

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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September 4-5, 2021

The Prelude: "Lobe Den Herren, O Meine Seele" *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

Opening Hymn: 797 "Praise the Almighty" (stand for last stanza sing "A-men.")



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand if you are able

5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!
 All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.
 Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia,
 alleluia! A-men. Public domain

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 28



The LORD is the strength of His | peo-ple; He is the saving refuge of His | a- nointed.
 To You, O LORD, I call; be not | deaf to me,

if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for / mer-cy,
 when I lift / up my hands

when I cry to | You for help,
 toward Your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD! for He has heard my pleas for | mer-cy.
 The LORD is my strength / and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;
 In Him my heart / ex-ul-t, and with my song I give | thanks to Him.
 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.
 The LORD is the strength of His | peo-ple; He is the saving refuge of His | a- noint-ed.

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 Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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:**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. *He will come and save you.*” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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 2:1-10, 14-18**

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it...

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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 7:31-37

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

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. and 8 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)*

(10:30 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)*

(10:30 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: 545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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SERMON: “The Word of God Has Come to Save Us” Isaiah 35:4-7a

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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+thanksgiving for the 67th wedding anniversary of Omer and Neva Liefer on September 5
 +thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Ezra May Stines, to Caleb & Brittney (Cerny) Stines on Aug. 27
 +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.

Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You have caused waters to break forth in the wilderness and made streams in the desert of this world. Open our eyes to this new life in Christ and our ears to hear Your Word. Free us to walk uprightly and loose our tongues to praise You for this treasure. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have made us all heirs of Your kingdom through Holy Baptism, holding the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Keep us from showing partiality and making distinctions among ourselves and make us rich in good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, guide all parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, so that they may not put their trust in anything of this world in which there is no salvation. We place all our hope in You as we ask Your blessing upon our president and congress, governor and legislature, all who make, administer and execute our laws, our military personnel and our emergency responders that their plans would be ordered for the welfare of those they govern, that through them You would execute Your justice for the oppressed and that You would protect them as they serve us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, behold graciously the sick and those in any need *especially* Doris, Ed, Barb, Elroy, Dennis, Rhonda, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Lori, Doug, Bob, Bruce, Michelle, Nelda, and those we name in our hearts. Bless all medical professionals with the skills necessary to give relief and provide care to their patients where possible. We beg You, dear Lord, to protect us from and to bring an end to this Covid pandemic. 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 Omer and Neva and their family as they celebrate Your 67 years of marriage blessings to them this weekend. We thank You for their great example of loving a Christian marriage. We pray that as Neva and Omer step into a new year of life lived in Your name and for Your glory, that You will continue to bless them in their marriage with peace and prosperity, health and happiness and a shared faith and forgiveness in Jesus' name. 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. 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 that 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 life that is Your gift to the world we join with Kaleb, Brittney and their families in thanking You for the birth of their daughter, Ezra May. We praise You for bringing both mother and child safely through this delivery. We pray for strength for little Ezra in her body as she requires further hospital care. We trust that Your Holy Spirit will guide these parents in raising their daughter to know Your Son, Jesus, as the Lord of her life and her Savior from sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Heavenly Father, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day would do so in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins and in the unity of a true confession. 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 10:30 a.m. 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.**

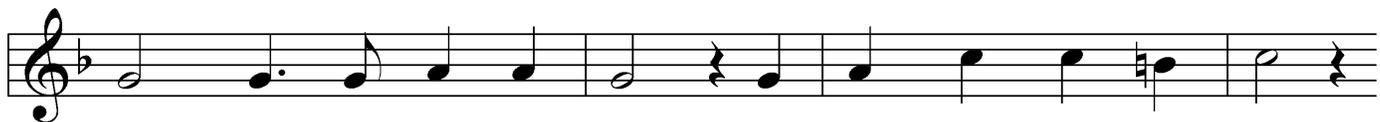
The Closing Hymn: 794 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” (*sing “A-men”*)



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

The Postlude: “Nun Danket Alle Gott”

arranged by Johann Cruger

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(5 p.m. and 8 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

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

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

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

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

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

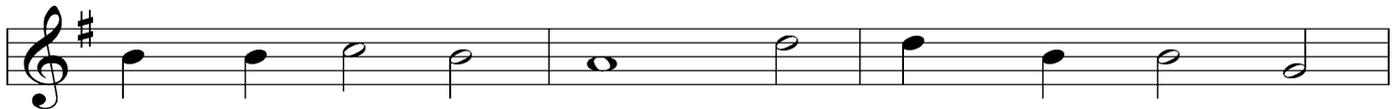
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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: 528 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
 5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through

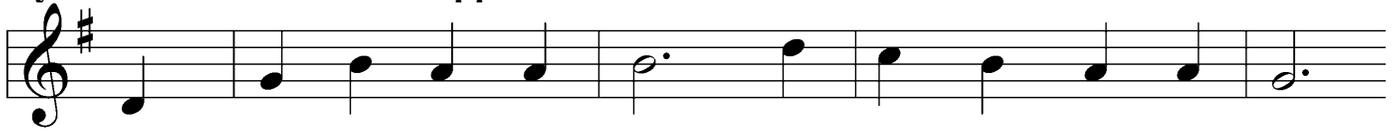


God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n. Public domain

Hymn: 628 "Your Table I Approach"



- 1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;

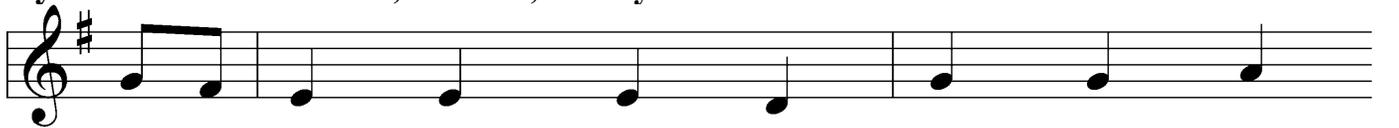


Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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Hymn: 846 "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"



- 1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal-sied and the lame, The lep-ers in their
 Al-might-y as be-fore, In crowd-ed street, by
 Give wis-dom's heal-ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis-er-y, The sick with fe-vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen-nes-'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev-er-more.

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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: 794 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” (sing “A-men”)



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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The Postlude: “Nun Danket Alle Gott”

arranged by Johann Cruger

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This Week With Our Lord, September 5-12, 2021

SUNDAY, September 5-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, September 6- *No school! Office Closed!*

Pastor and Cindy Nebel are out of town today

Tuesday, September 7-

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Pastors are at Circuit Pastors' Conference in Marion

4:15 p.m. Softball and Baseball away at Evansville

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

8:00 p.m. Town Hall meeting with Rep. David Friess in our new gym

Wednesday, September 8-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym led by Mrs. Hudak

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. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library

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

Thursday, September 9-

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

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

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

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

Friday, September 10- *Baseball at Edwardsville*

Saturday, September 11- *CC at Smithton; Softball at RBC*

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

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

SUNDAY, September 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Brodie Stenzel

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 Acolyte: Austin Kiefer

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in the church basement lounge

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: 382; Holy Communion: 172; Adults/Youth: 46; Sunday School: 58

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 8/29- General Fund: \$10,351.03; School: \$1,140; Classroom Use: \$1,000; Automatic Giving: \$3,420. *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

James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

An elephant is a living, mighty, active thing. So is the faith of Jesus. Listen to “Living, Mighty, Active Faith” (Isaiah 35:4-7) 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.

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Caleb and Brittney (Cerny) Stines with the birth of a daughter, Ezra May Stines on August 27. She joins her older sister Cali and her older brother Paxton at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of this child!

CALLING FOR SECRET ANGELS:

If you are willing to be a Secret Angel for an 8th 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.

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.

TOWN HALL MEETING:

Our local state representative, David Friess, will meet in our school’s new gym to discuss recent executive orders, particularly as they apply to schools. This will be Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 8 p.m. Please wear a mask. We will observe social distancing in our seating. This is sponsored by our Board of Parish Education.

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED:

The PTL is looking for room parent volunteers for the 7th grade classroom. 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 this class, its teacher, and our school in this way. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

9/5- Helen Winkelman, Mildred Liefer, Peggy Guebert, Kevin Guebert, Morgann Grohmann, Claudia Watters; 9/6- Betty Fausz, David Burgdorf; 9/7- Steven Tindall, Corey Ratcliff, Jack Crafton; 9/8- Dennis Kruse, Janel Maes, Stanley Mueth, William Guebert, Case Hess, Lillian Meyer; 9/9- Donna Wetzel, Gerald Hanebutt, Nicholas Guebert; 9/10- Ken Booker, Maria Aucoin, Connor Guebert; 9/11- Don Schrader, Jared Heller, Amanda Falkenhain, Michael Ratcliff, Holden Wagner, Maggie Kuehn. *Call the office with any corrections!*

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

On Saturday, September 18 our 29th 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!

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 for more information or to sign up for a time slot. Thank you!

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:

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. Some tools are complex. Some are quite simple. Which ones are right for your situation? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can lead you through a process to plan what you want to do, and how to do it. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: September 5- Matthew 13:1-23; September 6- Matthew 13:24-53; September 7- Matthew 25:1-13; September 8- Proverbs 4:1-27; September 9- Proverbs 8:1-36; September 10- Ecclesiastes 11:1-10; and September 11- Ecclesiastes 12:1-14.

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 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!

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)* 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.

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

One kiwi provides almost 80% of an adult's daily vitamin C requirement. It is also a good source of fiber, potassium, and vitamin K (for stronger bones and for lowering the risk of a stroke). The easiest way to eat a kiwi is to slice one in half and then scoop out the inside flesh with a spoon.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUO and kfuo.org begin studying Zephaniah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Psalm 142-144 and 9-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.) and hear stories about vocation and living boldly Lutheran on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on our KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Union with Christ; The Theology of Worship; The Movies "Old" and "Pig;" Old Testament Prophet Ezekiel and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES:

St. Peter UCC in Red Bud will host Dale LaRose on Friday, September 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the lawn south of its church building. Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs. Food will be provided for a freewill offering.

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

Cross Country: Our cross country team will run at the Marissa meet on September 7 at 5 p.m.

Friends and Family Dance: COS will have a “Friends and Family Dance” on September 25th from 7-11 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.

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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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 (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – 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. Joan Ruwald
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;
 (10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Connor Bumann; (8 a.m.) Eve Schwartzkopf; (10:30 a.m.) Ian Moll
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Server: Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Carol Turner