

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 5 & 6, 2020

St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois

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THE PRELUDE: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" *arranged by Brian Henkelmann*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. We ask everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To honor the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

Opening Hymn: 807 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
 Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Please stand if you are able

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.

P 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.** 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



How great are Your works, | O LORD! Your thoughts are | very deep!
 It is good to give thanks | to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, | O Most High;
 to declare Your steadfast love in the | morning, and Your faithful- | ness by night,
 to the music of the lute | and the harp, to the melody | of the lyre.
 For You have made me glad | by Your work; at the works of Your hands I | sing for joy.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie (*sung*)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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P Glory be to God on high: C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. C (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

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*

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7–9

“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. If 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. But 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.”

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

The Gradual

Fear the LORD, you His saints, **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

The Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Let 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. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For 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, for 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.

Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay 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. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The 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.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Please Stand if you are able **Gospel Introduction** (*sung*) (LSB 707)

**Or-der my foot-steps by Thy Word, And make my heart sin-cere;
Let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but 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.

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! And 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. And 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.

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. What 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? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

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. But 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.

If 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. Truly, 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. Again 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. For 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.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The 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.) **The Apostles' Creed**

C 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.

(please be seated)

(10:30 a.m.) **Children's Message Song:** *(tune: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb")*

Je-sus loves me and for-gives, all my sins that I may live;

As His child and heir of heav-en, Know-ing that I am for-giv-en,

Shar-ing Him with those I love; till we reach our home a-bove.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 567 "Not What These Hands Have Done"



1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;
 2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
 3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
 4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can makemy spir - it whole.
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.
 Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

- 5 Thy grace alone, O God, To me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine,
 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart I call this Savior mine.

SERMON: Matthew 18:15-20

(Please stand if you are able) **Offertory** *(sung)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

HEALING AND COMFORT: Edna Moeller, Cecelia Lautenschlaeger, Doris Mueller, Wanda Steele, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, Curtis Hartmann, Gary Moeller, Marie Voges, Larry Ebers, Lori Rees, JoAnna Ellner; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Cheryl Zanders, Angie Cloughly, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Rev. Timothy Scharr, Agatha Reinhardt, Lola Seibold, Vic Mohr, Pam Ozier. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure
 +those suffering from the coronavirus and the effects of it on our society
 +our nation as it continues to suffer from division, violence and unrest in our cities
 +for those suffering from Hurricane Laura which struck the Gulf Coast on August 27

Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of Your people and grant our supplications. *Brief silence*

O Lord, grant to Your people courage, that with boldness we may speak Your name in witness and warn sinners so that they may come to faith and repentance and so enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Give Your Church wisdom and strength by Your Spirit, that she may be steadfast and unmovable in Your Word and truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, be present among Your people to serve us with the gifts of Your grace, and grant that we may receive them with joy. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will minister to us in Your name and strengthen our faith and life together as Your baptized people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give to us good and honest leaders who will govern according to Your Word and will. Give us grace, that we may not fail to pray for those who lead us and to act as good citizens and good neighbors to one another. Give peace to the nations, and bring an end to violence, prejudice and racism. Protect those who protect us from violence and preserve order here as law enforcement and emergency responders and everywhere as members of our nation's armed forces, Guide us to know and respect all life, from the infant in the womb to the youth beginning maturity, and from the mature to the aged. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You send rain upon the earth and turn the seeds into plants rich with fruit for harvest. Accept our thanks and praise for Your continued goodness in providing a good harvest and food for all. Give us wisdom so that we may use Your resources wisely and extend Your care to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You urge us to give special care and guidance to the young and those new to the faith. Give us grace, that we may not lead them into temptation or sin but guard their faith by making known to them the full counsel of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You are the strength of the weak, the healing of the sick, the comfort of those who grieve and the peace of those near death. Hear us on behalf of Edna, Cecelia, Doris, Wanda, C. John, Ed, Curtis, Charles, Gary, Marie, Larry, Lori, JoAnna, Lori, Brenda, Cheryl, Angie, Roger, Rev. Scharr, Agatha, Lola, Vic, Pam and those we name in our hearts, that they may be sustained in their afflictions, comforted in life and death, and delivered to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have given the day for work and the night for rest. Bless all honest labor and industry, artists and artisans, and those in caring professions. Keep us in humility, and guard us against pride and arrogance. Give to us a spirit of generosity, that we may share with others the blessings that flow from our labors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You

light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*we sing the responses*)

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 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us everlasting 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 (*sung*)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P Our Father who art in heaven,but deliver us from evil.

(*sung*) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A-men.**

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

P ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. C (*sung*) **A-men.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. (*please be seated*)**

Distribution Hymn: 525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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Distribution Hymn: 819 “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 of His might All things are just and good and right:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.
 Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.
 Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:
 To God all praise and glory!

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Distribution Hymn: 614 "As Surely as I Live,' God Said" (tune: LSB 655)

**"As sure-ly as I live," God said, "I would not see the sin-ner dead.
 I want him turned from er-ror's ways, Re-pen-tant, liv-ing end-less days."**

**And so our Lord gave this com-mand: “Go forth and preach in ev-‘ry land;
Be-stow on all My par-d’ning grace Who will re-pent and mend their ways.”**

**“All those whose sins you thus re-mit I tru-ly par-don and ac-quit,
And those whose sins you will re-tain Con-demned and guilt-y shall re-main.”**

**“What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will loose, that shall be free;
To My dear Church the keys are giv’n To o-pen, close the gates of heav’n.”**

**The words which ab-so-lu-tion give Are His who died that we might live;
The min-is-ter whom Christ has sent Is but His hum-ble ins-tru-ment.**

**When min-is-ters lay on their hands, Ab-solved by Christ the sin-ner stands;
He who by grace the Word be-lieves the pur-chase of His blood re-ceives.**

**All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For ab-so-lu-tion full and free,
In which You show Your rich-est grace; From false in-dul-gence guard our race.**

Please stand if you are able

**Praise God the Fa-ther and the Son And Ho-ly Spir-it, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be World with-out end, e-ter-nal-ly. A-men.**

(please stand if you are able) Nunc Dimittis (sung)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes
have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light
to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to
the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, C (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.

**A 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 (sung) Amen.

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you. C (sung) And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord. C (sung) 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 (*sung*) Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 704 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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THE POSTLUDE: “A Little Fugue”

arranged by David Schelat

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This Week With Our Lord, September 6-13, 2020

SUNDAY, September 6-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the new gym and Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

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

Tuesday, September 8-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

4:15 p.m. Baseball & Softball at St. John Lutheran-Chester

6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Wednesday, September 9-

8:20 a.m. Chapel Service (Grades 3-8)

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Samuel)

Thursday, September 10-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

4:15 p.m. Baseball/Softball at home vs. Evansville

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Adair

Friday, September 11-

8:20 a.m. School Chapel for PS through Grade 2 (Kindergarten Bibles presented)

Saturday, September 12- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Addyson Piel

SUNDAY, September 13-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Daniel Stapleton

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall; Sunday School in the new gym

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Sofia Jones

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in the church basement

1-4 p.m. Pastor Koen's retirement Open House in the Fellowship Hall

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors-three signs of a spiritually vibrant household. Listen to "Jesus in the House" (Luke 19:1-10) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 284; Holy Communion: 204; Adult Bible Class: 24 Sunday School: 71

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 8/30- General Fund: \$13,940.50; School-\$185; Sunday School: \$200; Automatic Giving: \$4,215. "*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.*" (Malachi 3:10)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Matthew 18:4 – "(Jesus said), 'Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'" What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly, Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*. We are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts – with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

Sunday morning Adult Bible Class continues this weekend between services, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the New Testament book of Acts. Coffee and refreshments are being served.

NEW BANNER:

A new chancel banner highlighting the Holy Trinity has been given to St. John's for the glory of God in loving memory of Karin Whelan with memorial money given in her honor.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next quarter's issue (October-December) of our daily devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the racks by the front and back doors of the church. Sonshine Visitation members, as you are able, please take one to the people that you visit. Thank you!

SECRET ANGELS:

Our 8th grade students (day school and public school) need of three more Secret Angels. These are people who will pray for them, give them notes to encourage them in their confirmation studies and bless them with small gifts on a regular basis and special presents on major occasions. Your identity will be revealed to them at the Rite of Confirmation. Please contact Pastor Nebel if you are interested in serving. He will provide you with an information form that the students have completed.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

"Perseverance: Praying Through Life's Challenges" is the Bible study that our women's study group is going to use. They are meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with plenty of room to allow for social distancing.

MUSICAL NOTES:

Bell Choir regular practices will begin on September 10th. All practices will be at 6 p.m. Choir is always looking for more singers! We will start on Monday, September 14th at 7 p.m. in the school music room. We will sing at the early Sunday Morning services about 2-3 times per month. Some of the services we will be singing at this year include Reformation/All Saints Day (November 1st), Thanksgiving Day (November 26th), and Christmas Day. Any new and returning members are welcome and appreciated!!

SIXTH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION:

Mr. Becker will host a Tuesday morning class in the school starting at 7 a.m. for those students unable to attend on Wednesday afternoon. Please come to the north entrance on E.S. 6th St. to have your temperature checked. Masks are required. Then proceed to room 103 (Mr. Becker's) room for class. In case of bad weather, he will end class early to drop the students off at the public school. Any questions call the school office or email becker@stjohnsredbud.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We will have Sunday School on September 6 (Labor Day weekend) at school either in the new gym or new lobby depending on numbers. We will sing songs and have an age appropriate activity for the students attending. See you there!

Class lessons will resume on Sunday, September 13. Mr. Bill Becker will also begin a parenting class at school on that date. Seminarian Wade Waterstreet will begin High School Bible Class on that date in Room Two of the Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR KOEN'S RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE:

On Sunday, September 13, from 1-4 p.m. we will hold an open house for Pastor Russell Koen in honor of his retirement from St. John's. Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, we ask that you come to the Fellowship Hall in twenty-minute increments alphabetically based on your place in our Elder Zones. Please use the following schedule if at all possible:

- Zone 1: Deborah Adams thru Rodie Collins- 1:00 to 1:20 p.m.
- Zone 2: Susan (Stellhorn) Conboy thru Dennis/Kathy Grohmann- 1:20 to 1:40 p.m.
- Zone 3: Nick/Emily Grohmann thru Roger/Kim Herriman- 1:40 to 2:00 p.m.
- Zone 4: Ryan Herriman to Travis/Erin Krick- 2:00 to 2:20 p.m.
- Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- 2:20 to 2:40 p.m.
- Zone 6: Pat Malik to Lanie Pensoneau- 2:40 to 3:00 p.m.
- Zone 7: Alan/Amber Piel to Don Schrader- 3:00 to 3:20 p.m.
- Zone 8: Jeff/Dawn Schrader to Bob/Carol Turner- 3:20 to 3:40 p.m.
- Zone 9: Derek/Katelin Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner- 3:40 to 4:00 p.m.

MUM SALE:

The 8th grade class of 2021 is selling mums!! The open sale will take place on Saturday, September 12, 8 a.m.-noon in the school parking lot. You can also pre-order mums and pickup on Friday, September 11 from 2:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Colors available are purple, bronze, white, red and yellow. Mums are \$8 each. If you have questions or would like to place an order please contact Karen Liefer @ 618-357-1695.

WELCOME TO REV. CLIFFORD ADAIR:

As of September 1, Rev. Cliff Adair has begun his ministry with us at St. John's as our Assistant to the Pastor (part-time). He will preach on a monthly basis, work with Pastor Nebel on nursing home and homebound visitation and be available for hospital visits or emergencies when Pastor Nebel is out of town or on vacation. His number is 507/215-7333. He is a Baldwin native and has retired from parish ministry in Minnesota to live in Baldwin.

PASTOR NEBEL OUT OF TOWN:

Pastor and Cindy Nebel will be out of town Sunday afternoon through Monday evening. In case of emergency and you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Adair at 507/215-7333.

LILYFIELDS MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

St. John's member Joan Voges is offering the latest, and last, music CD from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. "Peter's Song" tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of His disciple Peter. The seven tracks of this CD include beautiful narrations from the late Chris Bergmann along with Joan's texts and tunes. You can pick up a copy of this compact disc from the table in the entryway.

COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY:

+ LCMS-U at SIU-Edwardsville is equipped and excited to serve your young people. Anchored in Christ and supported by the Southern Illinois District through Trinity Lutheran in

Edwardsville, LCMS-U at SIUE provides a church home-away-from-home, a weekly Bible study on campus, and (when circumstances allow) regular opportunities for fun and fellowship all around the St. Louis Metropolitan area. This semester's Bible study topic is "Did He Really Say That? A Study of Jesus' Teachings." If your congregation is sending any students to SIUE this school year, please let us know! You can send their name and contact information to biermannje@csl.edu, or you can give me a call directly at (314) 255-8066. *Rev. Jess Biermann* +Our DCE, Mr. Bill Becker, is seeking addresses for all our college-aged students to send them a care package from our Senior Youth. His email is becker@stjohnsredbud.org Let us connect our church to these students near or far! The deadline for submitting information is September 18 so supplies can be bought and assembled at our October Senior Youth meeting.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact Vickie at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call the church office if you would like 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).*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don and Betty Fausz, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Elda Seders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

9/6- Betty Fausz, David Burgdorf, Lucie Heaton; 9/7- Steve Tindall, Corey Ratcliff, Jack Crafton; 9/8- Dennis Kruse, Janel Maes, Stanley Mueth, Willie Guebert, Case Hess, Lillian Meyer; 9/9- Donna Wetzell, Gerald Hanebutt, Nicholas Guebert; 9/10- Kenneth Booker, Maria Aucoin, Connor Guebert, Trenton Cox; 9/11- Don Schrader, Jared Heller, Amanda Falkenhain, Michael Ratcliff, Holden Wagner, Maggie Kuehn; 9/12- Patricia Byer, Kevin Liefer, Mike DeRousse, Leslie Wolter, Carter Mehring. *Please call the office for corrections!*

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)* www.lutheransforlife.org

This world needs watchmen (Ezekiel 33:7). Our brothers and sisters need keepers (Matthew 18:15). Almighty God has set us here for such a time as this. He doesn't promise we'll find speaking truth in love easy. But He does assure us it changes hearts and saves lives. We don't warn against abortion and assisted suicide to show our own superiority. We tell of these sins to show every human life their dear Savior and to share with them in His kingdom forever.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). This week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org, continue studying the book of Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Psalm 113 and continue in the book of 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10:00 a.m. from the LCMS International Center. Find programming on demand at kfuo.org or your favorite podcasting app.

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Influence of Christianity on Labor & Economic Freedom, A Christian Response to Soft Totalitarianism, The Demolition of the Western Mind, Constitutional Republic vs. Democracy and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO 850 AM. Also, listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

BIBLE STUDIES:

Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies that you can do on your own. The topics so far are Amen, Angels, Antichrist, Apostles, Apostolic Preaching of the Resurrection, Baptism Q & A, Barnabas, Church and Homosexuality, Communications Skills, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, Discussing Homosexuality, Ecclesiastes, End of the World, God's Will in the Lives of His People, Haggai, Having the Right Attitude, Heaven, The Justice of God, Justification and Sanctification, Islam, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Meditation, Philemon, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Word Dwellers, and more to come!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Cross Country: The next *COS* Cross Country meet will be at Chester on Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.

Upcoming Events: The *COS* FFA Chapter will have a Helping Hands Auction on September 25 at 6:30 p.m. Watch our Facebook page for more details. On September 26 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. you can purchase a BBQ meal to go from *COS* in the IGA parking lot.

School Visitors: To help us follow Illinois COVID guidelines, we request that visitors to *COS* make an appointment for any visits or other deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school until Illinois changes its COVID mandates. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you.

School Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.



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Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel

First Grade – Rachel Miller

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm

Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham,

Megan Diercks, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling,

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Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Lector: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Tori Muench; (8 a.m.) Sam Roscow; (10:30 a.m.) Crewe Wagner

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Peggy Hanebutt and Brenda vanBuren Paraments: Irma Birkner

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*