



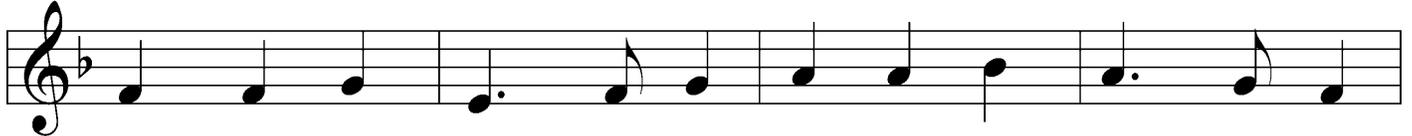
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
July 3-4, 2021



PRELUDE: "God Bless Our Native Land" arranged by Sandra K. Tucker

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
 2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
 On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
 watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Divine Service One, page 151ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151 (*please stand if you are able*)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **CAmen.**

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 for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

INTROIT: Psalm 34:8; 132:13-16



Oh, taste and see that the | **LORD** is good! **Blessèd** is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!
 For the **LORD** has chosen | **Zion**;
 He has desired it for His | dwel-ling place:
 “This is My resting place | for-ev-er;
 here I will dwell, for I have | de-sired it.
 I will abundantly bless her | pro-vi-sions; I will satisfy her | poor with bread.
 Her priests I will clothe with | sal-va-tion, and her saints will | shout for joy.”
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spir-it;
 as it was in the be- | gin-ning, is now, and will be forever. | **A-men.**
 Oh, taste and see that the | **LORD** is good! **Blessèd** is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!

KYRIE: pages 152-153 (*we sing the responses*)

A In peace let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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 mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is the Feast” page 155





1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

P: Let us pray. C: O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(*please be seated*)

DUET: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (*LSB 964*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 156) *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter. C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching.

And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) The Nicene Creed: page 158

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. *(please be seated)*

(10:30 a.m.) The Apostles' Creed: page 159

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: 588 “Jesus Loves Me”**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 836 “O God of Light”

O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un-fail-ing,
 Shall pierce the dark-ness of our earth-bound way
 And show Your grace, Your plan for us un-veil-ing,
 And guide our foot-steps to the per-fect day.

From days of old, through blind and will-ful a-ges,
 Though we re-belled, You gent-ly sought a-gain
 And spoke through saints, a-pos-tles, proph-ets, sa-ges,
 Who wrote with ea-ger or re-luc-tant pen.

Un-dimmed by time, those words are still re-veal-ing
 To sin-ful hearts Your jus-tice and Your grace;
 And quest-ing spir-its, long-ing for Your heal-ing,
 See Your com-pas-sion in the Sav-ior’s face.

To all the world Your sum-mons You are send-ing,
 Through all the earth, to ev-‘ry land and race,
 That myr-iad tongues, in one great an-them blend-ing,
 May praise and cel-e-brate Your gift of grace.

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SERMON: “God’s Word to Our Rebellious People” Ezekiel 2:1-5

- I. The Rebellious People Are...
 - A. Exiled Israel
 - B. Modern America
- II. God Calls His Prophet
 - A. Ezekiel Then
 - B. Jesus Later
 - C. Us Today
- III. They Will Know That a Prophet Has Been Among Them
 - A. God Calls Us to Faithfulness
 - B. God Calls Us to Point People to Jesus

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: Wilma Wagner, Ed Luttmann, Elroy Stellhorn, Larry Ebers, Bob Carnahan, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Doug Whelan, Bob Rothley, Bruce Schneider, Michelle Dillon, Dave Steffan, Alvin Buss, Nelda Eggemeyer, Bethany Liefer. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Blake and Brandy (Reinhardt) Koppel on July 1

OFFERTORY: pages 159-160

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The 10:30 a.m. service concludes here:

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. Amen.**

CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear or our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

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: 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
 From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng,
 With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song! Public domain

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(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

Preface

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

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

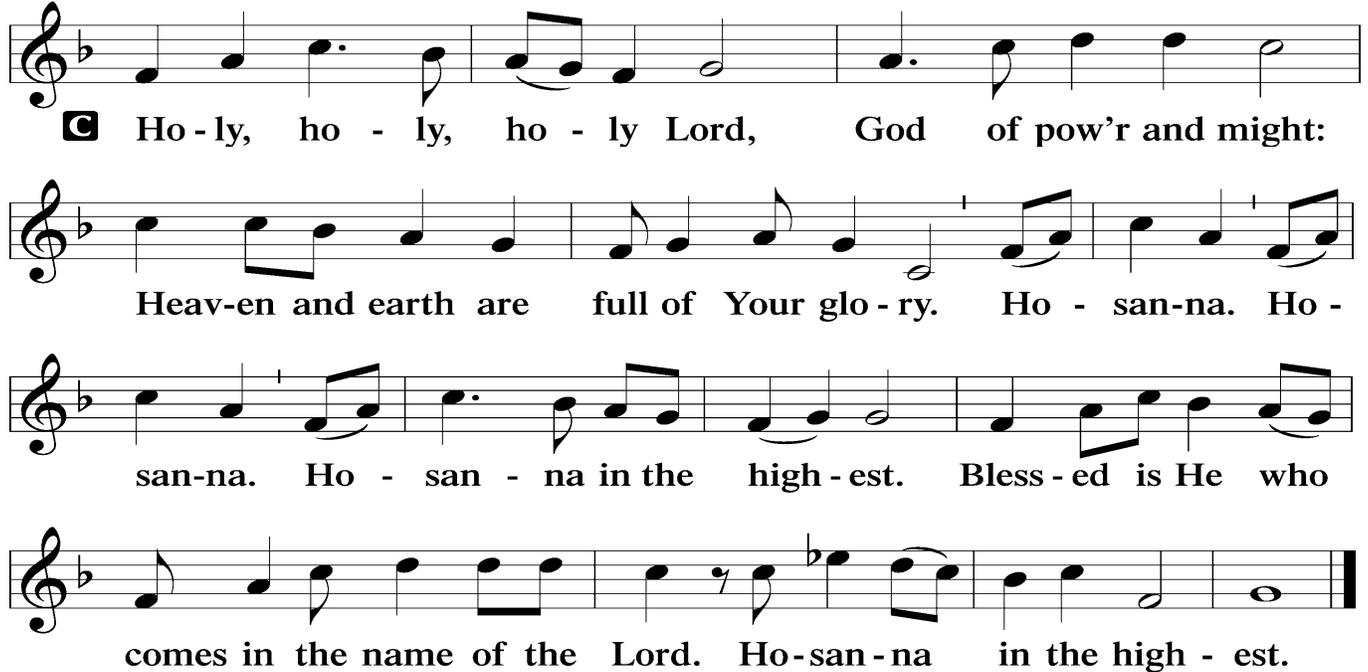
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

It is truly good, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

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. Amen.

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 Amen.

Agnus Dei

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of my everlasting life. Amen.)

830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
 Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

**My coun-try, ‘tis of thee, Sweet land of lib-er-ty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fa-thers died, Land of the pil-grim’s pride,
From ev-‘ry moun-tain-side Let free-dom ring.**

**My na-tive coun-try thee, Land of the no-ble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and tem-pled hills;
My heart with rap-ture thrills Like that a-bove.**

**Let mu-sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet free-dom’s song;
Let mor-tal tongues a-wake; Let all that breathe par-take;
Let rocks their si-lence break, The sound pro-long.**

**Our fa-thers’ God, to thee, Au-thor of lib-er-ty, To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With free-dom’s ho-ly light.
Pro-tect us by Thy might, Great God our King.**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

**O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!**

**O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern im-pas-sioned stress
A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-‘ry flaw,
Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy liberty in law!**

**O beau-ti-ful for he-roles proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-‘ry gain di-vine!**

**O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years
Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,**

And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord" page 164



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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: 966 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"



1	Be - fore You, Lord, we	bow,	Our God who reigns a -	bove
2	The na - tion You have	blest	May well Your love de -	clare,
3	May ev - 'ry moun - tain	height,	Each vale and for - est	green,
4	Earth, hear your Mak - er's	voice;	Your great Re - deem - er	own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

- 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng,
With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song! Public domain

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This Week With Our Lord, July 4-11, 2021

SUNDAY, July 4-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
3:00 p.m. Pastor Nowak's Ordination/Installation at Baldwin

Monday, July 5- Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 6- Bill Becker is out of the office today

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 7-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
4-7 p.m. School Registration (Book Night) in new gym lobby
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Samuel)

Thursday, July 8-

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

Friday, July 9- Deitt Schneider is out of the office today

Saturday, July 10-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Summer Luttmann
SUNDAY, July 11-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Makennah Harless

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

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion and installation of Rev. Brian Nowak

Acolyte: Hailey Proctor

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 280; Holy Communion: 78; Adults/Youth: 29 Sunday School: 0

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 6/27- No Report. *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)

EPISTLES:

The July edition of our congregation's monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway today. It is also on our website and has been emailed to all for whom Pastor has an address.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

2 Corinthians 12:10 – "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities." Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing, but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Christians are not anti-science. We just don't ask science to answer questions beyond its reach. Listen to "Clearly Christian: Scientific" (Psalm 19:1-4) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. (Bott Christian Radio on Sundays 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM).

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:

We are holding Summer Sunday School in the school's main lobby for students four years old up to finishing grade seven. We will start at 9:30 a.m. and end 10:10 a.m. The wearing of a mask is up to parents' discretion. Opportunities to volunteer are available by contacting DCE Bill Becker.

SUMMER SINGERS:

"Do you like to sing? I invite everyone to take part in our "Summer Singers" group! We will sing for the following Sunday services: July 11th (10:30 AM); July 18th (8 AM), and August 1st (10:30 AM). We will meet a half an hour before each service in the balcony to practice the song. The songs we will sing are simple, most likely unison, but we can add some part-singing if there is interest. Children and youth are welcome to come sing too!! Let me know if you are interested!" *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Blake and Brandy (Reinhardt) Koppel with the birth of a son, Henry David on July 1 at Missouri Baptist Hospital. Thanks be to God for His gift of this new life in the birth of a child!

GOD'S GIFT OF A NEW PASTOR:

Rev. Brian Nowak will be installed as Pastor of St. John in Baldwin on July 4, 3 p.m. (meal following) and as Associate Pastor of St. John's in Red Bud in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, July 11 (reception following in our Fellowship Hall). He will first preach for us in the Saturday, July 17 service and again on the weekend of July 31-August 1.

NEW SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE:

On Monday, July 19 Leslie (Langrehr) Froemling will begin work in St. John's office as our Pastoral Administrative Assistant. She is a former member of St. John's and the daughter of Ken and Lori Langrehr. She is replacing Julie Ratz who retired on June 15.

CALLING FOR WORSHIP GREETERS:

We have resumed our practice of greeters for our worship services. Whether you have done this in the past or would be new to this ministry service, Pastor would like to hear from you. Please call or email him if you are willing to serve St. John's in this way. We could use another couple for Saturday evening and late Sunday service.

LEGO/STEM CAMP:

We are offering a Lego/Stem Camp on July 12-16 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in our school's science lab for all children going into grades 4 thru 7. The cost is \$10 to cover snack and drink. It is limited to 30 students. Register by calling or texting DCE Bill Becker at 618/282-2958 by Friday, July 9.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING IS JULY 28, 7 P.M.

Our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. All confirmed members of St. John's age 18 and older are voting members and encouraged to attend this meeting. Visitors are welcomed to join us also!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

St. John's Lutheran school students (K-8) will sing "God Bless America" at the St. Louis Cardinals game on July 30. The Cardinals will take on the Minnesota Twins that day at 7:15 p.m. If you wish to purchase tickets please contact Tammy Moll at 618-806-4026. The seats are in Section 130. Proceeds benefit the class of 2023 for their Washington DC trip!

CPH SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

This is a summer reading program that is all about Jesus. It encourages kids to read all summer so they build vocabulary and comprehension skills while learning more about their Savior. It runs from June 1st through August 13. Any books children read will earn them points. If they log 1,000 points by August 13, they will be entered in for a chance to win awesome prizes. For more information, please grab a flier from the Media Board in the school lobby.

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide are in the entryway. This week's readings are: July 4th- Genesis 15:1-21; July 5th- Genesis 17:1-14; July 6th- Genesis 17:15-27; July 7th- Genesis 18:1-15; July 8th- Genesis 21:1-21; July 9th- Exodus 3:1-12; July 10th- Exodus 3:13-22.

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 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Alice Smith, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger, Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Doris Mueller, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don/Betty Fausz, Lou Ann Gerlach, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

7/4- Sue Guebert, David Lucht, Dawn Booker, Ryan Dannenberg; 7/5- Martha Krick, Chrystal Kiefer, Jessica Stenzel, Jacob Stellhorn, Ian Moll; 7/6- Gloria Stellhorn, Megan Thien, Cason Cox; 7/7- Nancy Richards, Jeff Schrader, Bradley Koester, Levi Beare, Emmett Cowell, Tyler Howie, Jacob Kuehner; 7/8- Sharon Guebert, Brandy Wagner, Becky Stellhorn, Josh Heller, Jacob Miller; 7/9- William Ratz, Joyce Carnahan, Kathy Rowold, David Reinhardt, Crystal Deterding, Lindsey Hudak, Tori Albert; 7/10- Harold Thies, Carl Zschiegner, Nancy Holmstrom, Rick Ratcliff, Brittany Hollis, Kinley Macbeth, Abby Stellhorn. *Please call the office for corrections!*

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

That many won't listen to the sanctity of human life doesn't mean that we have failed. Both Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:5) and Jesus (Mark 6:3) experienced rejection. So, we may borrow their boldness. His creating, redeeming, and calling grace prevails in our weakness as well. And all ages, appearances, and abilities will know He Himself has been among them.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry 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 and kfuo.org: Hear a missionary story from the Cayman Islands on The Coffee Hour 7/6 at 9 a.m., study Jeremiah 29-31 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and finish 2nd Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11a.m.). Programs on demand at kfuo.org!

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: What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Knew about Election; The Colors of the Church Seasons & Festivals; The Seven Deadly Sins; Political Censorship and more. Tune in from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO 850 AM or listen at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN AT HOLY CROSS, RENAULT:

To learn more about this position (duties, compensation, etc.) please contact Dwight Jacobs at 618-779-7039 for the information. In order that the position can be filled in a timely manner, any interested individuals are asked to contact Dwight no later than June 30. Arrangements can then be made for an interview.

ST. PETER'S UCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

VBS at St. Peter's UCC is July 19-23 from 6-8 p.m. under the theme "Knights of North Castle. It is for ages 3 through those out of 5th grade. Masks required.

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 Fellowship Hall.

+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 Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Today we celebrate the birthday of our nation. We hope for its legacy to be passed down to future generations. But what does that mean? Our culture today seems to be obsessed with passing on legacies. Do legacies construct good things, or do we simply want to be remembered? Are you preparing a legacy with your estate plan? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think that through. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

VITAE FOUNDATION PRO-LIFE EVENT:

This year's Vitae Foundation Southern Illinois Pro-Life Event is Tuesday, July 13, at Four Points by Sheraton, 319 Fountains Pkwy, Fairview Heights. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and program at 7 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$50 (\$15 tax deductible). Registrations may be made by calling Vitae at 573-634-4316, online at www.vitaefoundation.org, or by sending a check or money order to Vitae Foundation, 1731 Southridge Dr., Suite D, PO Box 791, Jefferson City, MO 65109. The featured speaker will be Will Witt, a national news and media personality. He uses his unique brand of political comedy and cultural insight to influence the next generation via digital platforms.

UPCOMING LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT:

This coming Oct. 20th (Wed) & 21st (Thurs), 2021, the Southern Illinois & Missouri Districts of the LCMS will host the 19th Lutheran Older Adult Retreat at the Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center in Grafton. The theme will be "20/20 Perfect Cross-Eyed Vision. ("Cross Eyed" simply means that our Eyes are focused on the Cross of Christ!). Dr. Richard Bimler, expert on aging & humor, will be our Keynote Speaker. More information to come!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618-853-7300

Math & Science Teacher Wanted: Position available for a part-time Math & Science teacher @ *COS* starting in August 2021. Contact the school for more details.

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be held July 16 from 7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. and July 17 from 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Donations of clean, saleable items can be brought to the gymnasium during office hours. There will also be a bake sale along with the rummage sale. Proceeds will purchase technology for the school.

FFA: The FFA is selling geraniums (\$5). Contact Lisa Luebke at 618-713-7125.

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

Summer Office Hours: Summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.; Fridays, 9:00 a.m.- noon. The school office will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the July 4th Holiday.

It's not too late! Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2021-2022. Financial aid based on need is available. For more information, check our website, www.coslhs.org, or contact the school office at 618-853-7300.

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 Director of Christian Education and School Librarian – Mr. Bill Becker 282-2958
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 Senior Youth – Terry and Susie Harms 618-201-5654
 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 Resource Teacher – Lara Vause
 Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan
 Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm
 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

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) ; (10:30 a.m.) Cindy Ebers
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kinley Macbeth; (8 a.m.) Blake Henry; (10:30 a.m.) MaKayla Liefer
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Rebekah Liefer & Peggy Sitzes Paraments: Virginia Moeller