

The First Sunday in Advent
November 27-28, 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

PRELUDE: "St. Thomas" *setting by Jeffrey Blersch*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. We ask everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To honor the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

Opening Hymn: 331 "The Advent of Our King" (*please stand for the last stanza*)



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him-self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spite The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

Please stand if you are able

6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity. A-men Public domain

(8 a.m.) Holy Baptism, page 268ff.

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Introit: Zechariah 9:9b; Psalm 89



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; righteous and having | sal- va- tion.
 Who can be compared | to the LORD? Who among heavenly beings is | like the LORD,
 Righteousness is the foundation | of Your throne; love and faithfulness go | be- fore You.
 Blessèd are those who know the | fes- tal shout, who walk in the light | of Your face,
 who exult in Your name | all the day and in Your righteousness are | ex- al- ted.
 For our shield belongs | to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of | Is- ra- el.
 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.
 Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; righteous and having | sal- va- tion.

Kyrie (*sung*)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Em- man- u- el, And ran- som cap- tive Is- ra- el.
 That mourns in lone- ly ex- ile here Un- til the Son of God ap- pear.
 Re- joyce! Re- joyce! Em- man- u- el Shall come to thee, O Is- ra- el!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.** P Let us pray..

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.**THE GRADUAL:**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **From the house of the Lord we bless you.****THE EPISTLE READING:****1ST Thessalonians 3:9-13**

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.*(please stand if able)***ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 190 *(sung)* **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.****THE HOLY GOSPEL:****Luke 21:25-35**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: *(sung)* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(Jesus said) “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed:*(5 p.m. and 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)****(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)*****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: *(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)*****Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,****He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!****Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,****He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!****Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,****Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Beth-l'em's baby boy.****Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,****He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!****He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!***Text: Copyright © 1976 by Hinshaw Music, Inc. Used by permission; CCLI#3196726***HYMN OF THE DAY: 350 "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"**



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

SERMON: (*Saturday*) “The Day Is Coming” Luke 21:25-35

(*Sunday*) “God’s New Year’s Resolutions to Us Are Fulfilled in Jesus” Jeremiah 33:14-16

(*Please stand if you are able*) **Offertory** (*sung*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Larry Ebers, Kathy Grohmann, Ken Williams, Marcy Watters, Kevin Roy, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge, Kendall Liefer; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Nelda Eggemeyer, Betty Deterding, Marlene Salger, Ron Dennis, Barb Niermann. *Please help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy-

Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines-Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann

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+wedding of Riley Foster and Taylor Schnepel here on Saturday, December 4

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

To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, O Lord of hosts. You have fulfilled Your promise of salvation by sending Jesus to suffer Your just wrath on the cross, that we might be declared righteous in Your sight. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us. Bless pastors in their proclamation of Your Word and preserve us in our baptismal grace, that Your Son might always be our righteousness. Receive our thanks that You continue to preserve Your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes Your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness. Protect all who serve us for our liberty, safety and health, remembering the members of our armed forces, law enforcement, firefighters, emergency responders and healthcare professionals. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, O God, that as You establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, so You also provide for all our needs in this body and life. Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of Your mercy, especially Elroy, Ruth, Larry, Kathy, Ken, Marcy, Kevin, JoAnna, Joy, Kendall, Nelda, Betty, Marlene, Ron, Barb and all those we name in the silence of our own hearts, and comfort all who mourn [including _____] until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all love that is true, pure and holy we pray that You will bless Riley and Taylor on their wedding day as their families and friends surround them with love and celebrate their joy. We pray that You will not only bless their wedding day with Your holy presence, but that You also will guide their married life with peace and prosperity, health and happiness, hope and joy and a shared

faith and forgiveness in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God and Father, direct the way of all who travel this holiday weekend. Protect them on their way, preserve them from loss and complication, and grant them success in their journey and joy upon their return home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, You declared that the days were coming when You would accomplish our salvation, and in Your time You caused Your Son, the righteous Branch, to spring up for David. By Your grace, keep us joined as branches to Christ, that we might bear fruit until the day He returns in glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Non-Communion Service Continues Here:

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C *(sung)* **A-men, a-men, a-men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim thorough this bar-ren land.
I am weak, but Thou art might-y; Hold me with Thy pow’r-ful hand.
Bread of heav-en, bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**2. O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing stream doth flow;
Let the fi-ery, cloud-y pil-lar Lead me all my jour-ney through.
Strong de-liv-‘rer, strong de-liv-‘rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
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**3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious fears sub-side;
Death of death and hell’s de-struc-tion, Land me safe on Ca-naan’s side.
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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. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

(10:30 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*we sing the responses*)

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

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

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us everlasting 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*)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.

(sung) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A-men.**

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. *(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.)

Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



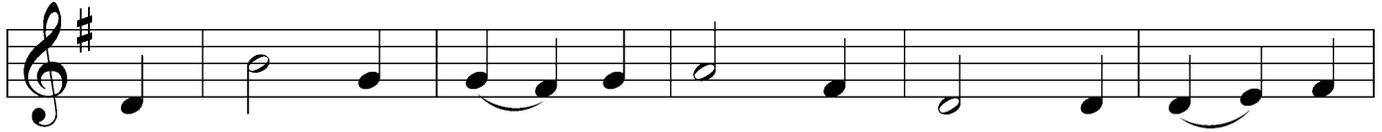
1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Distribution Hymn: 341 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
 O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
 Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
 Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name. Public domain

Distribution Hymn: 334 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (*tune of LSB 442*)

**O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel-come You a-right?
 Your peo-ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart’s de-light!
 O kin-dle, Lord most ho-ly, Your lamp with-in my breast
 To do in spir-it low-ly All that may please You best.**

**Your peo-ple ev-er praise You And lift to You their palms;
 And I too will a-dore You With joy-ous songs and psalms.
 My heart shall bloom for-ev-er For You with prais-es new
 And from Your name shall nev-er With-hold the hon-or due.**

**I lay in fet-ters, groan-ing; You came to set me free
 I stood, my shame be-moan-ing; You came to hon-or me
 A glo-rious crown You give me, A trea-sure safe on high
 That will not fail or leave me As earth-ly rich-es fly.**

**Love caused Your in-car-na-tion; Love brought You down to me.
 Your thirst for my sal-va-tion Pro-cured my lib-er-ty.
 Oh, love be-yond all tell-ing, That let You to em-brace
 In love, all love ex-cel-ling, Our lost and fall-en race.**

**Sin’s debt, that fear-ful bur-den, Can-not His love e-rase;
 Your guilt the Lord will par-don And co-ver by His grace.
 He comes, for you pro-cur-ing The peace of sin for-giv’n,
 His child-ren thus se-cur-ing E-ter-nal life in heav’n.**

**He comes to judge the na-tions, A te-ror to His foes.
 A light of con-so-la-tions And bless-ed hope to those
 Who love the Lord’s ap-pear-ing, O glor-ious Sun, now come,
 Send forth Your beams so cheer-ing, And guide us safe-ly home.**

(Please stand if you are able) Nunc Dimittis (sung)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.**
 A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C (sung) Amen.

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

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

P Bless we the Lord. **C (sung) Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

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 I will ev-er give to Thee.**

THE POSTLUDE: “Festive Postlude on ‘Cwm Rhonda’” *setting by Franklin D. Ashdown*

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This Week With Our Lord, November 28-December 5, 2021

SUNDAY, November 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Both Adult & Youth Bible classes in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the school building
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 29-

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) home versus Evansville
 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in school library
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, November 30-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (A & C) at Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, December 1-

8:30 a.m. Third Grade Christmas Service recorded in the new gym
 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation (school)
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service at church

Thursday, December 2-

5:00 p.m. Foster-Schnepel wedding rehearsal at church
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (ABC) at home vs. Steeleville

Friday, December 3- *Girls' A Team Basketball tourney at Edwardsville*

Boys' C Team basketball tournament at Red Bud Catholic

8:30 a.m. Pre- School Christmas service recorded in the new gym

Saturday, December 4-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
 1:00 p.m. Riley Foster and Taylor Schepel wedding at church
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Addy Schloemann

SUNDAY, December 5-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Austin Kiefer
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school
 9:30 a.m. Adult (FH&SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Loreli Aubuchon
 Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement lounge
 12:30 p.m. Decorating of the church for the Christmas season

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

High School Bible Class in the basement with Mr. Becker: "Revelation"

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: "Job"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 390; Communion: 182; Adult/Youth Bible Classes: 34; SS: 43

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply? Listen to "A Response to the Problem of Evil" (Luke 1:1-4) with

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUO 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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Dallin Joseph Liefer into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the early Sunday service. He is the son of Kyle and Laney (Austin) Liefer. His baptismal sponsors are Kristen Sachtleben and Marcy Smithson. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life!

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the pedestal this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of Dallin Liefer. They are a gift from his family.

+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.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/21- General: \$12,802.84; School: \$850; Lutheran Witness; \$76. *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

Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it.” Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

BIBLE CLASSES ON BREAK:

Mr. Palm’s class in the school library will not meet this Sunday. Our midweek Bible classes, Wednesday morning Women, Wednesday evening (1st Kings) and Thursday morning (Ezekiel) are on a break until the first week in January.

SONSHINE VISITATION members will meet Sunday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m.

PORTALS OF PRAYER DEVOTIONS:

The new issue of our quarterly devotional booklets, *Portals of Prayer*, for January through March is available in the racks by the front doors of church.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS:

Special Advent devotion booklets for children, youth & adults are on the table in the entryway.

COVID PRECAUTIONS IN WORSHIP:

We are sitting every other pew, using a continuous line to distribute Holy Communion with Pastor/Elders wearing masks for distribution. Please give thought for your health and that of your fellow believers as you consider whether or not to wear a mask into or during worship. We are responsible Christian citizens and caring neighbors to those around us. The Fellowship Hall is available for remote worship in a more socially distanced way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICES:

Nursery through 1st Grade Sunday School will meet in the church sanctuary from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. this Sunday, December 5, and December 12 in preparation for the Wed., December 15 Sunday School Christmas Service at church (7 p.m.).

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Through the Big City Mission project, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can show the love of Christ to all different kinds of people living in the inner city. Gifts and offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an honor system for payment. A money box is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:

All help is needed and appreciated next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. to decorate the inside and outside of our church building for Christmas. With enough help we should be able to finish by 2 p.m.

POINSETTIA FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

We thank the Altar Guild for taking on this project each year as it is such a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. You may find the Poinsettia Garden forms in the back of church in the Epistle basket. The cost is \$7 and you may return it to the office or by way of the offering basket by Monday, December 20. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

School Christmas services will be recorded and uploaded from our new gym. In person attendance is limited to close family members of students in the class that is leading the service. Please wear a mask while in the school building.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP:

We will hold Evening Prayer worship services at 7 p.m. this Wednesday, Dec. 1 and next Wednesday, Dec. 8. The theme will be "The Couples of Advent."

MUSKETEER MARKET COLLECTION:

Our Evening Guild is sponsoring a food and personal care drive for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. We will deliver the items to high school weekly.

THE COALITION FOR LIFE ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

You and your family or church group can help by donating a themed basket to our pregnancy resource center! Choose from one of our themes below and create a gift basket for families in our program. Please fill your basket with thoughtful (unused) items and deliver them unwrapped (no cellophane) to our Maryland Heights Headquarters or the Fairview Heights

Community Center December 1st and 2nd from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We will share them with mothers in our program throughout December, so alternate drop-offs can be coordinated upon request!

+Gold (Baby Basket): These baskets are for newborns and their other children as well. Fill these boy, girl, or neutral baskets with blankets, swaddlers, short or long-sleeved onesies, baby toys, bath supplies, and more!

+Frankincense (Home for Christmas): Many moms live in difficult circumstances and need items for their new residences. Fill your basket with house necessities such as kitchen supplies, cleaning supplies, and maybe even a candle.

+Myrrh (Mom Care): Pregnant mommas need a basket with a pretty robe, bath bombs, spa kit, gift cards (restaurants, department stores, grocery stores, etc.), or other items to show her that she is loved!

Are you too busy to shop but still want to give? Donate gift cards (Target, Walmart, grocery, fast food, gas, or casual dining), or make a financial donation by clicking the link in our bio. If you have any questions about the Christmas Program or dropping off your contributions, contact Joan Pisoni, our volunteer Christmas Program coordinator, at PisoniJn@sbcglobal.net or (314) 378-7235.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: 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

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

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

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don/Betty Fausz, 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).

COUGARWEAR:

The Spirit Wear Page is live and now running a "Black Friday" in November sale. They have giftable items like blankets, tote bags, etc. Up to 25% off sitewide and free shipping over \$75. Please see the below from the 1st Place Spiritwear: <https://1stplace.sale/30121>. While most retailers are struggling with inventory and supply chain issues, we are fully stocked. All orders placed in November will be delivered prior to December 24th. We've added great new gift items for parents, grandparents and the whole family. This is our last sale event until spring.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

In a complex world, each of us need trusty advisers to lead us to proper decisions and actions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor does not see you as a task, but as a brother or sister in Christ, with whom to grow in relationship so that the goals woven into the fabric of your soul can be expressed in plans that will be implemented someday, as you seek to honor God. The peace and joy of a godly plan builds confidence that you have prepared well. Contact Scott Radden, Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more info.

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

A human being's dignity doesn't come from her age, her appearance, or her abilities. Rather, "the Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16), as He creates, redeems, and calls worth and purpose into every life from fertilization to forever. Even those who have undergone abortions may know His salvation because He remembers not the sins of our youth (Psalm 25:3) for Jesus' sake. Trusting Him, no one has to feel shame about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 25:3).

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: Hear sacred music for Advent beginning this week with Advent midweek service from Village Lutheran in Ladue on 12/1 at noon, begin "Advent with the Apostles" on 12/1 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and continue in Song of Solomon on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Find your favorite programs at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

11/28- Karen Buch, Kenneth Wetzel, Brandon Hick, Cailee Strong, Brody Stellhorn, Jackson Neff, Hayden Schlimme; 11/29- Bunny Schnepel, Wayne Voss, Melonie Bollinger, Athena Wolfmeier; 11/30- Randy Burgdorf, Ryan Valleroy, Addison Gunter, Drew Kueker, Hazel Veath; 12/1- Erin Cox; 12/2- Carmen Nichols, Rosemary Collins, Jill Gross, Derrick Voss, McKinley Florreich; 12/3- Pam Buatte; 12/4- Kathleen Dannenberg, Kristopher Williams, Karson Liefer. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Advent Hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," Encouragement for Christians in World of Darkness, A Lutheran View of Transgenderism, The Socialist Attack on the Family, Jesus' Transfiguration and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LCMS LIFE SERVICE:

You are invited to join fellow Lutherans for a Prayer Service for Life at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30. The service will be held in the LCMS International Center chapel in St. Louis and livestreamed at facebook.com/LCMSLife/live.

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

Club Basketball Game: Monday, November 29, the Soldiers will play at First Baptist Academy in O'Fallon at 6:00 p.m.

Plan to Give a Priceless Gift: We will host our fall blood drive this Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 2-6 p.m. You can sign up for an appointment now by using the Red Cross website or the Red Cross blood donor app.

#GivingTuesday: If you make a gift to *COS* through Facebook using the #GivingTuesday donation link on November 30, Meta will match the donation starting at 7 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis until \$8 million in eligible donations are made on Facebook. Meta will cover the processing fees so 100% of your donation will go to support *COS*. Of course, you may make a gift at any time by mailing a check or by using the link on our website www.coslhs.org.

School Visitors: Visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you. The office is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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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

Serving Us in Worship Today

(Sat.) Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak; *(Sun.)* Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald

Greeters: *(5 p.m.)* Virginia & Mark Moeller; *(8 a.m.)* Kalin & Kathy Liefer; *(10:30 a.m.)* Ken & Karen Wetzel

Acolytes: *(5 p.m.)* Lillian Nowak; *(8 a.m.)* Joey Biffar; *(10:30 a.m.)* Molly Kuehn

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr Paraments: Irma Birkner