Make Your face shine on Your   ser-vant;	save me in Your   stead-fast love!
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.
Be strong, and let your heart take   cour-age,	all you who wait   for the LORD!

**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 **Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “Alleluia”

*School Grades Kindergarten, First and Second*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:****Isaiah 50:4-10**

The Lord GOD has given me the *tongue of those who are taught*, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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:****James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And *the tongue is a fire*, a world of unrighteousness. The

tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but *no human being can tame the tongue*. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. 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 9:14-29**

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

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Jesus and greeted Him.

And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for *he has a spirit that makes him mute*. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."

And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

And Jesus said to him, "If You can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

*(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. *(please be seated)*

*(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)*

*(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* Children's Message Song: "Thy Strong Word"

Give us lips to sing Thy glo-ry, Tongues Thy mer-cy to pro-claim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho-ly name.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with al-le-lu-ias, Al-le-lu-ias with-out end!

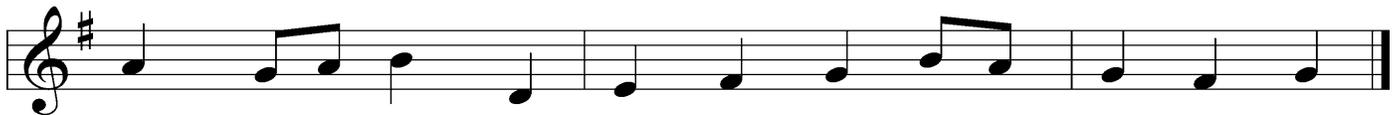
**HYMN OF THE DAY: 551 "When to Our World the Savior Came"**



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
 2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
 3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
 4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
 5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
 thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
 ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
 us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
 pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
 soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"  
 see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
 cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
 fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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**SERMON:** "Once Tongue-Tied With Untamed Tongues That Now Are Taught Tongues"

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

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

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+wedding of Samantha Moeller and Kenny Wilson at St. John in Baldwin on September 18  
 +remembering those who were lost to our nation in the 9/11 terrorist attacks twenty years ago  
 +relief from Covid pandemic and Hurricane Ida; issues of violence and suffering throughout the world

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

Lord God, we believe; help our unbelief! Sustain us through the many troubles and trials of this world. When unclean spirits afflict us and those that we love, revive our trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, knowing that those who teach in the Church will be judged with greater strictness, bless the teachers of our Synod's elementary schools, high schools, colleges and seminaries. Preserve them faithful to Your Word, that they may not stumble in what they say. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord and Father, tame our tongues so that they are not a restless evil, full of deadly poison. Turn them by Your Spirit from cursing the people made in Your likeness to instead blessing You, and keep us from stumbling in what we say. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, guard the tongues of our governing authorities, *especially* our president and congress, governor and legislature, all who make, administer and execute our laws, our military personnel and our emergency responders that they may not stumble in what they say, but speak wisely, leading in accord with Your will, being protected in their person as they serve so dedicatedly to protect us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have promised that "all things are possible for one who believes." In such faith, we bring before You Doris, Ed, Barb, Elroy, Dennis, Rhonda, Randy, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Lori, Doug, Bob, Bruce, Michelle, Nelda, and all others in need, asking You to grant them health and healing. Bless all medical professionals with the skills necessary to give relief and provide care to their patients where possible. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of the universe, twenty years ago our nation was shocked by a tragic terrorist attack and saddened by the deaths of so many innocent citizens and heroic emergency personnel members. We place into Your care and keeping the families of those who died as they continue to mourn and feel the loss of their loved ones in their lives. We pray that our country, now divided in so many ways, would once again feel the unity, community and patriotism that we experienced in the days, weeks and months following 9/11, a time also known for an increased turning to You in prayer and public worship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, so much of a tragic nature continues to happen throughout the world. We beg You, dear Lord, to protect us from and to bring an end to this Covid pandemic. We place into Your care and keeping those who mourn the loss of life, suffer from destruction of property, or have lost employment due to Hurricane Ida. Violence and turmoil in Afghanistan has led to the loss of life for members of our nation's military and separated families from one another. We pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ will continue to be proclaimed and find the hearing of faith in these places where tragedy has hit. 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 true and pure love that is Your gift to the world we join with Samantha, Kenny and their families in thanking You for joining them together in the union of holy marriage. We pray that You will bless their wedding day with the joy of Your loving presence. We trust that You will bless the years of their married life with peace and prosperity, hope and joy, health and happiness and a shared faith and forgiveness in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(10:30 a.m.)* Heavenly Father, Your Son, who suffered unjustly for our sins and was vindicated in His resurrection, is near to us in His body and blood. Assure us that no one can contend against or declare guilty those who have been reconciled to God in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

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

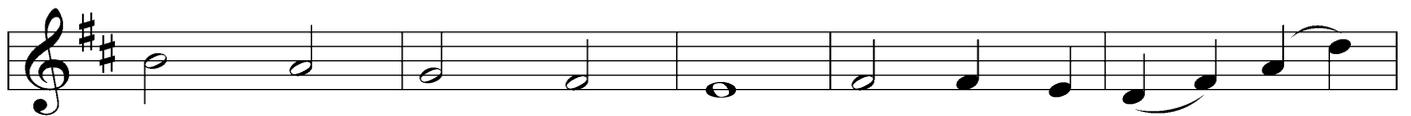
**P** Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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: 832 “Jesus Shall Reign”**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**The Postlude: “Shades Mountain”***arranged by John Eggert*

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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 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

receive 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: 554 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
 ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
 self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
 lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

### Hymn: 811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



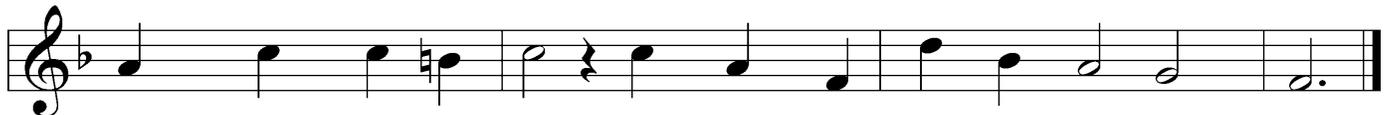
1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That thron'g the



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
 slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
 vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
 bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song  
 Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng  
 And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.

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



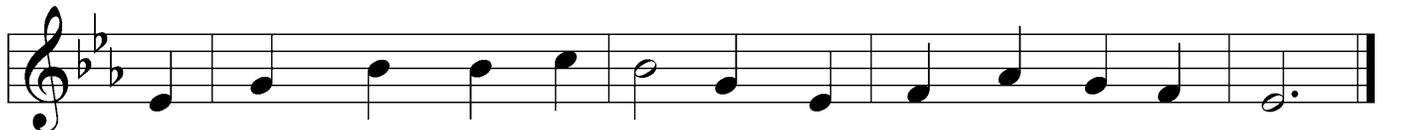
1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand  
 2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,  
 3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say  
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,



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.

*(Please stand if you are able)*

6 Lord, gather all Your children, Wherever they may be,  
 And lead them on to heaven To live eternally  
 With You, our loving Father, And Christ, our brother dear,  
 Whose Spirit guards and gives us The joy to persevere. A-men.





shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

### **The Postlude: “Shades Mountain”**

*arranged by John Eggert*

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### **This Week With Our Lord, September 12-19, 2021**

#### **SUNDAY, September 12-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes in the school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH) and Youth (basement) Bible classes at church

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

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in the church basement lounge

#### **Monday, September 13-**

9:30 a.m. Quilt Assembly and 12:30 p.m. Quilt Tying

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

4:00 p.m. Cross Country meet at Christ Our Savior LHS

4:15 p.m. Softball and Baseball at home vs. Valmeyer

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

#### **Tuesday, September 14-**

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

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

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in school cafeteria

#### **Wednesday, September 15-**

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

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

#### **Thursday, September 16- No Bell Choir practice today**

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

#### **Friday, September 17- Baseball Regionals**

#### **Saturday, September 18- Cross Country at Edwardsville**

9:00 a.m. St. John's Lutheran Golf Tournament at NCCC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Ayden Wiegard

SUNDAY, September 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Luke Kennedy

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at the school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Landon Ruebusch

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

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

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: 323; Holy Communion: 160; Intergenerational Sunday School: 59

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 9/5- General Fund: \$21,314; School: \$390; Debt: \$75; Rally Day: \$200. *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 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don't know who our neighbors are and if we go out of our way to avoid them. Listen to “Who Is My Neighbor?” (Luke 10:25-37) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 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 and asking that you wear a mask when coming into and leaving the sanctuary.

**HOLY BAPTISM:**

We welcome Graham Homer Liefer into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in our Saturday service. He is the son of Lucas and Valerie (Lindenberg) Liefer. His baptismal sponsors are Tyler Liefer and Heather Lindenberg. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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

+Fellowship Hall- Bible Survey with Pastor Nebel

+School Library- “Being Lutheran” with Mr. Justin Palm

+Church Basement- “Revelation” for high school students with Mr. Becker

**EPISTLES:**

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

**CALLING FOR SECRET ANGELS:**

If you are willing to be a Secret Angel for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, 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 an information sheet to help you get to know your student.

**THANK YOU!:**

Thank you so very mu(1)ch to all those who worked hard to organize the project and who spread the new mulch on our school's playground. Our students really appreciate the soft and safe surface.

**QUILT DAY:**

This Monday, September 13 our Evening Guild is going to assemble quilts from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and then that afternoon from 12:30–3:00 p.m. we will tie quilts. We are looking for all individuals who can help in this worthwhile project. These completed quilts will be donated to World Relief, Orphan Grain Train and the International Institute of St. Louis.

**SOCIAL EVENT FOR CONGREGATION:**

What would you call an evening of western dancing? Join us for fun and fellowship at our Western Party Dance Adventure with special guest & caller: Tom and Kathy (Guebert) Murray. Tom is a Square Dance caller who will have you moving in five minutes for great mental and physical exercise! Join us on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Western Chili-Dog dinner. You'll be amazed at how quickly you will learn, even if you don't leave your chair. There will be a free will offering and Mite Box collection. So, grab your partner and get ready to do a little DOSADO!

**JUNIOR YOUTH:**

Our next Junior Youth (all St. John's members in grades 4-8) will be on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be a trip to Eckert's Orchard in Belleville. More details to come!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

9/12- Patricia Byer, Kevin Liefer, Mike DeRousse, Leslie Wolter, Carter Mehring; 9/13- Teresa Porter, Elsie Liefer; 9/14- Gary Schwartzkopf, Ken Williams, Scott Voss, Brittany Schaefer, Crewe Wagner; 9/15- Ellery Byer, Diana Burgdorf; 9/16- Alice Hick, Jody Stapleton; 9/17- Peggy Hanebutt, Lori Moses, Allison Tribo, Emme Deterding; 9/18- Barbara Homer, Danielle Shannon, Clint Schaefer. *Call the office with any corrections!*

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

On Saturday, September 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.

**SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES:**

Upper Grades (3-8) chapel is Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the new gym. It is live-streamed over Facebook. When a classroom leads the service, one guest for each student is welcomed to attend in

person. Offerings are collected to support a different mission project each month. September's offerings will support Vic Hamer's "Give Me Water, Lord" (water wells in Africa).

### **VISITORS AT SCHOOL:**

Due to increased Covid-19 cases, we again are limiting visitors coming into the school building. Other than regular volunteers, we ask parents/guests to stay in the vestibule of the Main Entrance in order to drop off/pick up items or to meet their children to take them to appointments. Thank you!

### **LIFE NETWORK:**

Life Network of Southern Illinois will hold its "Taste of Fall" Life Day (formerly Walk\*Run\*Ride) event on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of the First Baptist Church, 1200 Valmeyer Road, in Columbia. Registration fee is \$25 per person or \$100 for a family of four or more. Registration forms with a schedule of activities are on the church bulletin boards.

### **FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE:**

St. John's is signed up the 40 days for Life at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood (across Interstate 64 north of St. Clair Square) on October 23rd from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. We need to have at least 2 people there each hour to pray. Coalition for Life STL provides signs, etc. Please contact Jennifer Roscow at 618-972-5366 or [mroscow@htc.net](mailto:mroscow@htc.net) for more information or to sign up for a time slot. Thank you!

### **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](mailto:dvheller@htc.net). Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers.

### **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.

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

A builder needs the right tools to perform their work. God's people need the right tools to make the right gifts, the right way, from their estates to family and ministry. For many, a simple bequest from a will/trust or beneficiary designation on an account can get the job done. But even then, God's donors must choose which assets to use for bequests, especially being smart, from a tax perspective.

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: September 12- Job 28:1-28; September 13- Job 36:1-33; September 14- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-31; September 15- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-16; September 16- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 14:1-24; September 17- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 1:1-17; and September 18- Psalm 1.

### **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 Uffelmann 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!

### **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** studying the book of Leviticus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), the book of Ezekiel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services weekdays at 10 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app! [Pg. 6](#)

### **ISSUES, ETC.:**

Issues, Etc. features expert guests in theology, Biblical interpretation, apologetics, ethics, philosophy, law and culture. Hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken it consistently ranks among the Top Podcasts in Religion & Spirituality with Apple Podcasts. Listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app and your favorite podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO 850 AM in St. Louis.

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

Dehydration could lead to back pain. When the ge-like elastic substance inside your lumbar discs begin to shrink this makes them less able to absorb the weight of your body. The discs then can flatten, putting pressure on the nerves exiting the spinal column and potentially causing pain in your lower back.

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

God's grace shows no partiality (James 2:1). All have sinned, and all have received the mercy of justification for Jesus' sake. Christians cannot encourage abortion because it discriminates against neighbors based on size, skills, or circumstances. We cannot ignore physician-assisted suicide because it discriminates against neighbors based on age, appearance, or ability. Instead, we rejoice to receive every member of our race as sister and brother.

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

**Spirit wear:** Our online spirit wear shop is open now. See the items and place your order online at <https://bit.ly/COSLHS-SpiritWear> by September 17. Items will be shipped to school.

**Friends and Family Dance:** COS will be having a "Friends and Family Dance" on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person at the door, children 7 and under are free. Please RSVP and make song recommendations via our Facebook Post. If you do not have Facebook, you may call school to RSVP. Proceeds will be used to support technology integration like robot kits and items for our 3-D printer.

**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 ask for your patience, prayers and understanding as we do our 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.

**The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.**

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 Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy  
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 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  
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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel; (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker  
 Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak  
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn; (10:30 a.m.)  
 Cindy Ebers  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Liam Quintin; (8 a.m.) Brodie Stenzel; (10:30 a.m.) Austin Kiefer  
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