

PRELUDE: "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Shepherd of Tender Youth" (LSB 864)



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your
love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and
um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,
And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
You so might save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

(LSB 184)

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

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

C: **Amen.**

INTROIT:

Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, | O Lord!*

It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*

to the music of the lute | and the harp,*

For you, O Lord, have made me glad | by your work;*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the melody | of the lyre.

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

GLORIA PATRI:

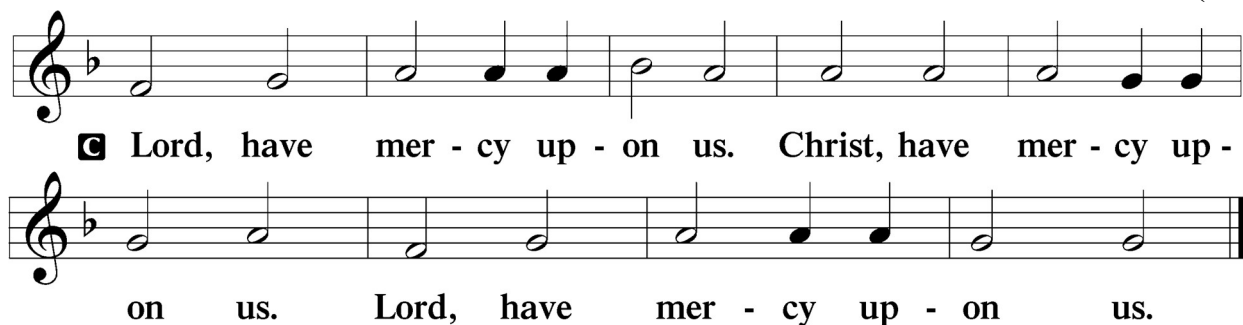
(LSB 186)



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE:

(LSB 186)



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

“Glory to God in the Highest” (LSB 187-189)



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the 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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Ezekiel 33:7–9

P: ⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P: Fear the Lord, you his saints,

C: **for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE:

Romans 13: 1–10

P: ¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA:

(LSB 190)



HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 18:1–20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

P: ¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

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.

(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:

"Children of the Heavenly Father" (LSB 725, vs. 1 & 4)



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

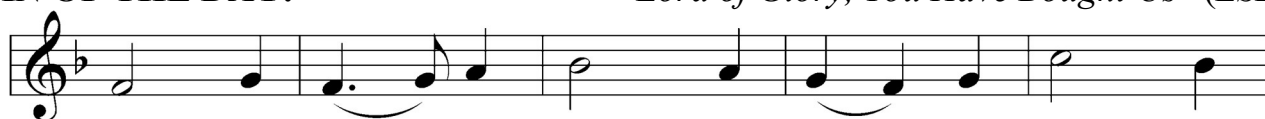
in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” (LSB 851)



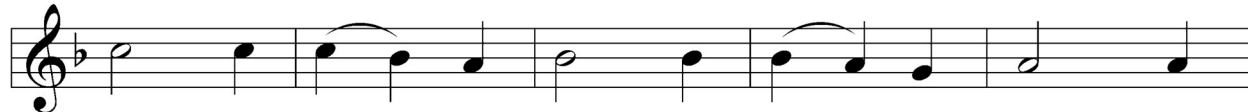
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv’n to you?”
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 192-193)



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: David Blankenship, Mike DeRousse, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Barbara Korves, Robert Kueker, Stanley Langrehr, Elsie Miller, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, Bunny Schnepel, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Elroy & Carolyn Stellhorn, Trudy Woolbright; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Andy Amann, Doug Burford, Carey Coffman, Pam Ehlers, Justin Fausz, Mary Gibson, Virgil Gramenz, Shirley Hartmann, Tina Heinemann, Gerald Hitzemann, Rev. Russell Koen, Andrea Kuehner, Tyson Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

- ✠ wedding of Zachary Langrehr and Lorin Wolf on Monday, September 7th
- ✠ for Rev. Jacob Moore accepting the Call to serve our District as a Missionary Pastor
- ✠ for Rev. Nowak & family for accepting his call to Good Shepherd in Frankfort, IL
- ✠ God’s guidance of our upcoming pastoral vacancy

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 194-202ff.

PREFACE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Please let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:

(LSB 195)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for the Sanctus is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second and third staves contain the second line, the fourth and fifth staves contain the third line, and the sixth staff contains the fourth line. The music ends with a double bar line.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(LSB 196)

Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

The musical score for The Lord's Prayer is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the prayer, the second and third staves contain the second line, the fourth and fifth staves contain the third line, and the sixth staff contains the fourth line. The music ends with a double bar line.

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

(LSB 197)

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,

and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod - y, which is giv-en for you.

This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI:

(LSB 197)



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

AGNUS DEI:

(LSB 198)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

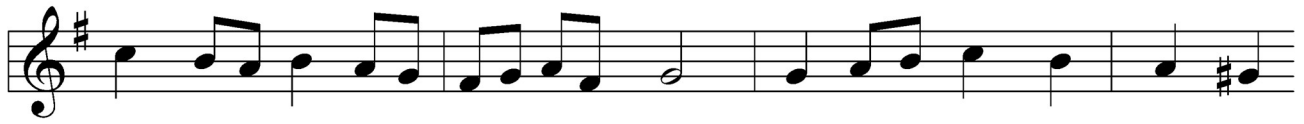
“Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LSB 842)



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

“O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing” (*LSB* 635)



1 O gra - cious Lord, I firm - ly am be - liev - ing
2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou - sand times of - fend - ing;
3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your ta - ble;
4 O Lamb of God, my faith - ful, lov - ing Sav - ior,
5 Heav - en - ly Bread, my life and ben - e - dic - tion,



Your bound - less love will bless each faith - ful soul,
My thank - less thoughts and words and deeds e - raise,
Lord, as a guest, I sure - ly am the least:
You I em - brace in faith and ho - ly love;
This cup You give can take a - way each ill.



As from this al - tar we are here re - ceiv - ing
To me Your hand of mer - cy now ex - tend - ing,
Un - clean, un - fit, of wor - thy deeds un - a - ble—
Grant me the strength to show by my be - hav - ior
Come and re - lieve my soul from all af - flic - tion;



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,
 O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,
 My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,
 A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,
 Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole.
 O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace.
 My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast.
 A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove.
 Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still.

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” (*LSB* 707)



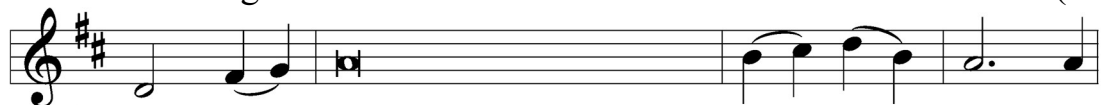
1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

NUNC DIMITTIS : “Song of Simeon”

(*LSB* 199-200)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



THANKSGIVING:

(LSB 200)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

(LSB 201-202)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

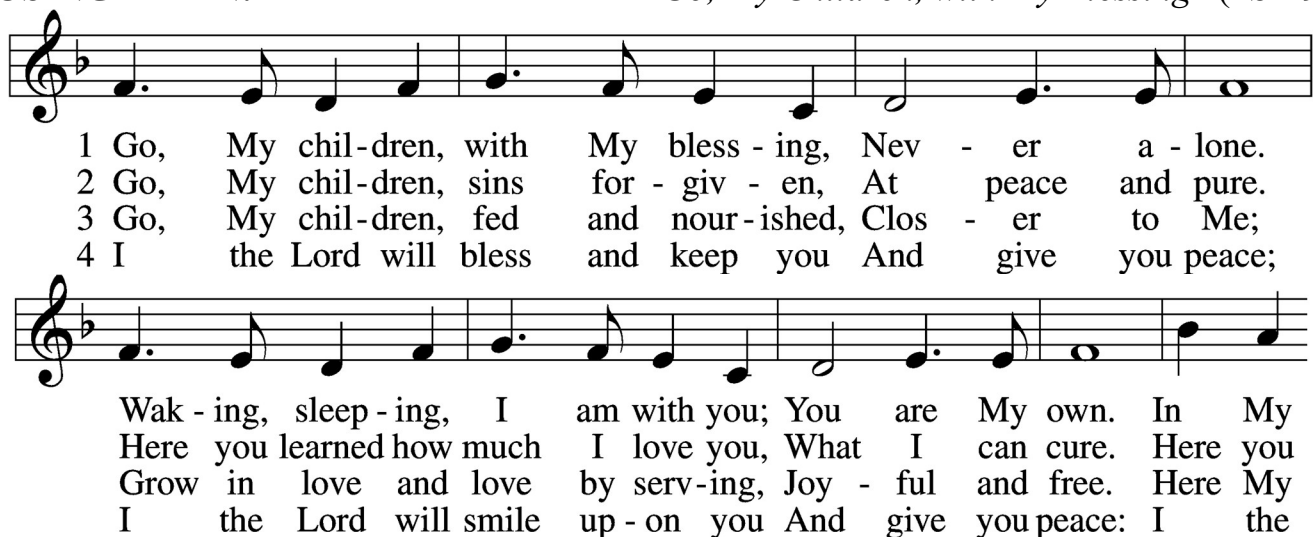
C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)





love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

POSTLUDE: “*Son of God, Eternal Savior*”

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

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This Week with Our Lord, September 6-13, 2026

SUNDAY, September 6-

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Monday, September 7- *No School & Office Closed - Labor Day Observed*

Tuesday, September 8- *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

4:15 p.m. BB/SB vs Steeleville

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

Wednesday, September 9-

Cross Country Meet @ Sparta Fairgrounds

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

8:30 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Chapel

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

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

1:35 p.m. Staff meeting

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Board for Parish Education

6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, September 10-

4:15 p.m. BB/SB @ Coulterville (SB B-team only)

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. PTL Meeting

Friday, September 11- 11:20 a.m. Dismissal - No lunch Served & No Afterschool Care

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting

Saturday, September 12-

BB@RBC B-team tournament

SB A-team Tournament @ RBC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – McKinley Florreich

SUNDAY, September 13-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Brewer Krick

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Gavin Williams

12:00 p.m. Sonshine Meeting in Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Senior Youth Meeting

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

August 29-30: Worship: 386; Communion: 278; Adult Bible Classes: 44; Sun. School: 52

September 1-2: Women's Bible Study: 18; Bible Recap: 18; Worship: 65; Communion: 38

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 8/31/26- General: \$14,447.00; School: \$430.00.

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:

9/6- Betty Fausz; **9/7-** Corey Ratcliff, Jack Crafton; **9/8-** Dennis Kruse, Janel Maes, Stanley Mueth, Case Hess, Lillian Meyer, Dallin Liefer, Hadlee Crafton; **9/9-** Donna Wetzel, Gerald Hannebutt, Nicholas Guebert; **9/10-** Kenneth Booker, Maria Wiatr-Aucoin, Connor Guebert, Trenton Cox; **9/11-** Don Schrader, Jared Heller, Amanda Falkenhain, Michael Ratcliff, Holden Wagner, Maggie Kuehn; **9/12-** Pat Byer, Kevin Liefer, Michael DeRousse, Leslie Wolter, Carter Mehring.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the September 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 October Epistle, please send an email to the office by September 25!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

There are no Sunday School classes this weekend. We will resume after Labor Day weekend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for August- Pre-K3: Brynlee Gramenz, Crew Grohmann, Brooks Liefer, Eleanor Liefer, Lily Liefer, Clara Zeller; Pre-K4: August Guebert, Dallin Liefer, June Russell, Jacob Schrader; Kindergarten: Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohmann, Kullen Liefer, Attlee Thien; First Grade: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer, Clarke Thien; Second Grade: Bennett Buch, Demi Grohmann, Ben Langrehr, Karlyn Meier, Eliza Schrader; Third Grade: Bentley Valentine; Fourth Grade: Madalynn Gulley, Kolton Meier; Fifth Grade: Kolton Liefer; Sixth Grade: Maggie Kuehn, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; Seventh Grade: Aliviah Gulley, Henry Schnepel; Eighth Grade: Natalie Kassing, Lucy Kuehn. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

SHOE COLLECTION BIN: *Last week for donations*

The Red Bud Lions Club collects LACED SHOES until **September 11th**. A donation bin can be found in the main lobby, and used shoes are welcome. Donations will benefit children in Africa, by supplying them with shoes. Please drop any donations off at school during normal business hours, Mon - Fri from 8-4. Thank you for your support in this opportunity!

FREE COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY:

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo invites you to a FREE Community Block Party on **Saturday, September 12th** from 11am-3pm. There will be inflatables, food, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, quilt bingo, carnival games, balloon artist, & music. Come together to celebrate Immanuel's 125th anniversary and God's goodness in the community.

SONSHINE:

Sonshine Visits Meeting, **Sunday, September 13th** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments to be served.

ADULT CHOIR:

Adult Choir will begin for the season on **Monday, September 14th**! We practice every Monday night at 7pm in the School Music Room for about an hour. Choir also sings 2 anthems in church twice a month, usually in the 8am Sunday morning service. (Though on Sunday, November 1st, we will sing at 10:30am instead.) **New Members are always welcome and appreciated!!**

TRIVIA NIGHT – HOSTED BY LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:

Life Network of Southern Illinois invites you to their Trivia Night at Waterloo High School Cafeteria on **Saturday, September 19th**. The doors will open at 5pm and trivia will start at 6pm. Tables are limited so call 618-939-4224 to reserve your table today! All proceeds will benefit Life Network.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR SEMINARY:

Concordia Seminary is in need of nice women's, children's, and men's dress clothing, toys, linens, and household items for their Re-Sale Shop. The LWML group is conducting a drive in September to assist the families at our seminary. Please place donated items in the Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CHURCH OPEN/CLOSERS

Have you been looking for a way to serve our church family? Consider becoming a part of our new team of volunteers (Mike DeRousse, Kim Ellis, Becky Biffar, Jamie Korando, Beth Diewald, and Justin Palm) who help prepare our building for our weekly worship services. This is a great opportunity for those who have a heart for service and prefer to work behind the scenes. Typical duties include: Unlocking doors and turning on lights, Adjusting heating and cooling, Updating hymn boards, Refilling candles, & Ensuring the building is securely closed after the service. No experience is necessary (training will be provided), and you would be scheduled on a rotating basis so the commitment is minimal. Your help will ensure a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who enters. If you are potentially interested, please add your name to our list by contacting our church office at 618-282-3873 or by sending an email to office@stjohnsredbud.org. This is for information sharing purposes only and does not commit you to serving. We will simply use this list to gauge interest and provide more details on the responsibilities and rotation schedule, so you can decide if it's the right fit for you. Thank you for your consideration.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24–25)

ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you forgot your check/cash and would like to give electronically you can through our St. John's app. Either download our app here: <https://tithely.app.link/stjohnsredbud> or scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet camera app. Once there, simply fill out the amount, choose the fund you are giving to (*choose to cover the cost or not, your choice*) and finish filling out the form to give. You can then set it up to give automatically if so desired.



COLLEGE KIDS

If you or your child/grandchild are heading off to college, Pastor Mark would like to keep in touch and help connect them to a local Lutheran church. The easiest way to do this is email or text Pastor: name, college attending, address and phone or email. He'll take it from there. (mwinkelman@stjohnsredbud.org 815.499.1135)

GIVING WALL EXPANSION:

Dear Church and School Families, we are excited to invite you to join the donors' wall in the New Gym Lobby. Each tile is a six-inch stainless-steel square that can be engraved with a message. The cost to add a tile to the wall is a \$500 donation. You can order by emailing office@stjohnsredbud.org. Once we have a specific number of orders, we will then start the process of collecting the message that you would like engraved on your tile.

SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES:

Wednesday morning chapel services will be held at 8:30am for 3-8 grades. Early childhood services for Daycare-2nd grade will be held on Friday mornings at 8:30am. Services will be typically held at church, weather permitting. Otherwise, services will be held in the school's new gym. If location changes, this will be communicated via Facebook and Remind for both chapel groups. Guests are welcome to attend!

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS:

During the month of September offerings will benefit Give Me Water Lord. This organization is led by Mr. Vic Hamer and strives to provide clean drinking water to African nations that would otherwise go without. Chapel offering envelopes will be sent home for early childhood chapel each week. Please consider sending in a gift of any size. Thank You!

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP GREETERS

We need a couple or two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services, starting on **September 19th**. The only requirements, expectations, and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and greet people as they enter the church. If interested in either one of those two options or both, please contact the office.

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (5 p.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Claire Doeding; (8 a.m.) Aiden Arbeiter; (10:30 a.m.) Emry Voss

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn

(10:30 a.m.) Jim & Judy Guebert

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Kathy Rowold

Paraments: Ella Hemmer