

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*St. John's Lutheran Church*January 15-16, 2022 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. *Divine Service One, page 151ff.***Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE:** "Lord of All Hopefulness" *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli***THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.**THE OPENING HYMN: 399 "The Star Proclaims the King is Here"***(we stand for the last stanza if you are able; we sing "A-men")*

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

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: Song of Solomon 2 :4 ; Psalm 36:5-9



**The Lord brought me to the ban- / quet-ing house. His banner over / me is love.
Your love, O Lord, extends to the / heav-ens, Your faithfulness / to the clouds.
How precious is Your steadfast / love, O God; mankind takes refuge / in Your wings.
We feast on the abundance / of Your house, You give us drink from the river of /
Your de-lights.**

**For with You is the foun- / tain of life; in Your light do / we see light.
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.**

The Lord brought me to the ban- / quet-ing house. His banner over / me is love.

KYRIE: (page 152) (*we sing the responses*)

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

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

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

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

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

Refrain: **This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**



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: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

THE GRADUAL:

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us, **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

THE EPISTLE READING:**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**John 2:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have

kept the good wine until now.” This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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*)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 362 “O Sing of Christ”

**O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord.
E-ter-nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re-stored.
Up-on our frail hu-man-i-ty God’s fin-ger chose to trace
The full-ness of His de-i-ty, The i-con of His grace.**

**What Ad-am lost, none could re-claim, And Par-a-dise was barred
Un-til the sec-ond Ad-am came To mend what sin had marred.
For when the time was full and right God sent His on-ly Son;
He came to us as life and light And our re-demp-tion won.**

**He came to that which was His own But He was not re-ceived;
Yet still through Him God’s glo-ry shone, And some His name be-lieved.
To those He gave the right to be The heirs of heav’n a-bove,
Born not of hu-man an-ces-try But born of God in love.**

**Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A-mong us here on earth
As God with us, Em-man-u-el, To bring this ho-ly birth.
Though rich, You will-ing-ly be-came One with our pov-er-ty,
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e-ter-ni-ty!**

SERMON: “God Saves His Best for Our Last” John 2:1-11

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: Don Kueker, Elroy Stellhorn, Darlene Liefer, Ruth Hecht, Christine Kellerhouse, Faye Schwartzkopf, Ken Williams, Kim Herriman, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Betty Deterding, Ruby Muench, Stephanie Reinhardt, Clarence Guebert, Rev. Mark Willig, Anita Mueller, Tom Lewis, Susan Sochowski. *Help us keep this list current!*

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

Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ’s blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the Person of Your Son. Make it our constant joy and delight to preach the Good News of forgiveness in our Savior Jesus to poor sinners who are in need of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, we thank You for those people who serve us in Your vocations of military, law enforcement, firefighters and emergency responders. We are grateful for the diligence and dedication of their duties. We pray that You would preserve and protect them as they provide for us in our times of need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness.

Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations. Help them to raise their children in accordance with Your will. Comfort those who patiently seek Your blessing of children to raise in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, You rule this world by Your power. Give to our civil servants respect and recognition of Your creation and its nature. When they use the authority given them from You, let it be in accord with Your good design for our world and not the corruption of sin, which they are by Your authority to rebuke for the good of their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, we bring before You the sick, distressed and needy *especially* Don, Elroy, Darlene, Ruth, Christine, Faye, Ken, Kim, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Betty, Ruby, Stephanie, Clarence, Rev. Mark, Anita, Tom, Susan, and those we name before You in the silence of our hearts. Bless and protect those healthcare personnel who are working to keep us safe and well during this pandemic. Grant relief and recovery to our world through the easing and ending of this Covid virus. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His wonderful works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, transforming water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, transforming bread and wine to be Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and make us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; we pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFERTORY: pages 159-160

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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.**

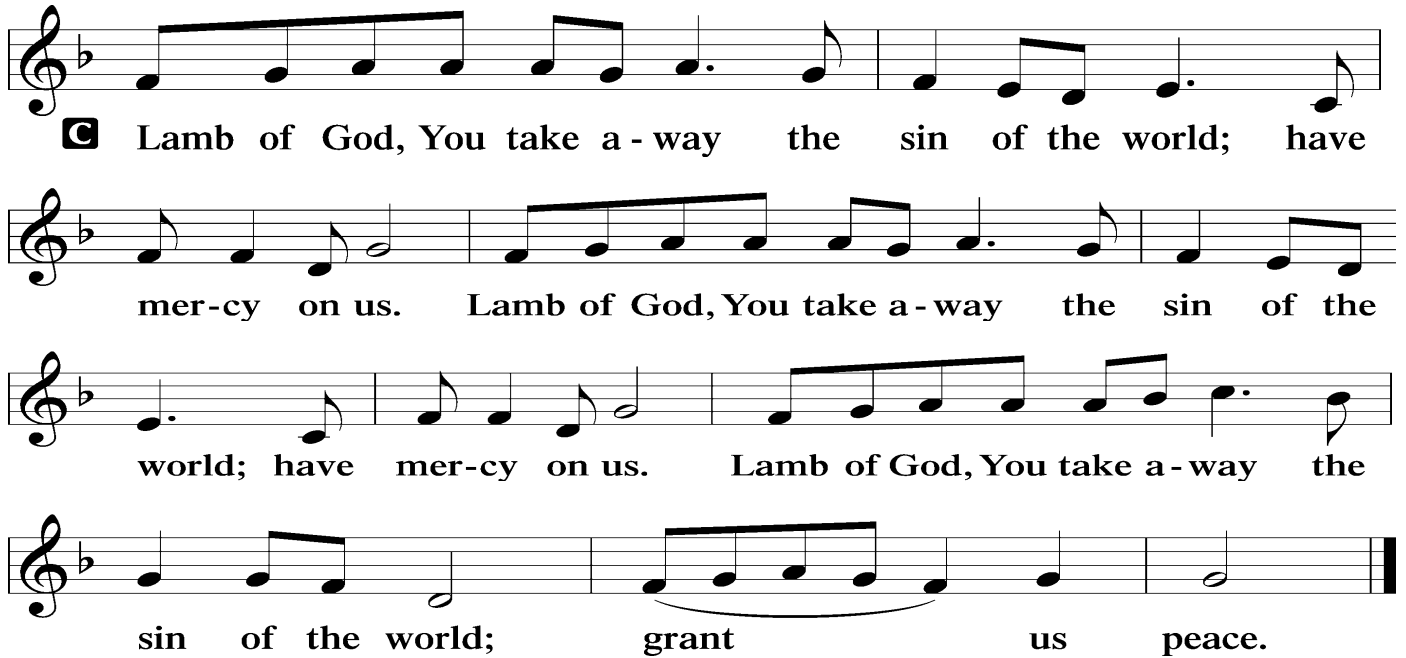
Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*) 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God - head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



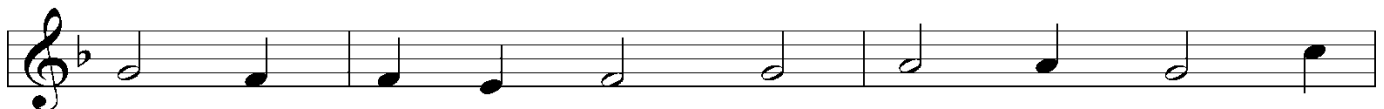
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us

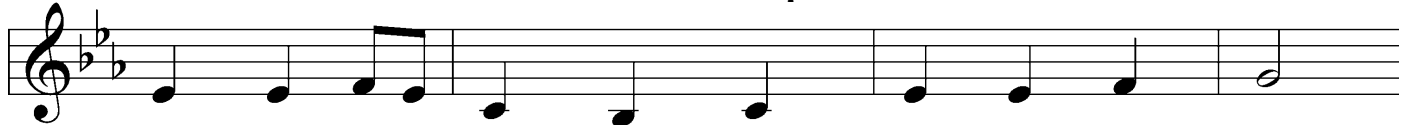


feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

(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 everlasting life. Amen.)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord" page 164 *(please stand if able)*

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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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. 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 fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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 (sung) A-men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 408 "Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

1. **Come, join in Ca-na's feast Where Christ is hon-ored guest.
He wel-comes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.**
2. **The old wine now is gone From jars that stand a-part.
No long-er can it sat-is-fy The yearn-ing, thirst-ing heart.**
3. **But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids wa-ter turn to wine.
He fills our emp-ty cups again With grace and truth di-vine.**
4. **Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine sup-plied
By Him who is both guest and host—For us, the cru-ci-fied.**
5. **For now He lives and reigns Through all e-ter-ni-ty
With Fa-ther, Spir-it, Three in One, the glo-rious Trin-i-ty. A-men.**

POSTLUDE: “Arfon”*arranged by Wilbur Held*

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This Week With Our Lord, January 16-23, 2022**SUNDAY, January 16-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school
 9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) Bible classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Monday, January 17- No School! MLK Day; Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 18-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball A & B at Valmeyer
 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library

Wednesday, January 19-

8:30 a.m. Grade School Chapel 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
 9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 3:30-4:30 p.m. 6-8th Public School Confirmation at school
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, January 20- Boys Basketball ALT at St. Mark’s

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
 4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, January 21- 7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night in the Fellowship Hall**Saturday, January 22-**

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall
 9:00 a.m. SID Board of Directors meeting at the district office
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Olivia Valleroy

SUNDAY, January 23-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Kadin Liefer
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school
 9:30 a.m. New Member Welcome in the Fellowship Hall
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Jack Kennedy
 1:00 p.m. Annual Voters Assembly meeting

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

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: 273; Communion: 69; Adult/Youth: 42; SS: 47

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/9- General: \$22,364; School: \$590; 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)

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”” Behold the faith of Mary. She sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord, saying, “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, and she does not demand. She simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

EPISTLES:

The January edition of our congregation’s newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to everyone for whom Pastor has an address.

THANK YOU:

“Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to us and our families at Christmas. Your cards, gifts and food items were overwhelming! It is our humble privilege and pleasure to serve you with God’s Word and Sacraments in our ministry with you here at St. John’s. We praise God for your kindness and support.” *Your servants in Christ, Pastor Nebel & Pastor Nowak*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us. Listen to “Hazed and Confused” (Luke 4:1-37) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFYO 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.

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

High School Bible Class in Mr. Becker’s classroom: “Tensions Between Faith and Culture”

Adult Bible Class in the school library with Mr. Palm: “Being Lutheran”

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: “Proverbs”

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for December: Nursery: Case Uffelmann; Pre-Kdg: Jettson Grohmann; Kindergarten: Elaina Uffelmann, Kolton Liefer; Natalie Bowles; 1st: Elsie Liefer, Amelia Langrehr,

Liam Langrehr; 4th: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer; 5th: Clare Carnahan; 6th: Sydney Kassing; 8th: Noah Kassing. Thank you for your participation and faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

We gather this Friday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. Lemonade and bottled water will be available. We will have some board games, cards, puzzles (bring a family favorite), and a fun-filled evening. We will finish by 9 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in on the fun!

ANNUAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be Sunday, January 23, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will elect officers and board members for the next year. We will hear financial updates from 2021 and ministry plans for 2022. All confirmed members of St. John's age 18 and older are voting members and encouraged to attend. The ballot currently is:

Chairman:	Kevin Liefer	_____	
Vice-Chairman:	Mike DeRousse	Darren Liefer	
Treasurer:	Ray Wagner	_____	
Elders:	Scot Heller	Wil Krick	Jeremy Stellhorn
(Vote 3)	_____	_____	_____
Trustees:	Byron Falkenhain	_____	Jeff Koester
Education:	Josh Voss	_____	
Finance:	Becky Biffar	Jill Gross	Melissa Henry
(Vote 3)	Tiffany Stellhorn	_____	_____
Estate Fund	Mike Kuhn	_____	Tom Mulherin
COSLHS Board:	Lynn Langrehr	_____	Rebekah Liefer

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR LIFE NETWORK:

As in past years, after worship this weekend you may pick up a baby bottle to hold your spare change over the next month. This is a fundraiser for Life Network of Southern Illinois.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

Next Sunday, Jan. 23, we will welcome our new members for 2021 who joined us by transfer, adult confirmation, profession of faith or baptism. This will be in the Fellowship Hall between worship services. We will hand out the baptismal lambs from the banner in the entryway. Representatives of our ministry groups will give us an update on their work. Refreshments will be provided!

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.

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 Uffelman; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Waterloo Cedarhurst- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf.

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, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Harold Thies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/16- Samantha Kuehner; 1/17- Mary Sachtleben, Jeffrey Neff, Ashley Burgdorf; 1/18- Eunice Wiatr, Hailey Nichols, 1/19- Lois Mesnarich, Melissa Gramenz; 1/20- Kimberly Moll, James Sitzes, Easton Lucht, Ella Cowell; 1/21- John Liefer; 1/22- Brian Stellhorn, Noah Hernandez. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

VISITORS AT SCHOOL:

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

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Athens will host a brief pro-life prayer vigil on Sun January 23, 2022, at 3 p.m. Afterwards in our fellowship hall a representative from Life Network, a pregnancy resource center with offices in Waterloo and Red Bud, will share some information regarding the ministry and outreach of Life Network. A free-will offering will be collected for Life Network. Refreshments will be served.

CAREERS FOR CHRIST:

High school students interested in church professional careers are invited to attend Concordia University in Chicago the weekend of February 4-6. The \$75 cost includes all activities, materials, meals, housing, a Chicago dining experience, transportation within the even and a Careers for Christ t-shirt. Registration is open until Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. at CUChicago.edu/C4C.

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: Hear specials on the sanctity of life leading up to the March for Life on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.), study Luke 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and study Matthew 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Listen live or on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: A Biblical View of Marriage, The Book of James, The Confession of Peter, Old Testament Matriarch Sarah, Jesus Blessing the Children and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

God chose humankind in Christ Jesus. God chose you with the celebration of a wedding (John 2:11). God chose you with the love a husband has for his bride (Isaiah 62:4-5). God chose you and all offspring of Adam and Eve (Psalm 128:3). God chose you and every variety of human being, chose us into existence, chose us with forgiveness, chose us for making a difference (1st Cor. 12:4-6).

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (*from LCMS Better Health*)

Facts on Food Myths- Certain foods can burn fat. However, no foods burn fat, make you lose weight more quickly or increase your metabolism enough to have any effect on weight loss. Diets that focus on single foods are too restrictive and deny your body other nutrients that it needs. Those types of diets are also unsustainable for your lifetime.

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.

DAILY BIBLE READING: *from Lutheran Bible Translators*

Copies of the daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. January 16- Romans 6:1-23; Jan. 17- Romans 7:1-20; Jan. 18- Romans 7:21-8:17; Jan. 19- Romans 8:18-39; Jan. 20- Romans 9:1-18; Jan. 21- Romans 9:19-33; Jan. 22- Romans 10:1-21.

SINGING SAINTS of Saint Paul Lutheran High School will be in concert here at St. John's on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Hosts will be needed!

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

Club Basketball: The Soldiers have an away game on January 18 at Marquand-Zion in Marquand, MO at 6 p.m. **NASP Archery:** The first tournament for the Soldier Archers will be in O'Fallon, MO on January 22.

21st 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., 5th-8th grade students \$6 ea., and 9th-12th 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. Early registration ends March 31.

School Visitors: To comply with continuing ISBE and state COVID regulations, visitors are to contact the school for an appointment to 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 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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

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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, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Darren Liefer

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Ray Wagner Board of Finance: Ben Guebert

Elder Chair: Eric Fritsche Parish Education Chair: Andrew Stellhorn

Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
(10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker; Instrumentals: Jonathan and Lindsey Hudak
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;
(10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert

Acolyte: (5 p.m.) Brodie Stenzel; (8 a.m.) Blayton Sutton; (10:30 a.m.) Brian Liefer

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

Flower Servers: Linda Guebert and Chris Deien Paraments: Ella Hemmer

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services continue 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 (*sung*) **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: