

THE PRELUDE: (8 a.m.) "Adoration" Bell Choir

(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) "Thee, Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" arranged by Philip Gehrig

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203

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.*

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

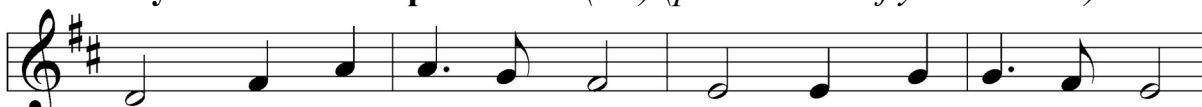
¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

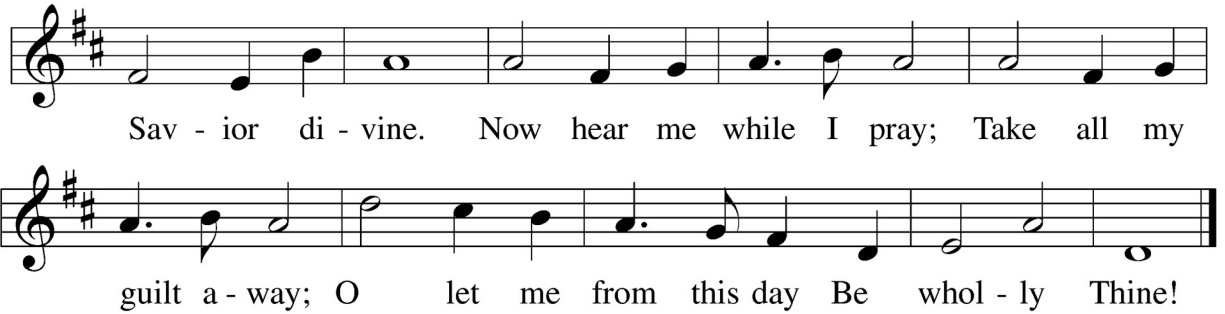
P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (v.1) *(please stand if you are able)*



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,



THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 13:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed (*inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(*5 p.m. & 8 a.m.*) **Apostles’ Creed** (*page 207*)

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.

(*10:30 a.m.*) **Nicene Creed** (*page 206*)

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)

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

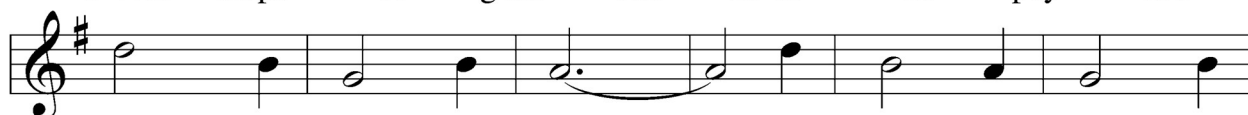
"There Is a Green Hill Far Away" (AGPS 235, vs. 1, 3, 5)

1. There is a green hill far a-way, Out-side a cit-y wall,
Where the dear Lord was cru-ci-fied, Who died to save us all.
3. He died that we might be for-giv'n, He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by His pre-cious blood.
5. Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved! And we must love Him too
And trust in His redeeming blood And try His works to do.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

SERMON

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Riley Foster, Charles Guebert, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Peggy Koen, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Dorothy Papenberg, Jay Prigge, Darleen Scheffert, Lorna Schneider, Gary Schwartzkopf, Wanda Steele, Pam Stellhorn, Marcy Watters; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members*: Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, Ruby Hering, Gerald Hitzemann, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Roger Womack.

MILITARY: Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan

+those who mourn: family of Robert Asbury; died in the Lord on Wednesday, March 19

OFFERTORY: 420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (vs 1)



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Hymn.

(10:30a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**: page 208ff.

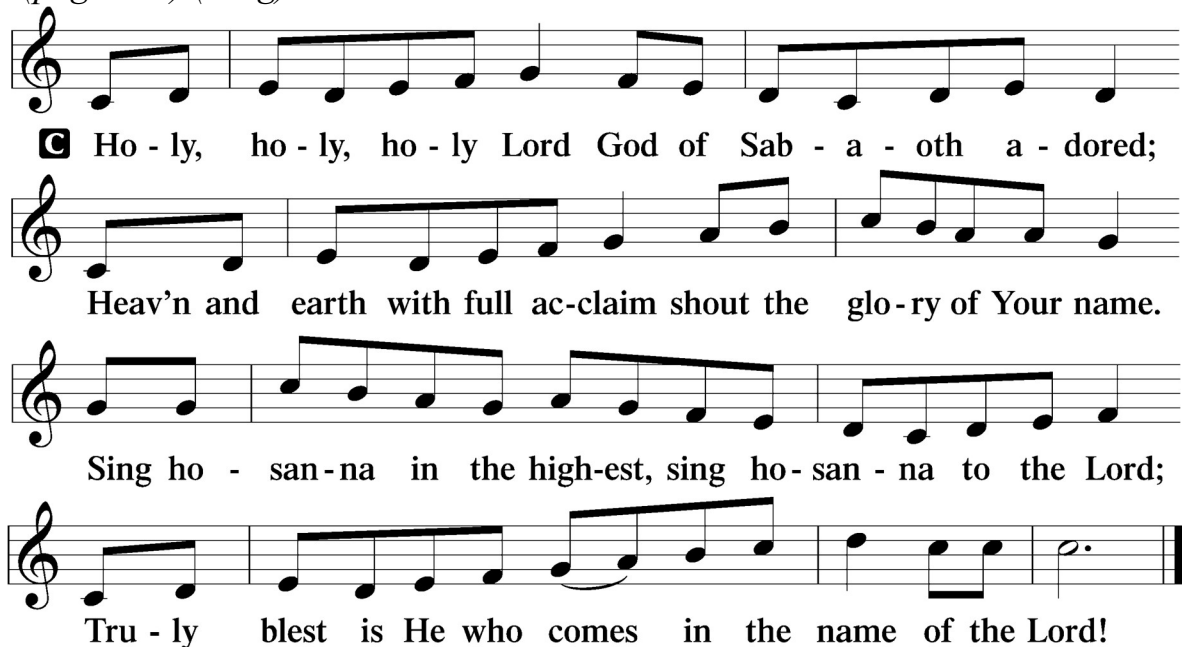
WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also

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: (*we speak the responses*) (*page 208*)

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: (*page 208*) (*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:

P: 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.

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

Lord's Prayer:

C: 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: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."


P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei: (page 210) (sung)




1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

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 blessed 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.**

606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

694 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!
 sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" pages 211 (*please stand if you are able*)

**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:

P: 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: page 212

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.**

(please be seated) **CLOSING HYMN: 550 “Lamb of God”**



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

THE POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Minor”

arranged by JS Bach

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This Week With Our Lord, March 24–30, 2025

Monday, March 24- *Please turn in those Epistle articles for April!!*

7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, March 25- *Family Fun Night at School!*

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 26-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
8:30 a.m. Midweek Lent Service; Acolyte – Carson Moll
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Mom’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service; Acolyte – Jackson Pensoneau

Thursday, March 27- *Pastor Mark Winkelman is out of office*

5:30 p.m. New Members Class in Library
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, March 28-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School
12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting

Saturday, March 29-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Athena Wolfmeier
Fish Fry Fundraiser at Ratzkeller

SUNDAY, March 30-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Presley Liefer
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Tessa Stenzel
Harms’ Benefit BBQ & Bake Sale at School

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Last week: Worship: 298; Communion: 131; Bible classes: 43; Sunday School: 34
Midweek Lent: Worship: 187; Communion: N/A

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/16- General: \$13,334.91; School: \$615.00; Debt Elimination: \$20.00.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:

Have you ever had an offering envelope ready to go but then it’s forgotten at home? Or leave the checkbook or wallet in the car or at home? With all the distractions in our busy lives, let us help you have one less thing to worry about. Did you know that we do electronic funds transfer from your account to ours on a bi-weekly or monthly basis? It’s a simple process! Complete the form with your contribution request and we’ll do that for you. Those can be changed at any time, that works best for you, just contact the office with any changes. Feel free to pick up a form in church or school office. Once completed you may email cynwilson@stjohnsredbud.org or drop off to our Church Secretary office.

FLOWERS IN 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.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

During this season of Lent, we hold services on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening service will be preceded with a Lenten supper (Tacos, Mexican rice, Refried Beans) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Senior Youth will assist with bringing desserts & serving these meals. The Free-Will offering will go towards their National Youth Group Gathering this July.

THANK YOU:

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to and/or attended our 15th Annual Dinner Auction. Together \$95,000 was raised to support the future of St. John's Lutheran School. THANK YOU!! Save the date for next year's auction to be held on March 14, 2026, where we will visit the SJL County Fair!

CUSTODIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for about 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Sunday morning service ONLY. Training provided. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See Leonard Salger or Justin Palm.

BIG RICK'S MEATS & EATS – HARM'S BENEFIT:

On March 22nd in our school parking lot from 11am to 2pm. Menu: smoked turkey, pulled pork, pit beans, & cheesy hashbrown casserole. Cash, card and venmo are accepted. Contact Jacob at 618-719-8031 for more information.

SPRING FOR LIFE BBQ:

On March 23rd in our school parking lot from 10:30am to sold out, Red Bud Lions will be hosting their Spring for Life BBQ. Menu: Pork steaks, brats, homemade potato salad, beans & slaw. Desserts available – Provided by Southwest IL Lutherans for Life. Sponsored by Red Bud Lions Club & Thrivent Financial. To Benefit Life Network of Southern Illinois.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

St. John's 1st Grade, Kindergarten and Preschool is hosting a Family Fun Night. The books, games, snacks and activities will be out of sight! Preschool and kindergarten aged children and their families are invited. We hope everyone who comes to school on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. will be excited. The fun for the night was inspired by Dr. Seuss. The characters from his books will be on the loose. Volunteers are needed to help make this night a success! If you are willing to help please contact Mrs. Schmitz at 618-317-5452 or through Fast Direct. This event does count as service hours for 7th grade students!

NEARBY LENTEN FISH FRYS:

+ St Peter UCC in Red Bud will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 28th from 4-7pm. Indoor Dining & Indoor Pick-Up Only. Call 618-282-2417 for carry outs. Cash or Check only.

+The class of 2027 will host an all-you-can eat Fish Fry Fundraiser at Ratzkeller on March 29th starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/person and include unlimited fried fish, sides, and draft beer.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, and the event is dine in only. Please contact any 6th grade family to purchase tickets or for more information.

HARMS BENEFIT BBQ:

A benefit BBQ to support former SJL student Brenden Harms will be held on Sunday, March 30th in the school parking lot beginning at 10:15am-Sold Out.

CARDINALS GAME:

Our students will be singing at the St. Louis Cardinals game on Wed. April 2nd. Tickets are \$30/person, and a portion of the sales will benefit the current 7th grade class. Forms to order tickets are available in the school office.

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS LUNCHEON:

St. Peter Lutheran Church's Chicken & Dumpling Luncheon will be held on April 6th from 11am-2pm. Adult plates are \$15, Kids plates are \$7, Quarts of Dumplings are \$10. Carry Outs are Available. Address: 601 West Church Street, Campbell Hill, IL 62916.

SPRING RENEWAL:

LWML Southern Illinois District Lower Kaskaskia Zone invite you to their Spring Renewal on Thursday, April 24th at 9a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baldwin. Registration from 8:30-9a.m. Theme: "Comforting Love" with guest speaker: Angie Filipiac of Angie's Purpose.

CALLING ALL COOKS:

On Saturday evenings Pastor Mark will be in town from 4:30-6:00 pm. After Saturday night 5pm services we are inviting families that are inclined to host a meal for Pastor Mark and his family. To sign up please call the office at 618-282-3873. You can cook a meal and eat in the Fellowship Hall, take Pastor and his family (three teenagers) out to a favorite local restaurant, or invite them to your home. This will provide a relaxed atmosphere and a chance to introduce yourselves to him and his family. It also helps him to not have to worry about supper after the church service. Pastor Mark has his kids every other weekend. **Volunteers are still needed for May 3 and May 24th.** You can message/call him directly at 815-499-1135 to finalize details. A sign-up Genius can also be utilized at <https://tinyurl.com/4uykzhpu>.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class will be led by Pastor Mark Winkelman & will meet in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Mr. Palm's class on the Angels and Demons will meet this Sunday in the School Library.

YOUTH GATHERING:

Any high school youth interested in attending the youth gathering in New Orleans in July 2025, please contact Stephanie Liefer at 618-967-0804 or email at stjohnsseniorityouth@gmail.com.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM LIFE NETWORK:

Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Project. You were given 50 bottles and returned 33 bottles. In those bottles you donated \$1093.25. We really appreciate your support. You are helping us making a difference in our Moms and their little ones lives. God Bless You! The Board of Directors and staff of Life Network.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

If Almighty God has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked” (Ezekiel 33:11), how much more does death of innocents grieve Him? Why then should the people of God ever tolerate the killing of unborn sisters and brothers? And if the Lord of all only deals in death when human iniquity does not allow Him to avoid it, will not the same love move us to warn others against dealing in death?

THANK YOU NOTE FROM MARY GROSS:

Thank you for you thoughts, prayers, and cards for my birthday. You, my church family, are always dear to my heart, and I am blessed to have you in my life. May God bless all of you and St. John’s. Your sister in Christ, Mary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

3/24- Laurie Gunter, Jason Guebert, Emma Neumeyer, Kole Guebert, Oskar Driesner; 3/25- Mary Kueker, Larry Schleifer; 3/26- Mark Voss, Brad Stechmesser, Chad Buch, Bruce Quinn, Jr; 3/27- Tyson Russell, Luke Kennedy; 3/28- Linda Wessel, Derek Voges, Kylie Voss, Haley Hemmer, Vivian Breier; 3/29- Don Schneider, Donald Dannenberg, Tammy Herman, Jamia Klausing, Jeremy Stellhorn, Parker VanDorn; 3/30- Bennett Wright, Gladys Brand, Molly Kuehn.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Even Me, Even You”

Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 13:3 – “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” “What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

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 dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. 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).

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Mary Gross, Jean Menke & Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care-Waterloo: Martha Rohlfing; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Paul Schrieber; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Darleen Scheffert, & Gary Schwartzkopf; Ruma R&R: Kenneth & Geraldine Koester; Coulterville Care Center: Lorna Schneider.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Dorothy Heizer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Pearl Luttmann, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, Carl Zschiegner, Helen Winkelmann.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

ELDER ZONES FOR 2025-2026: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis Stellhorn (618/623-8495)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman-Elder Ron Liefer (618/282-3950)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 5: W/M Krick thru J. Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: P. Malik thru L. Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru D. Schrader- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/282-8228)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – C. Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

LCMS FOUNDATION:

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Some of God's saints hesitate to commit to creating an estate gift for ministry because they say, "What if I need those funds before I die?" As long as the funds remain in your name, you always have access to use them. Yet, your estate plan is in place for things that you don't use during your earthly life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help explain this. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnf.org.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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

DQ Fundraiser: The DQ in Sparta is donating a portion of their sales to COS on Thursday, April 3 from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Enjoy a meal and support Christ Our Savior at the same time!

COS Track: Our track team will be participating in the Red Bud Track Meet on Monday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. Come and watch the Soldiers in action!

High School Administrator needed to begin July 1. Administrative certification not required. Call 618-853-7300.

Athletic Director is needed soon to start arranging the sports schedules for 2025-2026. Call school for details.

Registration for 2025-2026 is open! If you know a high school student, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a meeting with our administrator, Mrs. Sherry Prange. Learn more about *COS* and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

POOL MANAGER POSITION:

The City of Red Bud is seeking a Pool Manager for the Red Bud City Swimming Pool. The pool operates during the summer, following the Red Bud CUSD #132 school calendar. Ideal candidates should be available to work part-time in the spring to assist with pool preparations for the season. Summer hours will align with the pool's daily operations. The Pool Manager reports directly to the City Superintendent and may be required to submit reports to the City Council when applicable. This is a part-time, seasonal position with an hourly rate of \$25 per hour. This position also is eligible for the Paid Leave for All Workers Act time off benefit as well. For a full list of job responsibilities, tasks and application to apply, please visit the city's website or email Liz Cowell at financeofficer@cityofredbud.org.

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Senior Pastor Mark Winkelman 815/499-1135

Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741

Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade (*Homeroom*) – Bill Becker

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

Before/After School Care – Susan Luttmann

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Diane Everding, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Ashlynn Crafton, Ally Hodges.

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Rebekah Liefer

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Landon Bumann; (8 a.m.) Evan Muench; (10:30 a.m.) Jozlynn Palm

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Kalin & Kathy Liefer

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Donna Burgdorf

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

Flower Servers: Jill Hanebutt & Martha Krick Paraments: Irma Birkner