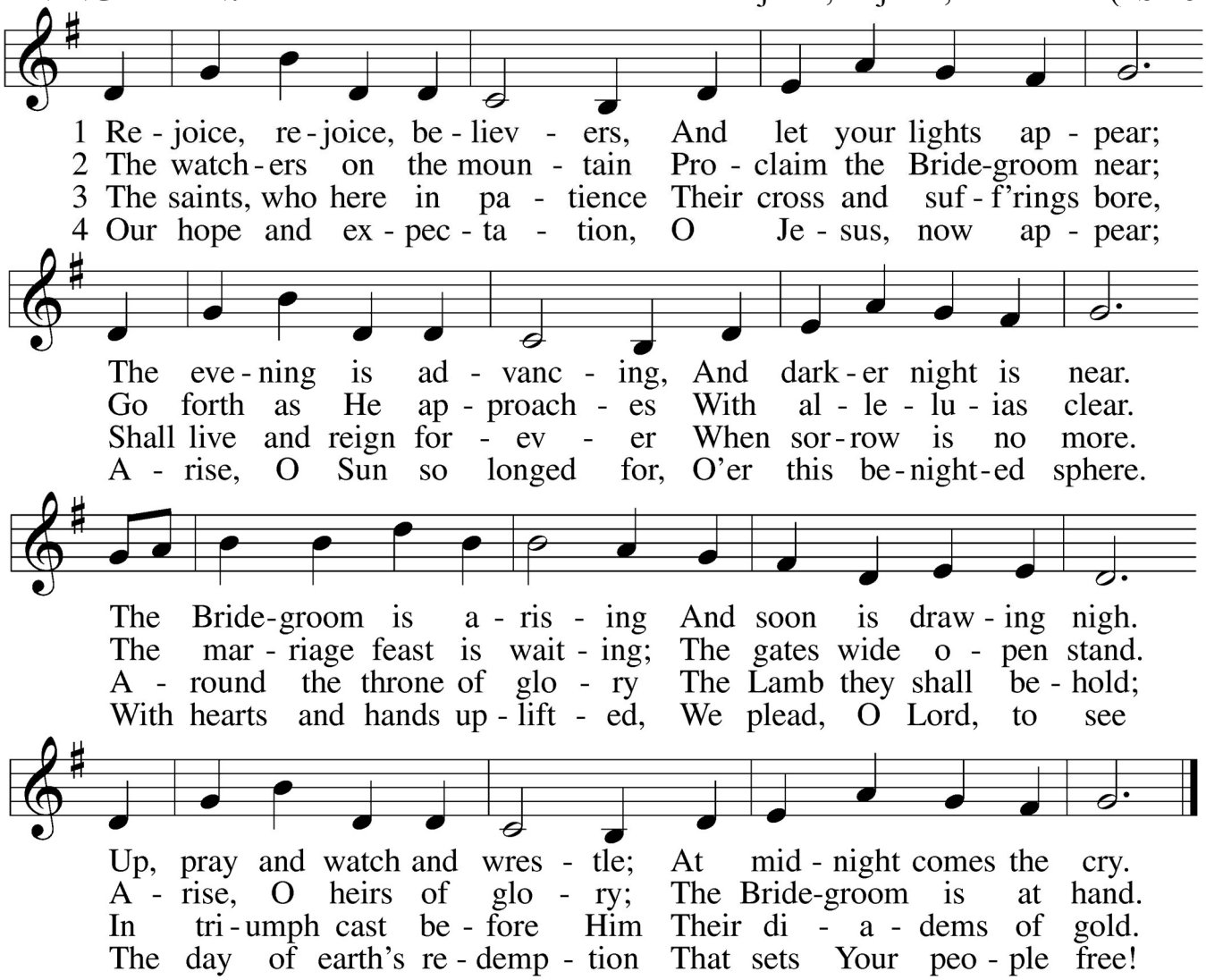
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost ***St. John's Lutheran Church***
November 7-8, 2026 *Divine Service One, page 151ff.* **Red Bud, Illinois**

PRELUDE: *(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)* "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" *arranged by Tim Shewmaker*
(10:30 a.m.) "The GatheRing" *Bell Choir*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (*LSB* 515)



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: (*LSB* 151)

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: *(spoken)* *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,* **at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.**

How lovely is your | dwelling place,* **O | Lord of hosts!**

Behold our shield, | O God;* **look on the face of your a- | nointed!**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.* **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.* **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.**

O | Lord of hosts,* **blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!**

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.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,* **at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.**

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.

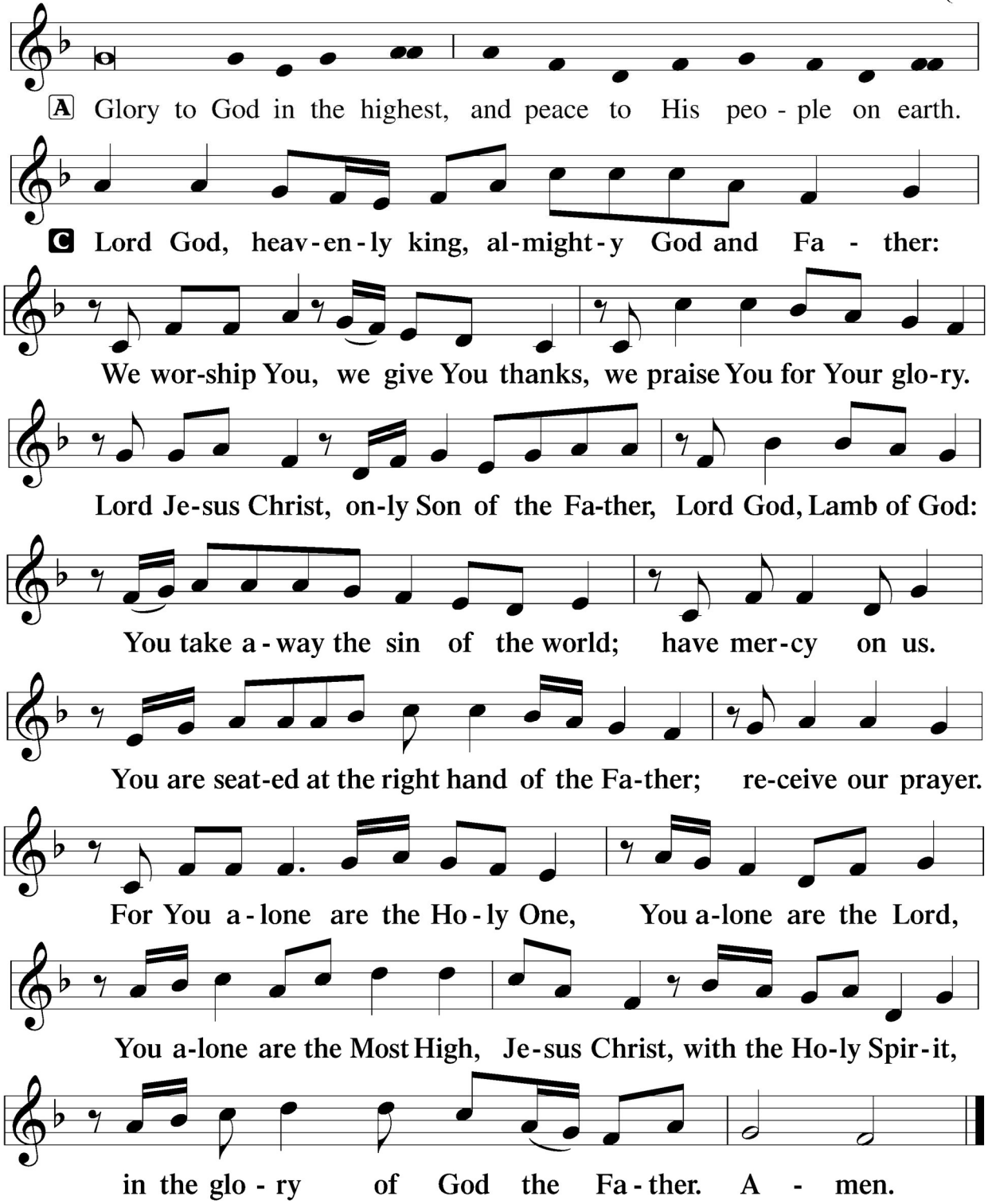
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

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

C: A-men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "*Gloria in Excelsis*" (*LSB* 154)



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.)* "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" *Bell Choir*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Amos 5:18–24*

P: [18]Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, [19]as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. [20]Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? [21]"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. [22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. [23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. [24]But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

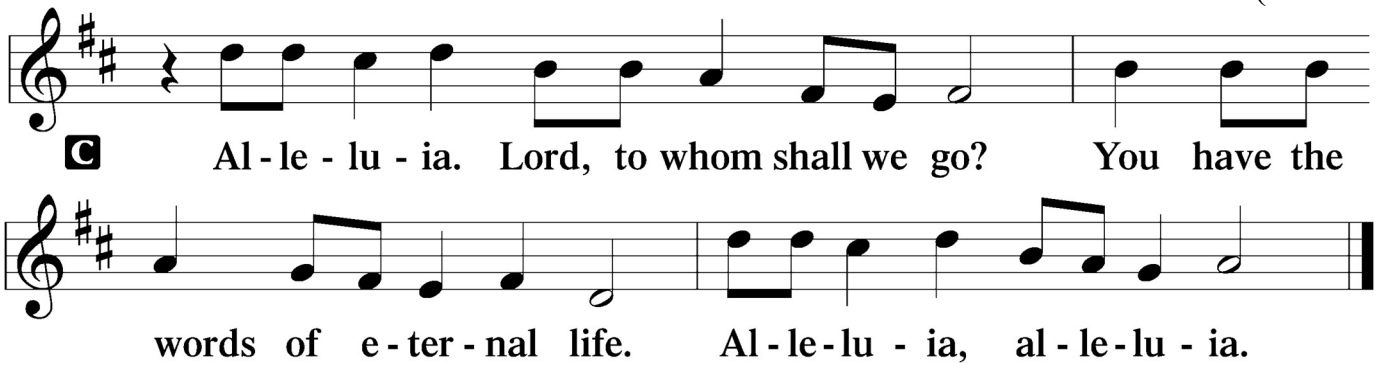
C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE: *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

P: [13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE: (*LSB* 156)



HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:1–13*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: [1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when

the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

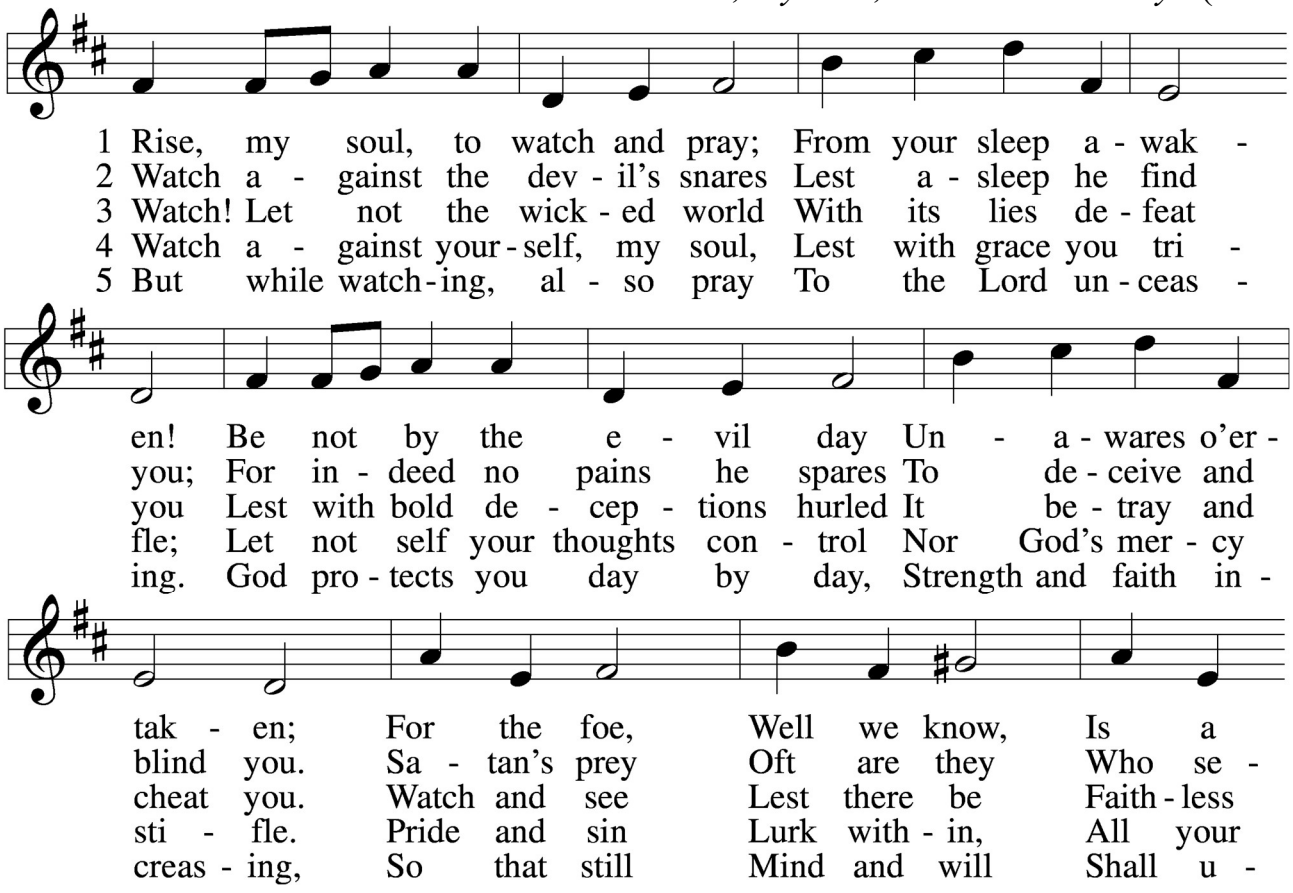
(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:** "*Soon and Very Soon*"

1. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

3. No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*" (*LSB* 663)





har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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.

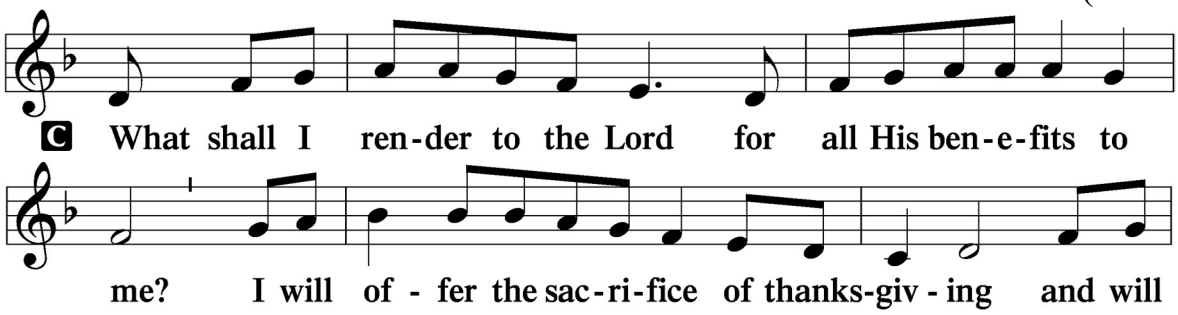
(10:30 a.m.) **Nicene Creed**

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)



C 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



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, Mike DeRousse, Donald Fausz, Glen Guebert, Jim Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Barbara Korves, Elsie Miller, Kortney Moll, Norma Preston, Clyde Rowold, 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, Bob & Marsha Garcea, Mary Gibson, Shirley Hartmann, Darlene Heck, Tina Heinemann, Rev. Russell Koen, Andrea Kuehner, Susan McFadden, Tyson Moonier, Jennifer (nee Stolte) Sievers, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

✠ for Liam Joseph Wilson, son of Kenneth & Samantha Wilson, as he comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Saturday, November 7

✠ God's guidance through our pastoral vacancy

✠ blessings on the harvest and safety in the fields

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.

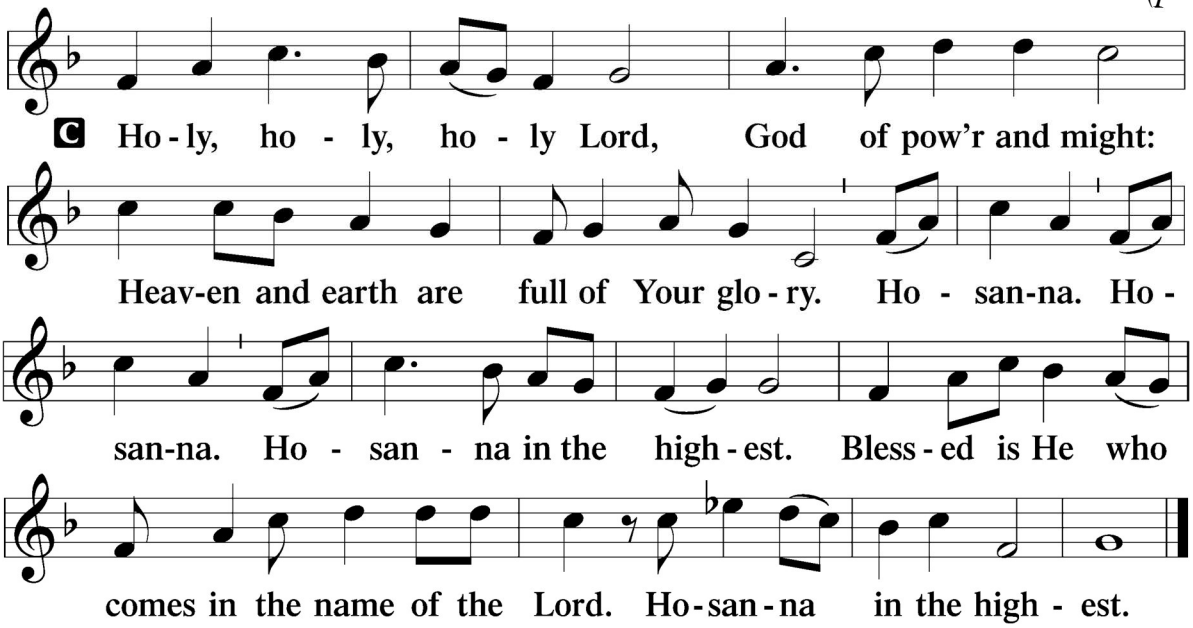
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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)*



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:

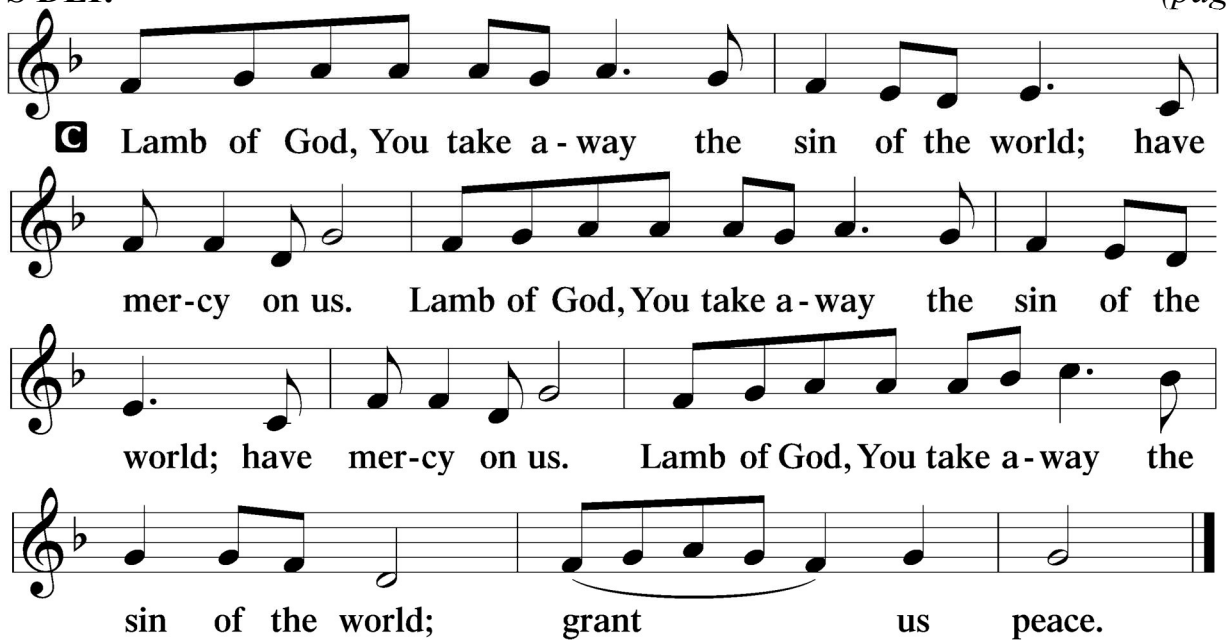
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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.

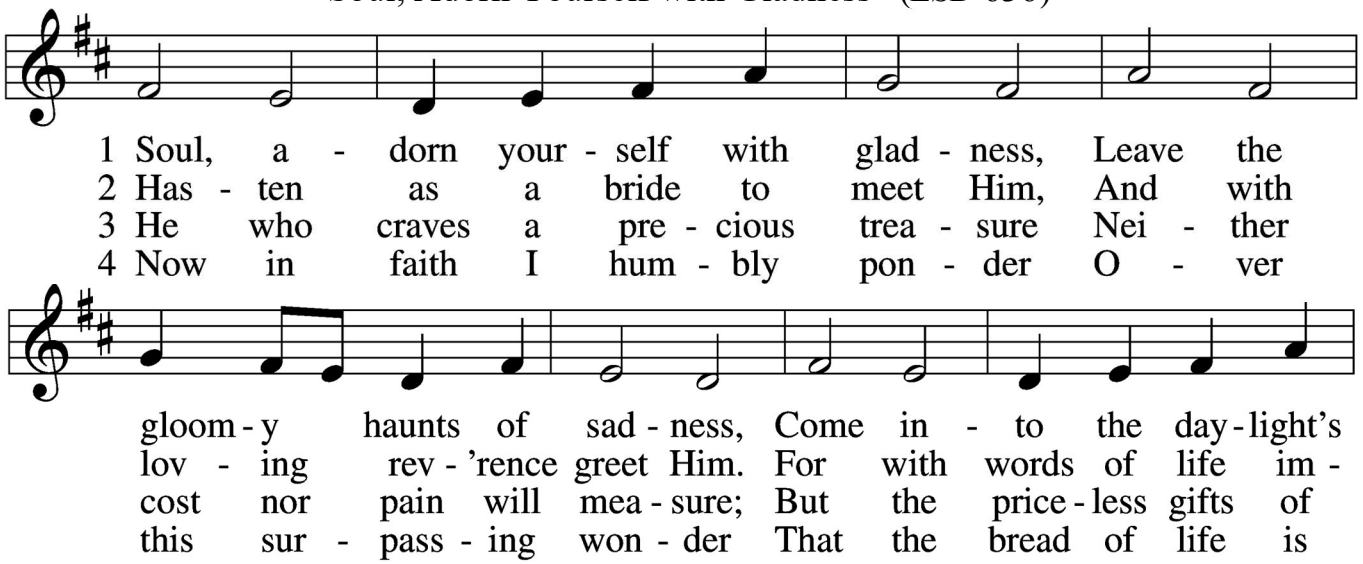
AGNUS DEI: *(page 163)*



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

Anthem: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Bell Choir

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (*LSB* 636)





5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

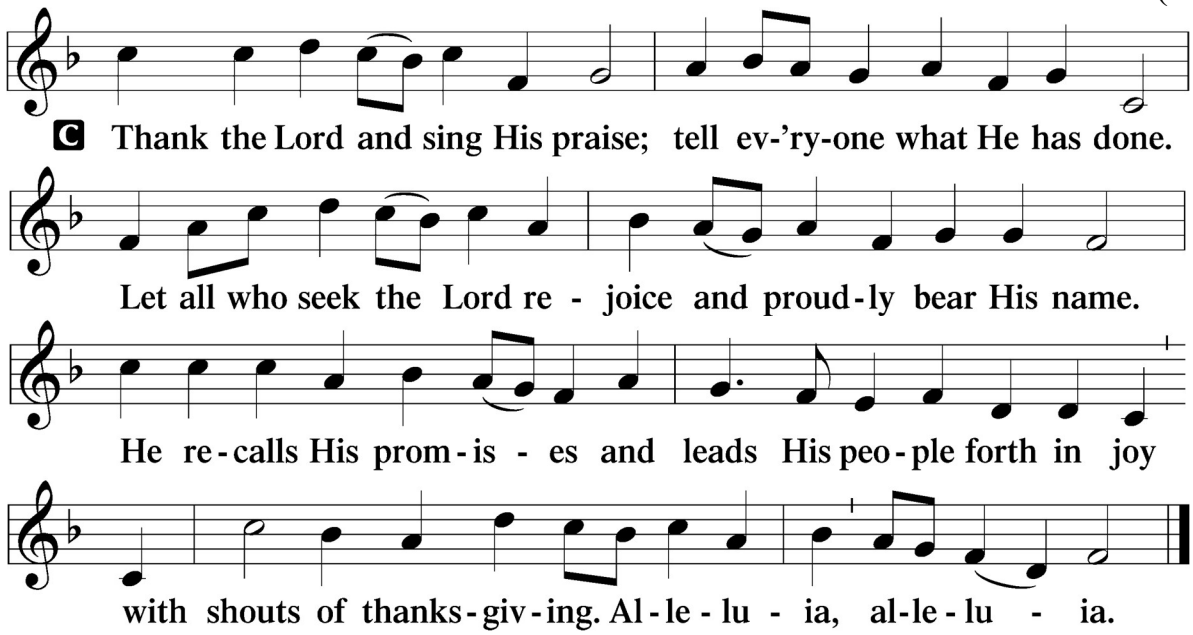
6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven

On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord" (*LSB* 164)



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: "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*" (*LSB* 924)



POSTLUDE: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" *arranged by Tim Shewmaker*

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This Week with Our Lord, November 8-15, 2026

SUNDAY, November 8-
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Wurstmarkt sponsored by Class of 2029
Monday, November 9-
3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting
5:15 p.m. BBB@ Evansville
5:30 p.m. GBB vs ICS 5th and 7th
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice
Tuesday, November 10- ***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
5:30 p.m. BBB @ ICS
6:00 p.m. GBB vs RBC
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 11- ***Veterans Day - No School/Office Closed***
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, November 12-
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting
7:00 p.m. PTL meeting
Friday, November 13-
Veteran's Day Breakfast & Service
9:00 a.m. All School Chapel
Saturday, November 14-
10a.m.-3p.m. Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by Class of 2030
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Lauren Mehring
SUNDAY, November 15-
8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Brinley Wolter
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Sadie Stellhorn
11:30 a.m. Jr. Youth Meeting for Operation Christmas Child

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:

Oct. 31-Nov. 1: Worship: 329; Communion: 227; Adult Bible Classes: 39; Sun. School: 52
November 3-4: Women's Bible Study: 15; Bible Recap: 17; Worship: 50; *No Communion*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/1/26- General: $30,641.00; School: $385.00.

2027 LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL: *****Pricing Correction*****

If you are currently receiving or would like to be added to receive the Lutheran Witness subscription, please call the office at 282-2394. We will need to submit our renewal order by **December 1st**. The 2027 subscription payment of **$30.70** may be turned into the office or collected in the offertory. Please have checks made payable to the church.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

✠ Flowers on the pedestal are given to the Glory of God in honor of the Baptism of Liam Wilson by the family.

✠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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

✠ We welcome Liam Joseph Wilson into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in a later Saturday service. He is the son of Kenneth and Samantha (Moeller) Wilson. His baptismal sponsors are Cailyn Wilson & Joseph Goeddel. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

11/8- Earl Sachtleben, Suzanne Neff, Rhonda Nobbe, Colleen Runge, Thomas Mehring; **11/9-** Piper Runge; **11/10-** Debbie Carrico, Zachary Seibold; **11/11-** Deb Grohmann, Brittany Veath, Valerie Liefer, Michael Miller, Trace Wagner, Nolan Liefer, Logan Gramenz; **11/12-** Zachary Langrehr, Kane Trost, Wrenley Grohmann; **11/13-** Ronald Weseloh, Dorothy Hartmann, Nick Kassing, Konnor Cartee, Barrett Wagner; **11/14-** Janet Braun, Michael Schnepel, Leighten McCarthy, Ian Hick.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. (1 Peter 1:24–25)

WURSTMART DINNER:

Our annual Wurstmarkt will be on **Sunday, November 8th**, benefiting the St. John's Lutheran Class of 2029. The meal will be $16 per plate for dine-in or carry-out from 11am-2pm.

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST & SERVICE:

Attention all Veterans plan to join our students and staff on **Fri. Nov. 13th** for complimentary breakfast and chapel service. Breakfast will be served from 8-9:00am and our chapel service will begin at 9am. Our guest speaker and preacher will be Reverend (Chaplain) Craig G. Muehler, who is a retired U.S. Navy captain and serves as the director of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:

The class of 2030 invites you to the annual SJL holiday craft fair on **November 14, 2026** from 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Over 40 local vendors will be in the new gym lobby, old gym and cafeteria. Join us to shop for handmade gifts, enjoy seasonal treats, and discover something special! Coffee and donut food trucks will also be onsite!

EVENING GUILD MEETING:

The Evening Guild will help the Jr. Youth Group assemble Operation Christmas Child at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 15. On Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m., guest speakers Raley Smith and Abby Jahnke from Camp Wartburg will speak. Paula Wiley will lead devotions. Hostesses are Betty Schmitz, Joan Wiegand, and Deitt Schneider.

ELDER BASKET DELIVERIES AND DONATIONS:

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas gifts for our homebound and shut-in members, please place your gift in an envelope marked "Elder Baskets" and put it into an offering plate at church or bring/send it to the church office. Deliveries will take place the morning of Saturday, December 5.

LCFS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED:

Sharing with those in need is showing the love of Jesus. We will again be adopting 12 children through Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, to provide gifts for them at Christmas. Please have your monetary gift in an envelope marked "LCFS gift" to the school's office or drop it in the offering plate by **Nov. 20, 2026**, so that there is ample time to purchase the gifts. See Mr. Becker for the label(s) that need to be placed on each unwrapped gift placed into a gift bag. I plan to deliver all the gifts on Friday, Dec. 4. The money collected will be divided equally among the classes in Day-Care-8th grade. Thank you for your love and compassion to those who are less fortunate.

BBLE RECAP PLAN IN 2027:

The Bible Recap reading group is about to finish our year of reading the Bible. This year has been a great learning experience for our group. We have read some very difficult passages and many beautiful and uplifting passages. We have had many difficult discussions and we have laughed - a lot. Our understanding of our faith has grown throughout this process. We will be taking another trip through the Bible with The Bible Recap plan in 2027. If you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you. We are planning on starting up again in the middle of January. If you are looking for a sign - maybe this is it. If you would like to join us or have any questions, contact Lori Colbert at 618-977-2826.

THANK YOU:

✠Thank you so much for all the birthday well wishes and gifts. I feel very blessed to be at St. John's and appreciate all the support. Again, thank you! *Mr. Palm*

✠Thank you for the special gifts from the students of St. John's and the well wishes from so many. I enjoyed my gifts and remembering of my birthday! *Mr. Becker*

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for October- Pre-K3: Brynlee Gramenz, Crew Grohmann, Brooks Liefer, Eleanor Liefer, Lily Liefer; **Pre-K4:** August Guebert, Dallin Liefer, June Russell, Jacob Schrader; **Kindergarten:** Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohmann, Kullen Liefer, Kane Whelan; **First Grade:** Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer; **Second Grade:** Demi Grohmann, Eliza Schrader; **Third Grade:** Bentley Valentine; **Sixth Grade:** Jack Valentine. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP GREETERS:

We need a couple or two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services**.** 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday, November 27th**, beginning at noon. Volunteers are welcome to help us set-up! This marks the end of the Buchs and Meiers' three-year term leading the Christmas decorating, and we are looking for 1–2 families to take this over beginning next year. We would love for those interested to shadow us during this year's setup and take-down so you can see how everything comes together and help make the transition smooth for next year. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Kourtney at 618-792-9686.

VOLUNTEERS FOR 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 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.

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. To order, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet camera app or use this link: https://forms.gle/6jDpHh2PktcAfLq28. 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. **The deadline for tile orders is 12/31/26.**

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 November chapel offerings will benefit two causes: The Food Bank at the St. Louis Seminary, and Comwell. The goal of the Seminary Food Bank is to allow students and their families the opportunity to stretch their resources by reducing out-of-pocket grocery expenses. Comwell partners with local providers to leverage resources to create a new model of comprehensive care that positively affects behavioral and overall health.

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman
(5 p.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Conner Liefer; (8 a.m.) Jack Valentine; (10:30 a.m.) Aubrey Valleroy
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold
(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Donna Burgdorf
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Amanda Ruhmann & Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Virginia Moeller