

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Reformation Day
October 30-31, 2021

The Festival Order of Worship: A Catechism Service

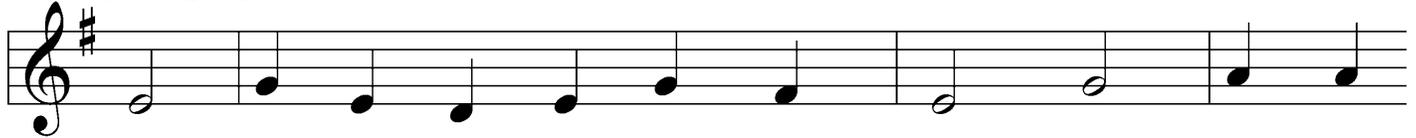
“Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone”

Prelude: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) “A Mighty Fortress” *arranged by Johann Pachelbel*

(10:30 a.m.) “The Church’s One Foundation” *Bell Choir*

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

The Opening Hymn: 655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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(10:30 a.m.) Holy Baptism, pages 268ff.

Our Confession and God's Absolution: (please stand if you are able)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **Cong.: Amen.**

P: What are the two parts of Confession?

C: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness.

P: This forgiveness that I, as pastor, speak comes from God Himself.

C: Not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: What sins should we confess?

C: Here before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer.

P: Which are these sins?

C: We must consider our place in life according to God's Ten Commandments.

P: Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude or quarrelsome?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything or done any harm?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: By the special authority of the Office of the Keys which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, I absolve you as you repent of your sins and want to do better and this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (based on Psalm 46)



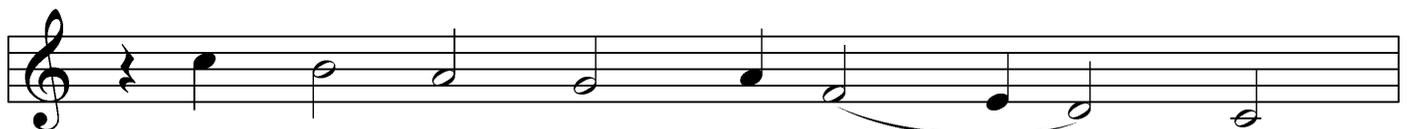
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,
 dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -
 is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

The Collect of the Day: (from Luther's Daily Prayers)

(Saturday- Evening) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (please be seated)**

(Sunday- Morning) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (please be seated)**

Anthem: (8 a.m.) "Thy Word" (arranged by Lloyd Larson)
 (10:30 a.m.) "How Firm a Foundation"

Choir
 Bell Choir

The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I heard another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able)

The Alleluia Verse: LSB 497

**Come, ho-ly Light, guide di-vine, Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God a-right And call Him Fa-ther with de-light.
From ev-'ry er-ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas-ter be
That we in liv-ing faith a-bide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might con-fide.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

The Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Our Confession of Faith: The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning

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.

P: What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

(please be seated)

The Hymn of the Day: 948 "All Glory Be to God Alone"



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

The Festival Message: (*Saturday*) “The Gift of God’s Grace” Romans 3:19-28
 (*Sunday*) “Our Unchanging God and His Reforming People” Malachi 3:6 and James 1:17

The Prayers of the Parish: (*please stand if you are able*)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wilma Stellhorn, Alice Smith, Wil Guebert, Ed Luttmann, Donald Kueker, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Ken Williams, Cindy Ebers, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Doug Whelan, Michelle Dillon, Nelda Eggemeyer, Betty Deterding, Marlene Salger, Ron Dennis, Marge Guebert, Barb Niermann, Matthew Nowak. *Help keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, 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, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn; Police- Abigail Brundage, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow (*Please call our office with names*)

Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs. For God’s healing, comfort and strength we pray for Wilma, Alice, Wil, Ed, Don, Elroy, Ruth, Ken, Cindy, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Doug, Michelle, Nelda, Betty, Marlene, Ron, Marge, Barb, Matthew, and those we name in our hearts. For those who serve us in our nation’s armed forces and as emergency personnel we pray for success in their missions of peace and assistance and for the safety of their lives. For those who mourn those loss of loved ones to death asking for the comfort of the resurrection to eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord to be upon Woody’s family at this time of her earthly passing. For a world threatened by and for those suffering from this Covid pandemic we pray for health and safety, for healing and guidance. For those harvesting the crops we pray for favorable weather for farming, safety in the fields, dependable equipment and God’s blessings upon the harvest. For all else that we bring to our Lord in our silence, we do so in Jesus’ most precious name. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer:

P: Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean?

C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children.

P: Hallowed be Thy name. What does this mean?

C: God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P: Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?

C: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean?

C: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

C: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

P: And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.

P: But deliver us from evil. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

P: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. What does this mean?

C: This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

The Sacrament of the Altar:

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. Where is this written?

P: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: 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.” What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

P: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: That person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words, “for you” require all hearts to believe.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” *LSB 434*

**Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer,
Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer.
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o’er us:
Have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus! (*please be seated*)**

Distribution Hymns:

Anthem: (8 a.m.) “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” *Choir*

(10:30 a.m.) “Chapel Chimings” *Bell Choir*

617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
 4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
 All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.

Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heavn'ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you." Public domain

Post-Communion Prayer: *(please stand if you are able)*

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. Amen.**

The 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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you (+) and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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The Postlude: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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At the end of 1528 Dr. Martin Luther made a pastoral visitation of the congregations in his area of Germany, Electoral Saxony, that had come out of Roman Catholicism and were accepting the teachings of the Reformation. What Luther found was an ignorance of the basics of the Christian faith on the part of both the lay people and the pastors (former priests). The following year he published books of instruction to teach these basics to the pastors (Large Catechism) for use in their ministry and the lay people (Small Catechism) to use in the home with their children.

The Small Catechism has four sections: The Six Chief Parts includes the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and the Sacrament of the Altar with Luther's explanations to each part. The second section has the Daily Prayers, before and after meals, with morning and evening prayers. The third section contains the Table of Duties, with Bible passages for each area of our life's God-given vocations. The fourth and final section is Christian Questions with their answers for those intending to go to Holy Communion. These few pages serve us still as a good review before we receive the sacrament. The Small Catechism is printed for us on pages 321-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

This Week With Our Lord, October 31-November 7, 2021

SUNDAY, October 31- Reformation Day

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at the school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH and SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Senior Youth fundraising BBQ at school

5-7 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the school's west parking lot

Monday, November 1- a.m. *Pastor at district board meeting*

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) at Coulterville

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

Tuesday, November 2-

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Baldwin

6:00 p.m. 8th Grade class meeting in the school library

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

Wednesday, November 3- *Boys' C team tourney here*

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation (school)
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, November 4-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) at Prairie du Rocher

Friday, November 5- Boys' C team tourney here

11:20 a.m. Early dismissal 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, November 6- Boys' C team tourney here

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Colby Voss
 6:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior LHS Dinner Auction

SUNDAY, November 7-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Emily Bowles
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school
 9:30 a.m. Adult (FH&SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Luke Kennedy
 Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement lounge

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

Adult Bible Class in the School Library with Mr. Palm: "Being Lutheran"
 High School Bible Class in the basement with Mr. Becker: "Revelation"
 Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: "Esther"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 404; Communion: 110; Adult/Youth Bible Classes: 53; SS: 52

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 10/24- General: \$20,157.20; School: \$275. *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

Romans 3:20 – "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." The Law of God is good – it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

The story of David and Goliath is often treated as a how-to guide to overcoming obstacles, but Dr. Michael Zeigler says that misses the point. Listen to "Not How, But Who" (1st

Samuel 17:37) on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

COVID PRECAUTIONS IN WORSHIP:

We are sitting every other pew, using a continuous line to distribute Holy Communion with Pastor/Elders wearing masks for distribution. Please give thought for your health and that of your fellow believers as you consider whether or not to wear a mask into or during worship. We are responsible Christian citizens and caring neighbors to those around us. The Fellowship Hall is available for remote worship in a more socially distanced way.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Cecelia "Woody" Lautenschlaeger who died in the Lord on Wednesday at the age of 96 years. Her Christian burial was Saturday morning at Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Harper Ann Marie Bingel into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. She is the daughter of Dustin and Breanna (Cowell) Bingel. Her baptismal sponsors are Kelley Seibold and Kyle Sinn. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Christian marriage of Derrick and Lori (Billingsley) Voss whose wedding was here this Saturday. Thank you and God's blessings to them.

+To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

CONGRATULATIONS!:

St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Megan Henry is Student of the Month for October. This program is sponsored by the Red Bud Lions Club.

THANK YOU:

"Thank you so very much for the kindness and generosity you showed to us for Pastors' Appreciation. We are grateful to all who planned, prepared for, attended and remembered us at last Sunday's reception. We praise God for your support of our shared ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for God's continued blessings to be upon you."

Pastor Mark Nebel and Pastor Brian Nowak

FAREWELL AND WELCOME:

Friday was the last day in our office for our school secretary/receptionist, Jessica Schloemann. We thank her for her six and a half years of service to our Lord and His people here at St. John's. We wish her God's richest blessings in all her future endeavors. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Sara (Siegfried) Shepherd to this position on our staff. Her first day at St. John's will be Monday, November 15.

VISITORS AT SCHOOL:

Other than regular volunteers, we are limiting visitors into the school. Parents and guests are to stay in the vestibule of the Main Entrance in order to drop off/pick up items or to meet their children to take them to appointments. Thank you!

SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES:

Upper Grades (3-8) chapel is Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the new gym. It is live-streamed over Facebook. When a classroom leads the service, one guest for each student is welcomed to attend in-person. Our October chapel mission offerings are supporting Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School.

TRUNK OR TREAT:

You are invited to gather in our school's west (daycare) parking lot this Sunday, October 31, from 5-7 p.m. to celebrate Reformation Day by handing out candy to costumed children. Hotdogs will be served.

WURSTMARKT:

Our 68th annual Men's Club Wurstmarkt will be held in our school's old gym on Sunday, November 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with dine-in or carry-out. The cost will be \$12. A Country Meat Store (pork/liver/summer sausage, pork chops, backbone, ribs) will be available with pre-orders made by calling Judy Guebert at 618/979-2206. Members we need your help and the donation of pies. Also, if any members of the congregation would be willing to donate pies please call Alice Guebert @ 618-401-4350 and let her know. This would be very helpful and deeply appreciated.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

This project of our Junior and Senior Youth (packing on Sunday, November 21 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall) is open to the entire congregation and school! Please pick up your shoebox in the Fellowship Hall. There is a brochure on how to pack it as well. The filled shoebox and/or donations may be left in the Fellowship Hall. An optional donation of \$9 will help cover the cost of getting the shoebox to the recipient. To make a donation online, or to find out more about Operation Christmas Child, please go to: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn at 618-606-4042 or lisa_hunt68@yahoo.com

COUGARWEAR:

This year PTL is testing a new Spirit Wear Company. What does this mean for you? *Orders can be placed anytime! No more waiting on the PTL to organize a sale. *The PTL no longer has to support minimum orders for each item to place an order. *Shipping is direct to your home and usually an item arrives in 2 weeks or less from the time of the order (all items are printed within a few days of ordering here in the US!) *Watch the site for sales, currently there is a \$6 off long sleeve shirt order promotion and free shipping over \$60...team up with another parent to get free shipping! *Shirts for sports are now available on the site as well!! Check out all the tabs at the top of the page for your order needs!! www.1stplace.sale/30121

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/31- Randy Koester, Connie Pillar, Kevin Burgdorf, Lydia Wright; 11/1- Sharon Koester, Sarah Kueker, Erica Mollet, Mason Liefer; 11/2- Hailey Guebert; 11/3- Lorine Reinhardt, Virgil Liefer, Kevin Muench, Tara Voss, Beth Diewald, Brenden Heller, Lucy Kuehn; 11/4- Mary Liefer, Dorothy Byers, Darlene Liefer, Dustan Wagner, Randy Muench, Travis Henry,

Olivia Candler; 11/5- Christine Kellerhouse, Kathleen Liefer, Joshua Reinhardt, Addyson Piel, Brenlee Stenzel; 11/6- Clifford Papenberg, Wayne Miller, Flo Zschiegner, Noah Kassing. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

ORGAN RECITAL:

Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah welcomes organist Benjamin Kolodziej for an afternoon recital on Sunday, November 14. The recital begins at 3 p.m. Mr. Kolodziej is organist and choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas, and is also organist at Perkins Chapel at Southern Methodist University. A free will offering will be taken to defer the costs of the recital.

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, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst in Waterloo- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, 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, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+Joan Voges offers us music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection for a donation to our school's ministry. Copies are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue also has CD music available on the table in the Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to St. John's debt reduction.

HYMN FESTIVAL:

On Sunday, October 31, at 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt will host a hymn festival with the theme "The Reformation is All About Jesus: A Celebration in Song." The hymns will all have a focus on the work of Jesus Christ who is the source and preservation of His Church. Hymns will include "A Mighty Fortress", "Thy Strong Word", "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands", "O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day", and others. The pre-service music will feature organ repertoire highlighting the hymns for the festival. The church's song will be led by Mr. Justin Tayon, Trinity's organist since January 2021. Trinity's choir will also assist with the festival.

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 - 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 to 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 to Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

CAMP WARTBURG JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Do you love being out in nature, working with children and being in a Christ-centered environment? Come work at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo! We are hiring those 16 years and older. for all seasons and would love to have you join us in our ministry. If interested, please contact Camp Manager John “Sparky” Hemenway by calling 618/939-7715, ext. 15 or at John.Hemenway@LCFS.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 Good Works; The Hymn “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones;” The Movie “Dune;” Old Testament Prophet Nehemiah and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen when you want at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

The grace of God doesn’t prevail only in private. His life-giving words belong in bedrooms and on bodies (Deuteronomy 6:6-8), brought before congregations and into conversations for the sanctity of every human life. So, we do not keep these life-affirming convictions to ourselves because His blessings become even better when celebrating them with others (Deuteronomy 6:3).

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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

Annual Dinner Auction: We are looking forward to our Annual Dinner Auction on November 6. Thank you to everyone who has made reservations or donations. Doors will open at 4 p.m. for silent auction bidding. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the live auction will start at 7:15 p.m.

Club Basketball: Practice has started and games will be announced soon.

Stonies Sausage: FFA members are selling a variety of flavors of Stonies Sausage sticks. Talk to a member to purchase.

School Visitors: To comply with new regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. 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. The office is open Monday – Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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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
 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 and Junior Youth – 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, Marlene Breeding, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Darren Liefer
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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (Sat.) Pastor Brian Nowak; (Sun.) Pastor Mark Nebel
 Organist and Choir Director; Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele; (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Jack Crafton; (8 a.m.) Noah Kassing; (10:30 a.m.) Connor Bumann
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Server: Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Carol Turner