

INTROIT:

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1



Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a | new song,* **his praise in the assembly of the | godly!**
I will extol you, O Lord, for you have | drawn me up* **and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,* **and you have | healed me.**
O Lord, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;* **you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O | you his saints,* **and give thanks to his | holy name.**
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.* **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* **and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,* **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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KYRIE: (LSB 152-153)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **A-men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“This Is the Feast” (LSB 155)



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

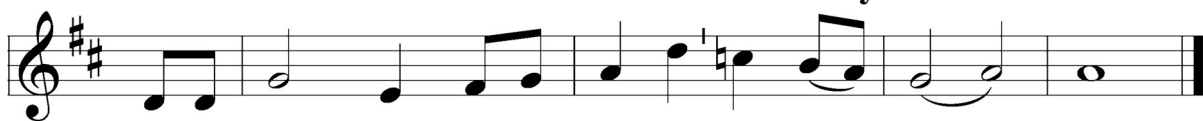
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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)**

ANTHEM: (10:30 a.m.) "It Is Well with My Soul"

Bell Choir

(8 a.m.) "In Christ Alone"

Choir

*1. In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev'ry sin on His was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand!*

FIRST READING:

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51-60

P: ¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . . ²And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . ⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C: he has put all things under his feet.**EPISTLE:***1 Peter 2:2–10*

P: ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.**ALLELUIA and VERSE:***(LSB 156)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL:*John 14:1-14*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: ¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can

you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

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

(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: “Christ Be My Leader” (LSB 861)



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

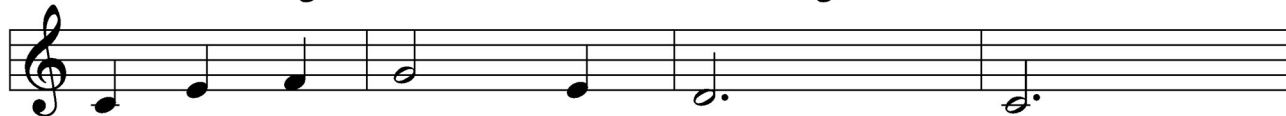
(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (LSB 411)



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I’m look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
When we have run with patience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

SERMON

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) 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.

(10:30 a.m.) 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.

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 159-160)



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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: David Blankenship, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Barbara Korves, Stanley Langrehr, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, Joan Prigge, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Bernett Wright, Trudy Woolbright; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Andy Amann, Allana Chamness, Mary Gibson, Virgil Gramenz, Shirley Hartmann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Izzy McDermott, Tyson

Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

MILITARY: Army- Zachary Beyer, Casey Vallett, 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, Abbey Vallett; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt; U.S. Coast Guard: Brock Earl

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Kaleb Barriger, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Chad Buch, 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

✠thanksgiving for the 32 years of kindergarten teaching of Betty Schmitz

✠favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields

✠ those who mourn: family of Mary Gross; died in the Lord on Friday, May 1

The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, and a Closing Prayer.

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: pages 160-166ff.

PREFACE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

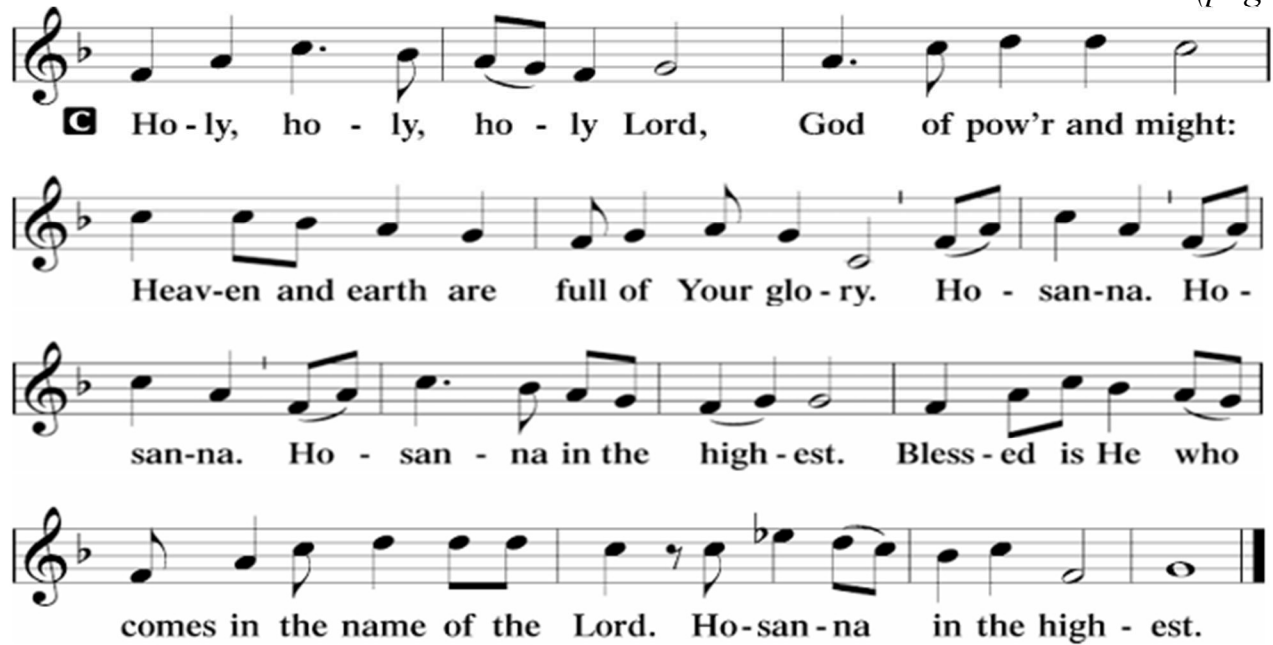
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

(page 161)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. A-men.**

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: A-men.

AGNUS DEI:

(page 163)

☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

Anthem: (8 a.m.) "Day by Day" Choir

*1. Day by day, Your mercies, Lord, attend me, Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, You send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, Where at last, I'll find eternal rest.*

*2. Day by day, I know You will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek Your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow; I will trust in Your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow; Til in glory I behold Your face.*

*3. Oh, what joy to know that You are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that You will hear me when I come, O Lord, to You in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in Your hand.
Savior, with Your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the Promised Land.*

“Christ Be My Leader” (LSB 861)



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 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” (LSB 526)



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” (LSB 633, please stand for last stanza)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

**5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**

**6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!**

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!**

**8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Thank the Lord” (LSB 164)



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P: Let us pray.

P: 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: Amen.

BENEDICTION:

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.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (LSB 662)



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

POSTLUDE: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

arranged by Lani Smith

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This Week with Our Lord, May 3-10, 2026

SUNDAY, May 3- *Pastor Winkelman on Vacation 4/30-5/5*

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. A Retirement Open House for Mrs. Betty Schmitz

Monday, May 4- *Pastor Winkelman on Vacation 4/30-5/5*

Golf Regionals

1:00 p.m. RBHS Ag Day

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

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Tuesday, May 5- *Pastor Winkelman on Vacation 4/30-5/5*

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

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

6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 6-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall

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

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday, May 7-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

4:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting

6:30 p.m. Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, May 8-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, May 9-

SID Track Meet

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Aiden Arbeiter

SUNDAY, May 10- *Happy Mother's Day!*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Conner Liefer

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Kaydence Proctor

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

April 25-26: Worship: 280; Communion: 63; Adult Bible Classes: 40; Sun. School: 36

April 28-29: Women's Bible Study: 13; Bible Recap: 14; *No Chapel (See All School)*

April 29: Worship: 32; Communion: 27; May 1: All School Chapel: *Not Reported*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/26/26- General: \$18,885.20; School: \$220.00.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:

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. Please have completed form(s) turned into the office.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the May edition of our congregation's newsletter are on the tables in the entryway. It is also posted on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom the office has an email address. *To ensure an article is in the June Epistle, please send an email to the office by May 22nd!*

BETTY SCHMITZ RETIREMENT – CONGRATULATIONS:

This Sunday, May 3, we are observing the upcoming retirement of our Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Betty Schmitz after 32 years of teaching at St. John's. There is an Open House in the school's old gym to honor Mrs. Schmitz from 1-3 p.m. Students are invited to join the kindergarten class to sing a "favorite song" for Mrs. Schmitz. Please gather in the cafeteria by 1pm and then join together as you will sing from the stage.

PASTOR MARK ON VACATION:

From Thursday, April 30th - Tuesday May 5th, and then Monday, May 25-Sunday, June 7th, Pastor Mark will be on vacation. If you have need of pastoral care during these days, please contact Pastor Nowak.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

✠The flowers on the pedestal are given to the glory of God in honor of Mrs. Betty Schmitz's 32 years of faithful service as a Kindergarten teacher at St. John's Lutheran School. We thank God for her dedicated service to her students and to her Lord!

✠ To have flowers in worship please call the office at 618-282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

5/3- Marilyn Kuhn, Christopher Stenzel; 5/4- Richard Burgdorf Sr, James Walker Sr, Nancy Fuhrhop-Vogt, Michael Schrader, Courtney Schoenbeck, Cody Strong; 5/5- Katherine Stellhorn, Angela Hewitt, Natalie Guebert, Becky Wright, Emily Grohmann, Emmett Schoenbeck; 5/6- Carol Matzenbacher, Angela Schoenbeck, Cole Booker; 5/7- Sophia Zeiger; 5/8- Jason Hick, Henry Liefer, Lillian Guebert, Eve Guebert; 5/9- Wilmer Krick Jr, Curtis Schrieber, Conner Liefer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for April- Pre-K3: August Guebert, Dallin Liefer, Elanor Liefer, Brooks Liefer, Lily Liefer; Pre-K4: Cash Grohmann, Brenlee Stenzel, Kane Whelan; Kindergarten: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer; First Grade: Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Eliza Schrader, Maverick Sicka; Second Grade: Bentley Valentine; Third Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Fourth Grade: Kayden Sicka; Sixth Grade: Jackson Carnahan; Seventh Grade: Natalie Kassing. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

CORRECTION IN MAY EPISTLE ARTICLE:

In the article that appeared in the May Epistle regarding Mrs. Schmitz's retirement, the name Hailey Proctor was left out of the list of RBHS Co-Op students who worked as aides in her classroom. We are sorry for the oversight.

COLLECTING SNACKS FOR SUMMER:

Kindergarten and First grade are collecting summer snacks for students for their Service Project from **now until May 8th**. We will donate collected snacks to the Royal Table and Musketeer Market, which supply snacks for families in our Red Bud public schools. Snacks will also be available through the school office for our own students. The following snacks or cash can be donated by bringing them to the school lobby: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of cheese crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, applesauce, small bags of chips. We thank you for your help with this project.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT:

St. John's Alumni Brody Stellhorn is collecting wheelchairs, canes, walkers, and crutches for his National Honor Society service project. Items should be in used but functional condition. Donations can be dropped off at school or church by **May 10th**. If you have any questions, please contact Brody at 618-615-5977.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES:

Please contact our office with the names of St. John's members who are graduating from any level of school this year. We will include them in the June Epistle.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON:

Our Church and School are continually blessed with the efforts of our volunteers. Volunteers, please join us in the school cafeteria on **Tuesday, May 19** at 12:00 pm for a luncheon to honor and thank you for your service to our school. We'll be sending out invitations, but we don't want to miss anyone. Please call the school office at 618-282-3873 to RSVP by Friday, May 15. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

We will be hosting VBS **June 15-29, 2026**, from 9-11 a.m. at school under the theme of Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save. We invite all students ages 3-10 to join us for a weeklong journey featuring Bible lessons, crafts, music, snacks, and games! Many helpers are also needed to make our week of VBS a success. Register your child(ren) today, and if you want to volunteer, use the link below for both registrations.

Link: <https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL>

ELDER ZONES FOR 2026-2027: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

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 Kollin Liefer (618/830-7140)

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 – A. Zeller- Elder Tyson Russell (618/612-6227)

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; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Jean Menke, Martha Rohlfing, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Planning Is Everything”

Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. (Psalm 146:3-4) 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.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Tune in to Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) for our latest study, "Springing into the Psalms!" This week will take us through Psalms 21, 30, 38, 45, and 53. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as Pastor Booe guides us through a brand new study of the book of James! Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (5/9 at 10 a.m.) as we look at the Power and Primacy of the Pope. What is "the office of the keys"? Find your favorite programs on-demand by visiting kfue.org!

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

LCMS FOUNDATION:

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? A Counselor encourages you in the process. There are many reasons why you have not created your estate plan or reviewed your existing plan. The counselor's encouragement can be that extra spark to get you moving, completing your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor enjoys this task. Contact Scott Radden at 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The truth of God's Word is not always welcomed by "stiff-necked people" who "resist the Holy Spirit," and even become enraged at hearing the truth. Stephen faithfully proclaimed that Word even though it led to his martyrdom (Acts 7:51, 59-60). Many angry voices today demand unfettered access to abortion or physician-assisted suicide. But we must continue to sound the trumpet of truth, for only the power of God's Word can open the eyes of the blind and execute justice for the oppressed (Psalm 146:7-8). It is the narrow road of faith in Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that gives us access to our Father in heaven (John 14:6). Baptized into Christ, we are living stones, being built up into a spiritual house, that we may proclaim the Good News of the One who calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:5, 9).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

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Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

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

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy Fourth Grade – Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Jr High Science – Sara Shepherd

Athletic Director – Scott Voss Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians – Wil Krick, Bob Schramm, Christian Stechmesser, and Cheryl Fehr

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaitlin Schmitz, Madison Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Mycah Clements, Zandra Harless, Tori Muench, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Reagan Birkner, Olivia Noethen, and Danielle Schmitz.

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Saturday*) Rev. Brian Nowak & (*Sunday*) Rev. Dr. Alan Bachert

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (*8 a.m.*) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Cooper Wingerter; (*8 a.m.*) Layla Kilpatrick

(*10:30 a.m.*) Brayden McCarthy

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Linda Guebert & Chris Doerr

(*10:30 a.m.*) Gerald & Jill Hanebutt

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

Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers & Nola Vallett Paraments: Carol Turner