

St. John's Lutheran Church
Third Sunday in Lent

Red Bud, Illinois
March 6-7, 2021

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. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

The Prelude: "Anthes" setting by Kevin Hildebrand
The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

Hymn of Invocation: 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Please stand if able. The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Holy Baptism.
 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 for reflection on God's Word and for 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 69



Zeal for Your house has / con-sumed me,

and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fall- / en on me.

Deliver me from sinking / in the mire; let me be delivered from the deep / waters.

Let not the flood sweep / o-ver me, or the pit close its mouth / o-ver me.

Answer me, O Lord, for Your / love is good; according to Your mercy, / turn to me.

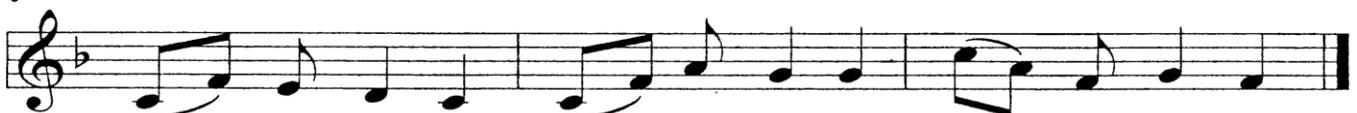
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit;

As it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Zeal for Your house has / con-sumed me,

and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fall- / en on me.

Kyrie



☐ **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ “You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments. ⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. ⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ “You shall not murder. ¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ “You shall not steal. ¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

A: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, **C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

A: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the

world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: 427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Please stand if you are able

The Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter. C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make My Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do You show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But He was speaking about the temple of His body. ²² When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Creedal Hymn: 953 We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
 By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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(please be seated)

(10:30 a.m.) Children's Message Song: All God's People Sing 156

**Let me learn of Je-sus; He is kind to me; Once He died to save me, Nailed up-on a tree.
 Let me think of Je-sus; He is full of love, Look-ing down up-on me From His throne a-bove.**

Sermon: "God's Wisdom Is Not the World's Wisdom" 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Prayer of the Church: *Please stand if you are able.*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Ed Luttman, Gladys Brand, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Don Glasscock, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Susie Harms, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf, Jackie Quintin; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Doug Whelan, Brenda Manning, Wayne Collmeyer, Velma Koenig, Rev. Timothy Scharr, Matt Haas, Whitney Stitzel, Max Schrader, Bob Rothley, Bruce Schneider, Evan Guebert. *Help us keep this list current!*

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Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, our jealous God, save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment by filling us with Your Son's zeal for Your house in these Lenten days, that we may cast out every idol from our hearts and love only You and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, You have brought us out of slavery to sin through Christ Jesus, whom You have made to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Remembering the divine call we have extended for a seminary graduate to serve us, we ask that You would bless all those whom You send to preach Christ crucified to us, that we may ever know and live in the truth of Your power in His cross. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of the perfect Law, You have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities, that it might go well with us in our land. Bless all those who watch over and govern us in Your stead as we remember our elected and appointed government officials, members of our nation's armed forces, law enforcement agents and emergency personnel. Make them wise in

Your ways, that Your justice may be upheld among us, and help us to serve and obey them in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, whose steadfast love in Christ is good, in Your abundant mercy grant relief from this Covid pandemic to our world, country, state, region and people as we are thankful for the healthcare personnel who are serving us during this difficult time. We also place into Your care and keeping Ed, Gladys, Barb, Elroy, Don, Dennis, Rhonda, Susie, Lori, David, Jackie, Lori, Roger, Barb, Boniface, Doug, Brenda, Wayne, Velma, Rev. Scharr, Matt, Whitney, Max, Bob, Bruce, Evan, those we name in our hearts and all who suffer in our midst, that the flood of despair may not sweep over them nor the pit of hopelessness close its mouth on them. Deliver them from sinking into the mire and deep waters, and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant us to come before You in humble repentance to eat Your Son's body and blood, that we may not boast in ourselves in Your presence but in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, as three days after the temple of Your Son's body was destroyed by wicked men He raised it up again, grant that on the Last Day we and all the saints who now rest in Your presence may share in the glory of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

(10:30 a.m.) **Non-Communion Service continues here**

Lord remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray

**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. Amen.**

Collect and Benediction

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by the patience

and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you (+) peace. **C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: 802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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The Postlude: “Partita on ‘St. Denio’” *setting by Franklin D. Ashdown*

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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

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 our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

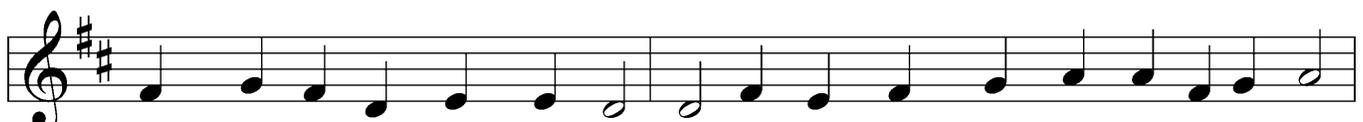
Sanctus: 960 “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.**

- P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

- 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."

P 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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei – "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" -LSB 434

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.**

All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus! (*please be seated*)

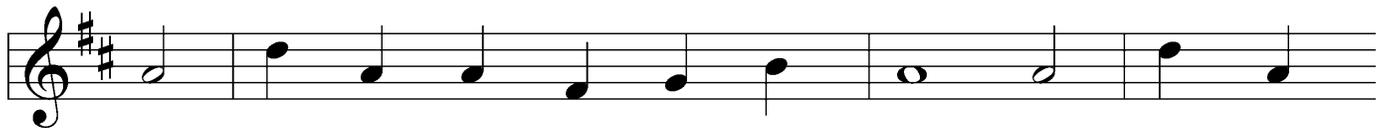
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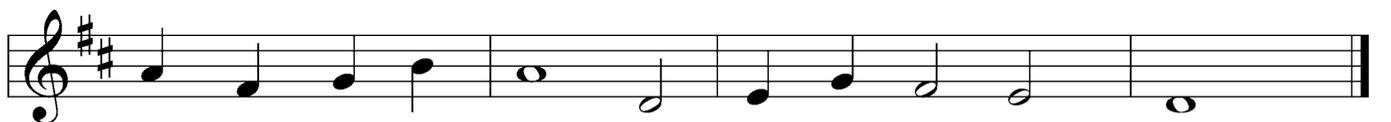
1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our



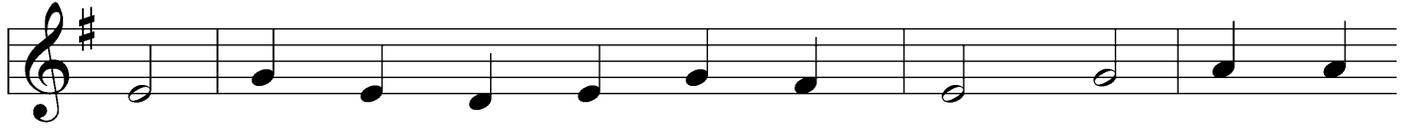
earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



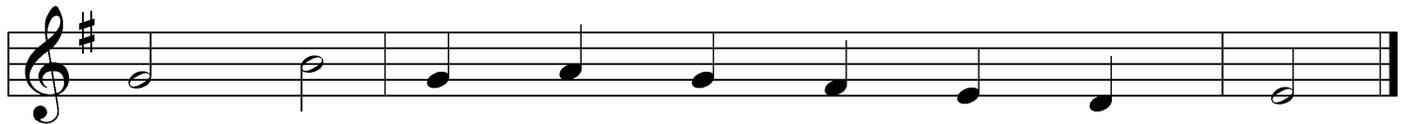
chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Distribution Hymn: 579 “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



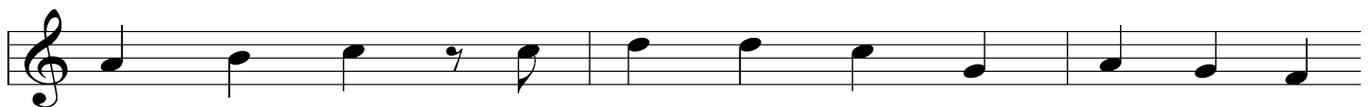
ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
 light And should be done as good and right.
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all;
 It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free,
 And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone. Public domain

Distribution Hymn: 581 “These Are the Holy Ten Commands”

1 These are the ho - ly Ten Com - mands God gave to us by
 2 “I am a - lone your God, the Lord; No oth - er gods shall
 3 “Do not My ho - ly name dis - grace, Do not My Word of
 4 “You shall ob - serve the wor - ship day That peace may fill your



Mo - ses' hands When high on Si - nai's mount he stood,
 be a - dored. But you shall ful - ly trust in Me
 truth de - base. Praise on - ly that as good and true
 home, and pray, And put a - side the work you do,

Please stand if you are able

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – “O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617) stanza 1
O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may
flourish: O Lord have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Post-Communion Collect

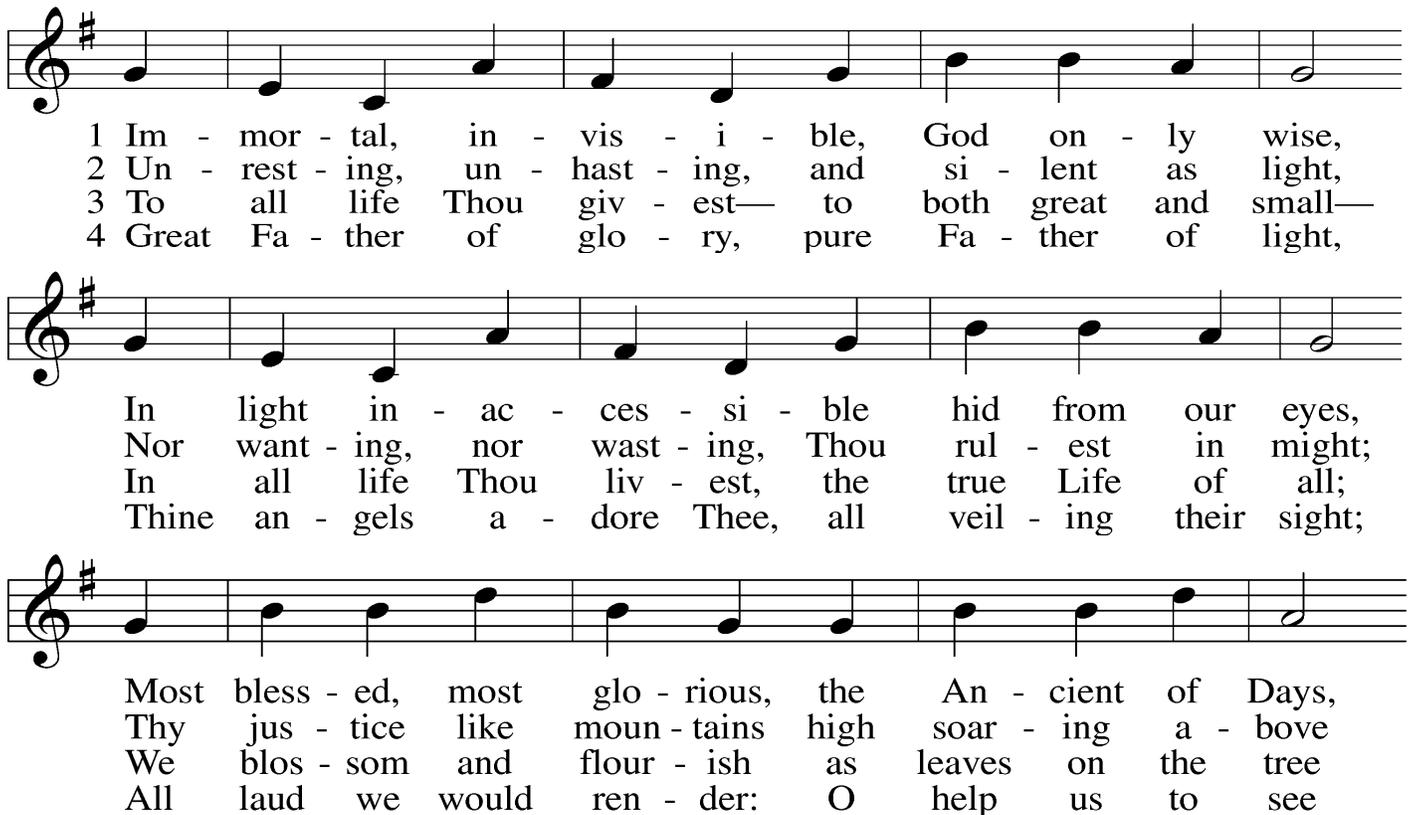
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

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.

Thy Closing Hymn: 802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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The Postlude: “Partita on ‘St. Denio’” *setting by Franklin D. Ashdown*

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This Week With Our Lord, March 7-14, 2021

(When activities are going on in the Fellowship Hall, the sanctuary is available for prayer and meditation.)

SUNDAY, March 7- *Pastor Nebel is on vacation this weekend*

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

9:25 a.m. Sunday School in new gym; “Being Lutheran” class in the school library

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Noon Senior Youth gathering in their church basement hangout

Monday, March 8-

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, March 9-

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

4:15 p.m. Volleyball at Steeleville

Wednesday, March 10-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

Thursday, March 11-

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

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

6:00 p.m. Girls’ Basketball (AC) at St. John Lutheran-Chester

7:00 p.m. Men’s Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 12- *Remote Learning Day; End of 3rd Quarter*

12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, March 13-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Job)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Brodie Stenzel

SUNDAY, March 14-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Blake Henry

9:25 a.m. Sunday School classes in new gym; "Being Lutheran" adult class in school library

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Summer Luttmann

Next Week's Worship Readings

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9; Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10; Gospel: John 3:14-21

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: 298; Holy Communion: 76; Adults & Youth: 43; Sunday School students: 32

Midweek Lenten Service II- Worship: AM- 45; PM- 43

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 2/28- General Fund: \$35,561.13; School: \$415; Debt: \$10,300; Sunday School: \$200; Automatic Giving: \$2,940. *"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*

John 2:16 – "And Jesus told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make My Father's house a house of trade." The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Boxes of offering envelopes are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours and any for family members not able to be in worship with us. If you do not see a box for yourself, please call our office at 282-2394 and ask Julie for one. Thank you!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ. Listen to "A Place to Belong" (Mark 11:1-26) on KFUV AM 850 this Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES:

Children are invited to return to the front for the Children's Message. They are welcomed to wear a mask as they do so.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES: (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets with Pastor Koen this Sunday to continue the study, “The Holy Bible: Genesis to Revelation.” Today’s topic is “Law and Gospel.” DCE Bill Becker has begun a new study called, “Being Lutheran.” This class meets in the school library.

ZOOM BIBLE CLASS OFFERING:

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is offering a Zoom Bible Class on Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of “Stump the Seminarian” please send an email to him at waterstreetw@csl.edu and he will send you a weekly Zoom link.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Perfect Attendance for February: Nursery: Hayden Schlimme; Kindergarten: Liam Langrehr, Amelia Langrehr, and Layla Meyer; 1st Grade: Henry Schnepel; 2nd Grade: Holden Wagner; 5th Grade: Lillian Meyer; 7th Grade: Noah Kassing; 8th Grade: Samuel Roscow. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

EVENING GUILD PROJECT:

Our Evening Guild mission project for the 40 days of Lent is to collect donations for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A list of items needed are on the front page of the North County News. Place donations in the collection crate in our Fellowship Hall.

EVENING GUILD ACTIVITIES:

On Monday, March 15 starting at 12:30 p.m. is our quilt project to tie quilts in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own scissors! Our Lenten Prayer Service will be held in the sanctuary on March 16th at 7 p.m. led by Pastor Nebel. Hostesses are Mary Ann Wegener, Chairman, Mary Ann Weber, Donna Wetzell and Joan Wiegand. It will be followed by a short business meeting to discuss our election of officers. The current officers are willing to serve another year, but we will take nominations from the floor.

LWML Zone Spring Renewal is Thursday, April 8, from 9 a.m. – Noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Prairie. An Orphan Grain Train representative will be our guest speaker. We need two delegates for zone election of officers. Pick up your new LWML Spring Quarterly!

Lenten Mission Project: Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 3

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

Midweek Lenten services are on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Our theme this year is “By His Wounds We Are Healed.” The theme for this Wednesday’s service is “The Wounds of Murder” from John 11:47-53. The supper menu will be marinated smoked pork chops, asparagus, and potato casserole. This will be a served supper in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. A free will offering benefitting the Senior Youth will be taken. A hymn sing will precede the evening service.

DAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Come and See Jesus! Our St. John’s Lutheran School children are participating in a mission project to help purchase Bible books for children in Indonesia. The mission project is sponsored by Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF is a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They translate and publish the good books of our Lutheran faith for

churches and people around the world. Every \$5 our school children raise will allow LHF to print a Small Catechism, colorful Bible storybook or workbook in the Indonesian language. These books are given free of charge to the churches, teachers and families who need them. To raise money, each of our students will be given a tube of mini M&Ms on Friday, March 5. After eating the M&Ms, they will return the tube with quarters inside. Extra tubes can be found in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help. The tubes should be returned to school by Thursday, March 11. The tubes of M&Ms were purchased with a Thrivent Action Team Card.

“AT-RISK” HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

Our next “At-Risk” or “Vulnerable” Holy Communion Service (mask required) is Thursday, March 18 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary.

EASTER LILIES:

Forms are available in the entryway for your donation of Easter lilies (\$7) in memory of or in honor of or in thanksgiving for someone or something. Please return those to our office by Monday, March 29. Thank you!

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED:

In our Voters meeting on January 24 the proposal to enter into a dual parish arrangement with St. John in Baldwin for the purpose of calling a Split-time Pastor who will serve us as an Associate Pastor and serve the Baldwin congregation as its Sole Pastor was approved. We will extend this call for a spring placement seminary graduate. For us this would replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

Word recently was received that former St. John’s member Kim Ingwersen has been called from this life into the heavenly home Jesus has prepared for her. She was the wife of Dave Ingwersen who taught here at St. John’s from 1983-87. Dave had retired from teaching. He and Kim were living in Lancaster, California. Our prayers are with Dave and their children, Josh, Katie, Sarah, Micah and their families at this time of Kim’s earthly passing.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+St. John’s member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school’s ministry. You can pick up copies from the table in the entryway.

+Former St. John’s member Bryan Perdue has a new CD of music available called, “Freely Given Freely Received.” This, plus a few of his earlier CDs also are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our congregation’s debt reduction.

FISH FRY FRIDAY:

+Trinity in Prairie will hold a carryout-only Fish Fry on Friday, March 12 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Call ahead beginning at 2 p.m. (282-2881 or order in person. White & River Fish Plated w/ two sides- \$10; Fish sandwiches- \$6; Chicken Strips available. Sides are German potato salad, slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese and French fries.

+St. Peter UCC of Red Bud will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 12 from 4-7 p.m. (carry-outs only). The dinner will feature cod, catfish and shrimp with sides of homemade potato salad (German and American). Call ahead at 282-2417 to place an order paid by cash or check only.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2021: (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman- Elder Jacob Arbeiter (618/615-1108)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Adam Guebert (618/920-2403)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Mike DeRousse (618/719-7024)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

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 her at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call our 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: David Burgdorf, 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, Doris Mueller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Elda Seders, 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 and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/7- Barb Ladwig, Dale Holmstrom, Lisa Quinn, Miranda Sutton, Joshua Bremer, Skylar Valleroy, Ben DeRousse, Madeline Moll; 3/8- Joan Prigge, Donna VanDorn, Kaci Trost, Sam Roscow, Tessa Stenzel, Landon Bumann, Corbin Liefer; 3/9- JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; 3/10- Gregory Deien, Andrew Langrehr, Riley Foster; 3/11- Curtis Stoll, Tammy Moll, Timothy Donjon; 3/12- Emily Harms, Landon Ruebusch; 3/13- JoAnn Yarbrough, LouAnn Liefer, David Kuhn, Katelin Uffelmann, Zandra Harless, Lyla Hess, Miles Liefer. *Please call the office for corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

A review published in the *Journal of Hypertension* found that dietary eating plans that include vegetables and whole grains along with reduced meat and dairy are linked to lower blood pressure and can protect the heart.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio, AM850 & **kfu.org**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & **kfu.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 and kfuo.org begin the book of Philippians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), hear Midweek Lenten service and organ recital on 3/10 at 11:00 a.m., and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (3/9 at 2:00 p.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

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 teachings include: The Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave," The Building of the Temple, Responding to Calvinist Proof Texts, Old Testament Judge Samson and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

Abortion occupies an entire business industry. Assisted suicide is driven by financial considerations. And Jesus objects to nothing more strongly than making life and death a matter of commerce (John 2:15-16). He sacrificed Himself instead (John 2:19) so that "you shall not kill" (Exodus 20:13). Why? Because Almighty God chose the lowly for His own (1 Corinthians 1:28-30)—unborn, aged, impaired, even you and me.

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide from LBT are in the entryway. The readings for this week are: March 7th- Numbers 14:1-25; March 8th- Psalm 80; March 9th- 2nd Samuel 22:1-20; March 10th- 2nd Samuel 22:21-51; March 11th- 1st Kings 8:22-30; March 12th- 1st Kings 8:31-40; March 13th- 1st Kings 8:41-53.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Thank you for coming to our Fish & More last Friday.

Virtual Auction: We have started planning for an online auction to benefit *COS* in early May. If you are interested in helping or donating, please contact the office.

Puff Pastry Fundraiser: Student Council is taking orders for pastries until March 19. Call school if you would like to order.

Band Instructor Wanted: Position available for part-time band instructor at *COS* starting in August 2021. Contact us for more details.

Scholarships Available: The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit our website: www.coslhs.org.

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support Christ Our Savior LHS. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

School Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055

Director of Christian Education and School Librarian – Mr. Bill Becker 282-2958

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Junior Youth -- Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

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 – Wil Krick and 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,

Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Darren Liefer

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Liturgist: Rev. Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald Lector: (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Evan Kiefer; (8 a.m.) Jakob Biffar; (10:30 a.m.) MaKayla Liefer

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Irma Birkner and Sharon Koester Paraments: Irma Birkner

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Teaching Sunday school or volunteering for an outreach event at church are activities easily connected with our Christian faith. But in your daily life, are there mundane tasks you do that seem to have nothing to do with faith, like changing a diaper, doing a load of laundry, or weeding the garden? Among those disconnected tasks can be the management of money or the planning of your estate. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you start reconnecting again. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

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