

PRELUDE: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

arranged by Michael Burkhardt

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" (LSB 913)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence to reflect on God's Word and self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

INTROIT:

Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105



Your word is a lamp | to my feet* **and a light | to my path.**
Forever, O | Lord, your word* **is firmly fixed | in the heavens.**
Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations;* **you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.**
By your appointment they | stand this day,* **for all things are your | servants.**
If your law had not been | my delight,* **I would have perished in my af- | fliction.**
I will never forget your | precepts,* **for by them you have giv- | en me life.**
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.**
Your word is a lamp | to my feet* **and a light | to my path.**

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)



C 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*



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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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)*

FIRST READING:*Acts 17:16-31*

P: ¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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 3:13–22*

P: ¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those

who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: ¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

"Thy Word"

Refrain: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (repeat)*

1. *When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.*

(Refrain)

2. *Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.*

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end. (Refrain)

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“God Has Spoken by His Prophets” (LSB 583)



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

SERMON

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. & 8 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.

(10:30 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.

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, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, Joan Prigge, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Bennett 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.

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✠thanks for and God's blessings upon our Christian mothers

✠those who have graduated or are graduating from any level of school

✠favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields

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

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

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, and a Closing Prayer.

(10:30 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."

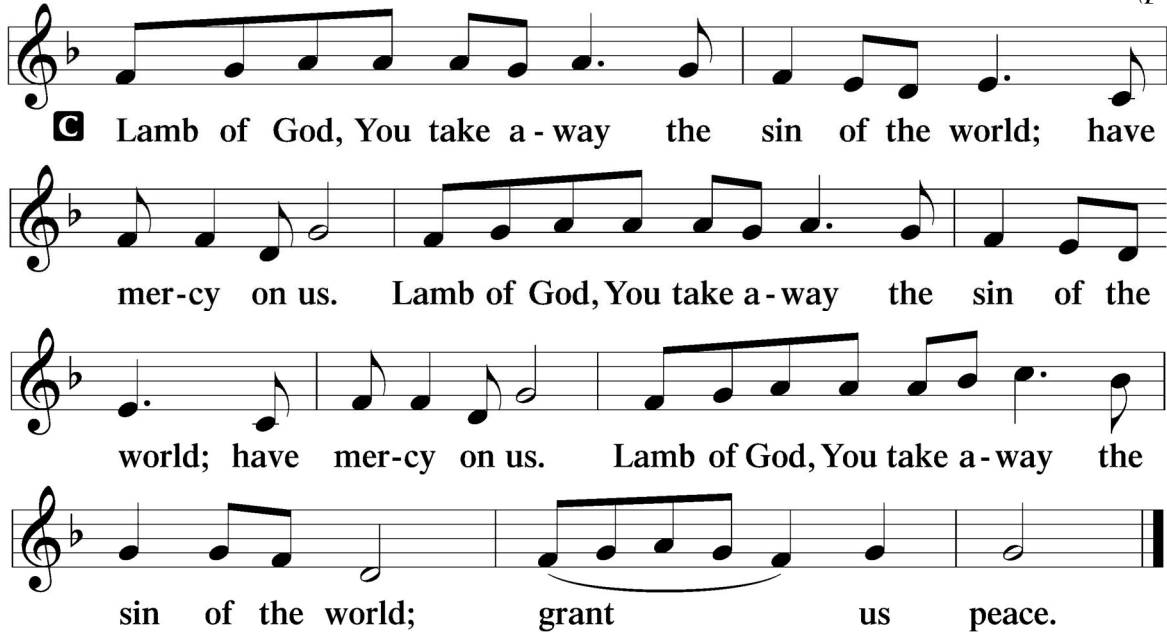
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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)*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (LSB 700)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” (LSB 749)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;
 There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;


Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.
 And if you lack for knowl - edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” (LSB 631)

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

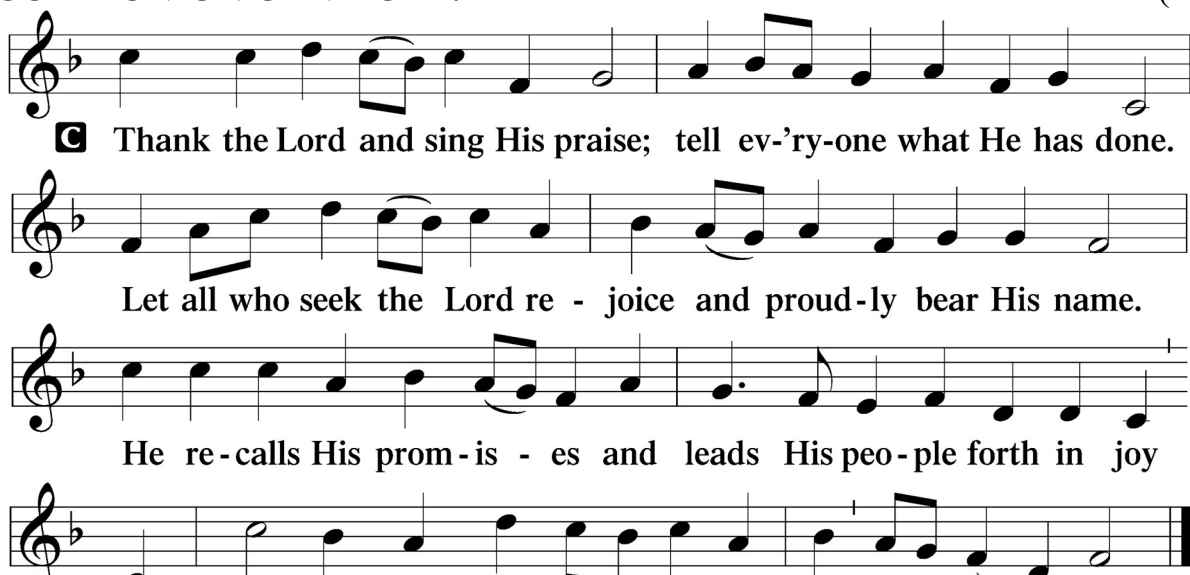
**5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.**

**6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.**

**7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Thank the Lord” (*LSB* 164)



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

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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: “*A Christian Wife and Mother*” (tune: “*The Church’s One Foundation*”)

1. **A Chris-tian wife and moth-er, God’s gift from heav’n a-bove
To mem-bers of her fam-’ly a source of con-stant love,
A help-mate to her hus-band in good and e-vil days,
A bless-ing to her chil-dren in e’er so man-y ways.**
2. **She looks with love and fa-vor up-on her chil-dren fair,
As pre-cious gifts from heav-en God gave in-to her care.
With Chris-tian ad-mo-ni-tion and nur-ture in the Lord
She trains them well and wise-ly with Scrip-ture’s full ac-cord.**
3. **Thank God for Chris-tian moth-ers, re-mem-ber them today,
And call up-on your Sav-ior to bless their earth-ly stay.
They are a na-tion’s for-tress, a strong-hold in the home,
We hon-or and sa-lute them now and in life to come.**

POSTLUDE: “C Major”

by Georg Friedrich Handel

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This Week with Our Lord, May 10-17, 2026

SUNDAY, May 10- *Happy Mother’s Day!*

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

Monday, May 11-

Golf State

3:15 Faculty Meeting

6:30 p.m. 7th Grade Class Meeting in Library

Tuesday, May 12- *Pastor Winkelman’s day off*

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 13-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

8:30 a.m. All School 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 with Holy Communion

Thursday, May 14-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation at school

Friday, May 15-

Saturday, May 16- *Ascension Day Observed*

LSA Track Meet

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Claire Doeding

SUNDAY, May 17- *Ascension Day Observed*

LSA Track Meet

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Lucy Kuehn

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Lauren Mehring

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

May 2-3: Worship: 297; Communion: 143; Adult Bible Classes: 39; Sun. School: 41

May 5-6: Women's Bible Study: 12; Bible Recap: 17; Chapel: 106

May 6: Worship: 32; *No Communion*; May 8: Chapel: *Not reported*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 5/3/26- General: \$18,824.00; School: \$455.00; Debt Elimination: \$165.00.

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!*

PASTOR MARK ON VACATION:

From 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.

CLASS MEETING FOR 7TH GRADE:

Our next class meeting will be on **Monday, May 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The committee needs to be ready to present proposed itinerary (with copies for each family). An anonymous vote via a paper ballot from each family will be taken. New financial information will be available and a final decision on future fundraisers and decision on guests will be decided. One parent per family must attend in order for the vote to be counted. No absentee voting.

CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION AT SCHOOL:

Graduation for the Class of 2026 will be held **Thursday, May 14th** at 7pm, at School. 8th graders are not required to attend school on Friday, May 15th or Monday, May 18th. They are encouraged to return on Monday, 5/18 for end of the year activities and awards.

THANK YOU:

I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful retirement party I experienced on Sunday. Thank you to the committee that planned it. The meal, decorations and program, made the day so special for me. I appreciate everyone who was able to attend. Thank you to everyone for the words of congratulations, cards and gifts. The Lord has blessed me by allowing me to teach His children here at St. John's for 32 years. I praise and thank Him. My cup overflows. *Mrs. Schmitz*

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

✠ 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:

5/10- Joan Ruwald, Morgan Buch; 5/11- Kevin Hartmann, Danette Miller, James Ratz, Danielle Liefer, Henry Roy; 5/12- Alyce Niklich, Jesse Crafton, Noah Tepe, Charlotte Evancich; 5/13- Marlene Deterding, Meike Hooch, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess, Henry Veath; 5/14- Eugene Stamm, Rebecca Moeller, Christa Brundage; 5/15- Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee.

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!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Mary Gross who died in the Lord last Friday at the age of 91 years. She received a Christian funeral here on Monday, May 4th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Willard Guebert who died in the Lord last Friday at the age of 93 years. He will receive a Christian funeral here on Tuesday, May 12th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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!

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.

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, Margaret Hanebutt.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer, Earl (Wayne) Ellner; 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: “The King Who Reigns”

If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. (Luke 24:36-53) 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.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Tune in for "Spring into the Psalms" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll study Psalms 56, 64, 72, 82, and 94. We're continuing our study of the book of James on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Join us for chapters 3-5! Stay tuned for our next study, beginning next Monday, May 18th! Pastor Booe will be leading us in a study of Paul's longest epistle: the Book of Romans! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfu.org!

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? Working on your estate can be complicated as you balance legal, tax and financial issues, along with your desires to care for family and support ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has tools to organize all these things. Contact Scott Radden at 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Like Athens at the time of the Apostle Paul's preaching (Acts 17:16), this world is full of idols. Today's idols may take on a different shape, but they are just as deadly. These idols craftily disguise themselves with practical-sounding words and phrases, such as "reproductive health care" and "death with dignity." The One True God, the Lord of Life, offers a better way. Jesus says, "Because I live, you will also live" (John 14:19). Though in this life we may be tested and tried like silver, and what may appear to be a crushing burden is laid on our backs, the Lord God has promised to bring us into a place of abundance (Psalm 66:10-12). We have been given the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, who dwells in us (John 14:16-17), that we may serve God in our various vocations as Gospel-motivated voices for Life, always being ready to make a defense for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

James 1:22 – "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. As Luther said, "Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly." James' epistle encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance when we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

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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: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (8 a.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Aiden Arbeiter; (8 a.m.) Conner Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Kaydence Proctor

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke

(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

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

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