

*The First Sunday After Christmas***December 26, 2021****9 a.m.***St. John's Lutheran Church***Red Bud, Illinois**

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

**PRELUDE:** "Prelude and Fugue in D Major" by *J.S. Bach*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**Opening Hymn: 385 "From East to West"** (*we stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men"*)



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and  
 3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,  
 4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -  
 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our  
 in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -  
 above the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the  
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
 mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.  
 yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.  
 Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
 Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

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*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.*

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:** pages 184-185 (*please stand if you are able*)

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
 C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

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: Isaiah 52:10; Psalm 98:1-4**



**The LORD has bared His / ho-ly arm before the eyes of all | the na-tions,  
 all the ends / of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.  
 Oh, sing to the LORD / a new song, for He has done mar- / vel-ous things!  
 His right hand and His / ho-ly arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.  
 The LORD has made known His | sal-va-tion; His righteousness in the sight of | the na-tions.  
 He has remembered His / stead-fast love and His faithfulness to the house | of Is-rael.  
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;  
 break forth into joyous song and | sing prais- es!  
 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.**

**Kyrie** (*sung*)

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria in Excelsis" pages 187-189**

P: Glory be to God on high: C: **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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

**C: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, 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 13:1-3a, 11-15**

The LORD said to Moses, “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is Mine.” Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GRADUAL:**

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; **and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**  
 And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,

**for He has done marvelous things!**

### **THE EPISTLE READING:**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another,

forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if able)*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 190 *(sung)* **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 2:22-40**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed, page 192**

**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)**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: LSB 375**

**Come, Your hearts and voic-es rais-ing, Christ the Lord with glad-ness prais-ing;**

**Loud-ly sing His love a-maz-ing, Wor-thy folk of Chris-ten-dom.**

**Grac-ious Child, we pray, O hear us. From Your low-ly man-ger cheer us,**

**Gent-ly lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir a-bove.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 519 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"**

**In His tem-ple now be-hold Him, See the long-ex-pect-ed Lord;  
An-cient proph-ets had fore-told Him, God has now ful-filled His word.  
Now to praise Him, His re-deem-ed Shall break forth with one ac-cord.**

**In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir-gin pure, be-hold Him lie  
While His a-ged saints a-dore Him Ere in per-fect faith they die.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Lo, the in-car-nate God Most High!**

**Je-sus, by Your pre-sen-ta-tion. When they blessed You, weak and poor,  
Make us see Your great sal-va-tion, Seal us with Your pro-mise sure;  
And pre-sent us in Your glo-ry To Your Fa-ther, cleansed and pure.**

**SERMON: "The Wait Is Over" Luke 2:22-40**

*(Please stand if you are able) Offertory (sung) page 192*

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

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

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

**Prayer of the Church**

*(Each petition ends "Lord, in Your mercy" and we respond, "hear our prayer.")*

**HEALING AND COMFORT: Orville Liefer, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Larry Ebers, Ken Williams, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; Family/Friends of St. John's Members:**

Nelda Eggemeyer, Betty Deterding, Barb Niermann, Ruby Muench, Stephanie Reinhardt, Clarence Guebert, Rev. Mark Willig, Anita Mueller. *Please help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, 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; 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- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, 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 Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow (*Please call our office with names*)

+thanksgiving for the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ken and Joan Voges today

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

Lead Your Church, Lord, to follow the example of blessed Simeon, that all baptized Christians would embrace the Christ Child by Word and faith, and so be ready to depart whenever they are called. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lover of mankind, bind our families together in perfect harmony and rule our hearts with the peace of Christ. Cause His Word to dwell richly among us and let fathers and heads of the household teach and admonish their families in all wisdom. Let our songs, words and deeds be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son alone is judge of the earth, who decides all matters in equity and righteousness. Let us entrust ourselves to Christ and likewise delight in the fear of the Lord. Let us not put our trust in princes and leaders of this world, who must judge by what they see and hear. We pray for their health and wisdom and ask that we may honor them for the sake of conscience before You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for all those who serve us in Your name and for Your glory, asking for Your goodness to them, Your guidance of them and Your protection for them, remembering our military members, law enforcement agents, firefighters, emergency responders and healthcare personnel, especially those members of our congregation who serve our nations and community in these ways. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, help the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers Orville, Elroy, Ruth, Larry, Ken, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Nelda, Betty, Barb, Ruby, Stephanie, Clarence, Rev. Mark, Anita, and those we name in our hearts. Surround them with Your love in Christ and, according to Your gracious will, heal them. Comfort all those who mourn, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] and fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of all love that is true, pure and holy, we join with Ken, Joan and their family in praising You for the 60 years of married life they have enjoyed under your goodness and blessings. We thank You for Your gracious presence in their marriage union and for the example of love and commitment they have been for their family, friends and community. We trust that as You have guided them in the past with Your goodness and mercy, that You will continue to bless them in these ways as they enter a new year of life together lived in Your name and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our brothers and sisters who have departed in the peace of faith. Bring us with them to see with our own eyes the light of the nations and the glory of Israel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

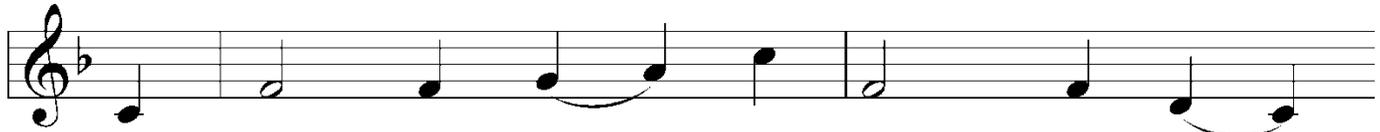
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray: **Our Father who art in heaven, ...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: 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 of 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. Amen.**

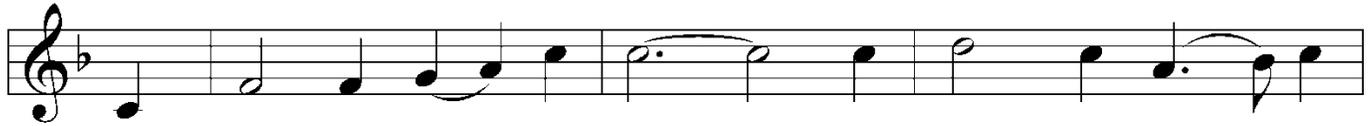
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

**C: (*sung*) A-men, a-men, a-men.**

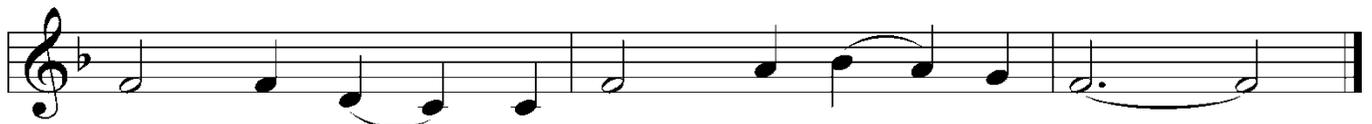
**CLOSING HYMN: 937 "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" (*sing* "A-men.")**



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest, Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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## THE POSTLUDE: "Dir ist Freude"

*by J.S. Bach*

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### *This Week With Our Lord, December 26, 2021- January 2, 2022*

#### SUNDAY, December 26-

9:00 a.m. Divine Service (No Sunday School)

#### Monday, December 27- Pastor on vacation today

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in school library

#### Tuesday, December 30-

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Garden Place

#### Friday, December 31- Office Closed

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

#### Saturday, January 1, 2022-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Case Hess

#### SUNDAY, January 2, 2022-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Lucas McCarthy

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: Molly Kuehn

### **FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

+Flowers on the pedestal in the chancel are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ken and Joan Voges today. They are a gift from their family. Thank you! Congratulations! God's blessings!

+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.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 292; Communion: 159; Adult/Youth Bible Classes: 42; SS: 35

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/19- General: \$11,929.20; School: \$1,865; Sunday School: \$200; Debt: \$100. *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**

Luke 2:38 – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to our Lord leads to good works. Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

**THOSE** who gave a poinsettia may pick it(them) up after late service January 2.

**ENVELOPES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:**

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2022 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours and those for your immediate family members. If you do not have a box but would like one, please call Leslie in our church office.

**AN ADDITION TO THE POINSETTIA LIST:**

*In loving memory of Ralph Born, Evan Rushing, Patricia Selix and Rich Candler as a gift from Joe, Staci, Riley and Olivia Candler. Thank you!*

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Life proceeds in stages marked by rites of passage. Dr. Zeigler talks about the changes we go through, and the Savior Who goes with us. Listen to “Rite of Passage” (Luke 2:21-40) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUD 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.

**BIBLE CLASSES ON BREAK:**

Our midweek Bible classes, Wednesday Morning Women, Wednesday evening (1<sup>st</sup> Kings) and Thursday morning (Ezekiel) are on a break until January. When the Wednesday morning women’s class again meets on January 5 at 9:30 a.m. they will begin a study of the book of Esther based on a guide by Donna Snow. Please contact Janel Kassing for more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:**

Through the Big City Mission project, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can show the love of Christ to all different kinds of people living in the inner city. Gifts and offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER DEVOTIONS:**

The new issue of our quarterly devotional booklets, *Portals of Prayer*, for January through March is available in the racks by the front doors of church.

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:**

Our church/school office will be closed on December 27 and 31. Office hours for Tuesday-Thursday, December 28-30 will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pastor Nebel will be on vacation Dec. 27.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE SERVICE:**

New Year's Eve Holy Communion is Friday, Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. There will not be a New Year's Day service. Next weekend, January 1-2, will be our regular schedule of Saturday evening at 5 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8 and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Bible classes in between.

### **SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:**

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an honor system for payment. A money box is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

St. John's members and Red Bud High School seniors Megan Henry, Addison Liefer, Katie Schneider and Hannah Sievers have been recognized as 2022 Illinois State Scholars. They rank in approximately the top ten percent of graduates from Illinois high schools.

### **MUSKETEER MARKET COLLECTION:**

Our Evening Guild is sponsoring a food and personal care drive for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. We will deliver the items to high school weekly.

### **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.

### **MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP WARTBURG:**

Brian and Jeff Becker (cousins to Jennifer Becker-Roscow) will lead a Tender Lions Men's Retreat at Camp Wartburg (south of Waterloo) this coming January 14-15. Come join us as we explore the vital relationship between fathers and sons. This link takes you to the camp's site...

<https://campwartburg.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Mens-Retreat-2022.pdf>

### **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; Coulterville Care Center- Orville Liefer

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:**

Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva 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 Luttman, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Harold Thies

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

12/26- Mike VanDorn, Christina Gidley; 12/27 Rick Liefer, Lynn Langrehr, Louis Stellhorn, Angela Cartee, Andrea Liefer, Bailey Montroy; 12/28- Brenda vanBuren, Linda Koester, Addison Dilley, Bently Valentine; 12/29- Kevin Miller; 12/30- Edward Wagner, Erin Cowell, Traci Proctor, Jordan Buch, Blake Uffelmann, Taylor Dilley, Addison Schaefer; 12/31- Reese Foster, Emma Guebert; 1/1- Esther Williams, Jill Henslee, Jeremy Voss, Jackie Aubuchon. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

### **KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM850 & **kfu.org**, a media ministry 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 **kfu.org** and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUO and kfu.org: We celebrate the season of Christmas by taking a hiatus from our regular programming to bring you special Twelve Days of Christmas programming, including Scripture readings, sacred music for the season, and special greetings from our missionaries and military chaplains serving around the globe. Enjoy this programming through Epiphany, January 6! Regular programming returns January 7.

### **ISSUES, ETC.:**

You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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

**Holiday Office Hours:** Office Hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. December 20-22, 26-30, and January 3. The office will be closed December 23, 24, and 31. Classes and regular hours will resume on January 4.

**Club Basketball:** The Soldiers Co-ed Club Basketball team has a home game on January 7 at 6:00 p.m. vs. Marquand-Zion.

**COS Alumni vs. Club Basketball:** Cheer your favorite past or present player on January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Trivia Night:** Join us for this year's "School Days" Trivia Night & Silent Auction on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in our gym. Adults \$15 ea., 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students \$6 ea., and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade \$10 ea. with a limit of eight people to a table. Reserve your table by calling 618-853-7300. All proceeds from the evening will support Prom and Post-Prom at COS.

**Registration for 2022-2023 is now open!** If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2022-2023 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org). Early registration ends March 31. Don't miss out!

**School Visitors:** To comply with continuing ISBE and state COVID 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 mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.**

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Principal – Mrs. Deitt Schneider 618-806-3049 or home: 824-6335

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

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

Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer  
 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: Christina Gidley and Kathy Valleroy

### Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mr. Joshua Jacobsen Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Greeters: Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn Acolyte: Kinley Macbeth

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr Paraments: Irma Birkner

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Non-Communion Service Continues Here:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all 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.**

**CLOSING COLLECT:**

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 of 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.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

**C: (sung) A-men, a-men, a-men.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**