

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*St. John's Lutheran Church***January 22-23, 2022** *Divine Service One, page 151ff.* **Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE:** (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "O Morning Star" *arr. by Steve Wentz*

(10:30 a.m.) "Echoes of Westminster" Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

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

THE OPENING HYMN: 401 "From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

**From God the Fa-ther, vir-gin -born To us the on-ly Son came down;
By death the font to con-se-crate, The faith-ful to re-gen-er-ate.**

**Be-gin-ning from His home on high, In hu-man flesh He came to die;
Cre-a-tion by His death re-stored, And shed new joys of life a-broad.**

**Glide on, O glo-rious Sun, and bring The gift of heal-ing on Your wing;
To ev-'ry dull and cloud-ed sense The clear-ness of Your light dis-pense.**

**A-bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of dark-ness chase a-way;
Your work of heal-ing, Lord, be-gin, And take a-way the stain of sin.**

**Lord, once You came to earth's do-main And, we be-lieve, shall come a-gain;
Be with us on the bat-tle-field, From ev-'ry harm Your peo-ple shield.**

(please stand if you are able)

**To You, O Lord, all glo-ry be For this Your blest epiph-a-ny;
To God, whom all His hosts a-dore, And Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more. A-men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

P 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.**

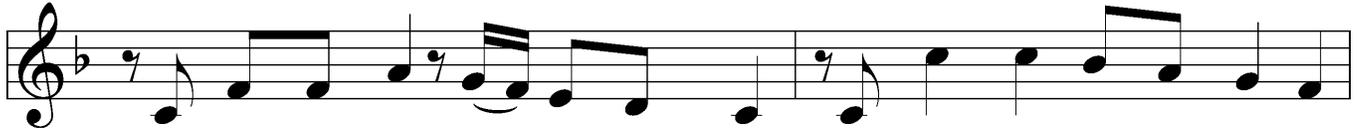
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

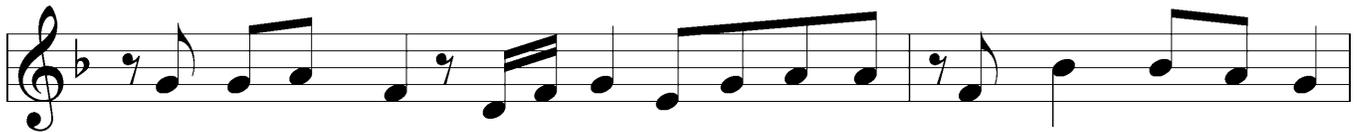
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our**



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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*)

ANTHEM: (*8 a.m.*) “Jesus Calls Us” (by S. Pethel)
 (*10:30 a.m.*) “Psalm for Handbells”

Choir
Bell Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

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:

1st Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part

of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require.

But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

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:

Luke 4:16-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter. **C:** *(sung)* **Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard You did at Capernaum, do here in Your hometown as well."

And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens

were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went away.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* **The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen. *(please be seated)*

(10:30 a.m.) **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)*

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: (“Crown Him With Many Crowns”)**

Life is the gift of God, so Je-sus did par-take; And took up-on our hu-man form,

His heirs He did us make! When we were be-ing knit, He knew who we would be

And marked us as His very own, His death has set us free!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 523 “O Word of God Incarnate”

1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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SERMON: (*Saturday*) “Are We Different or the Same?” 1st Corinthians 12:12-31a
 (*Sun*) “So That the People Understood That the Joy of the Lord Is Our Strength” Nehemiah 8

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: Darlene Lohman, Don Kueker, Elroy Stellhorn, Darlene Liefer, Ruth Hecht, Christine Kellerhouse, Faye Schwartzkopf, Ken Williams, Kim Herriman, Randy Miller, 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!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, 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, 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*)

+National Lutheran Schools Week remembering St. John's Elementary and Christ Our Savior High School

+those who mourn: family of Dale Belman, brother-in-law of Debbie Siegfried, Howard and Sandy Mehner

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

O Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world, setting us free from our sin and death. In Christ, the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time, but received with delight in every place. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your people in the days of Ezra the priest returned to Your Word with attentive ears. Give us eagerness to hear Your Word with understanding, that our days may be sanctified and Your commandments put into practice among us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You have arranged us as members of one body in Christ Jesus. Free us from jealousy or contempt toward our fellow Christians. Lead us to bestow honor on our weaker brothers, to suffer and rejoice together, and to serve in harmony as those baptized in one Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement. Protect and defend all those who serve us for our safety as members of our nation's armed forces, law enforcement, firefighters and first responders. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn *especially* Dale's family at this time of his earthly passing as You have fulfilled Your baptismal promise to him and called him out of this life and into Your heavenly and eternal presence. As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need *especially* do we place into Your care and keeping Darlene Don, Elroy, Darlene, Ruth, Christine, Faye, Ken, Kim, Randy, Marcy,

JoAnna, Joy, Betty, Ruby, Stephanie, Clarence, Rev. Mark, Anita, Tom, Susan, and all those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless all healthcare workers with strength, comfort and protection as they serve us during this difficult time. We thank You for their dedication to duty. We ask that You would bring an end to this pandemic, granting us protection and relief from it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) O Lord, Your Son has come with favor to deliver us, and in His blessed Sacrament He brings cleansing and strength. Give faith to us all, that we would not despise our Savior and this Holy Communion. Do not pass through us and go away as at Nazareth, but dwell among us graciously. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank You for the ministry of Lutheran schools, for the blessing of faithful teachers, for the gifts of supportive families, and for the education of students in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus. We pray that You would continue to bless all who teach and learn in our Lutheran schools. We thank You for the ministry of our own St. John's Elementary and Christ Our Savior Lutheran schools. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All this we ask in the name of 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.

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.**

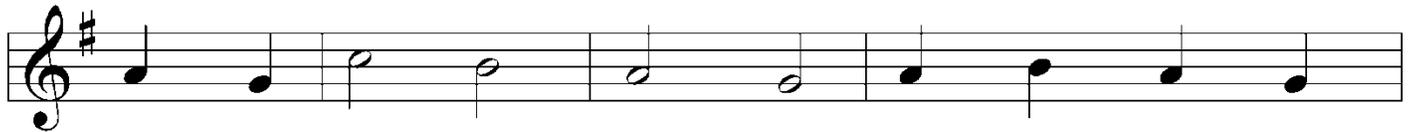
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C** (*sung*) **Amen.**

(8 a.m.) **CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Jesu, Joy of My Desiring” (by J.S. Bach) *Choir*

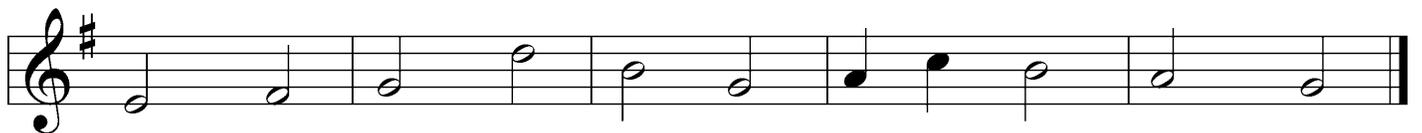
CLOSING HYMN: 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (*sing “A-men.”*)



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

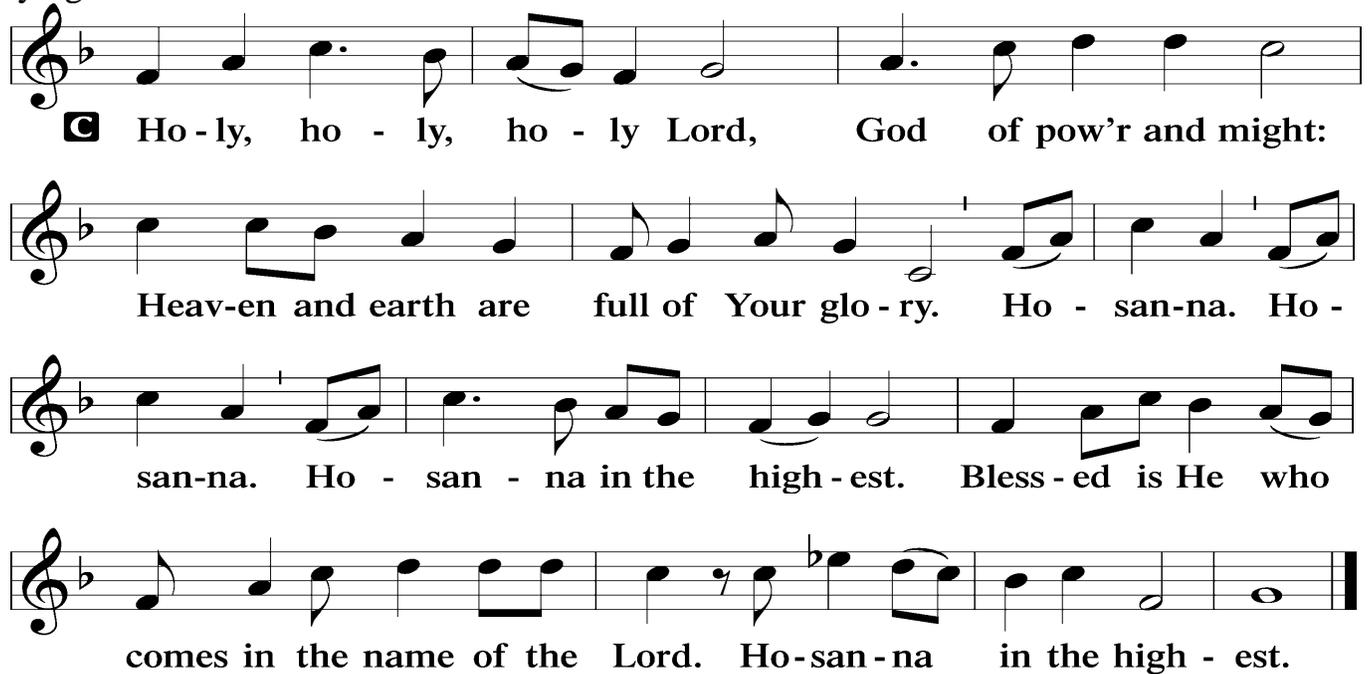
P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

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*)

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" *Bell Choir*

395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when
own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!
Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



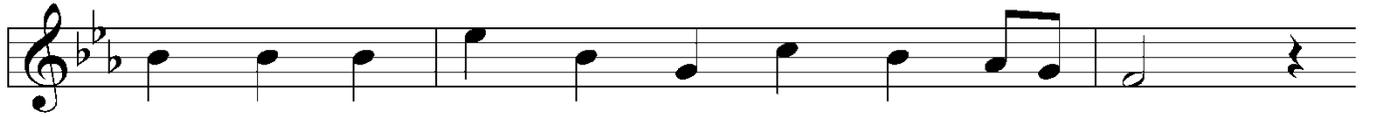
Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

533 “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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(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

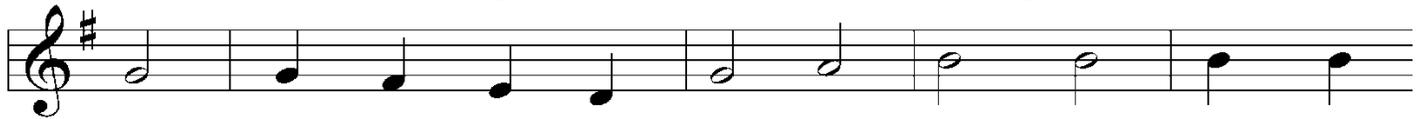


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

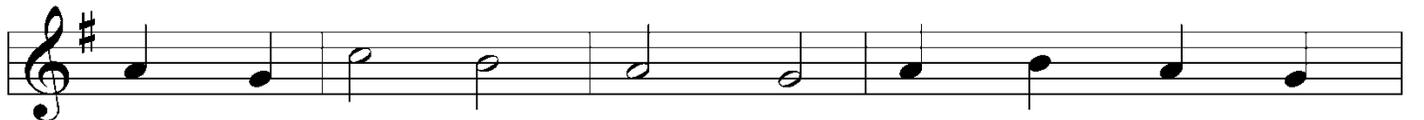
Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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

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: 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (sing "A-men.")

1 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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POSTLUDE: “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli

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This Week With Our Lord, January 23-30, 2022

SUNDAY, January 23- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

1:00 p.m. Annual Voters Assembly meeting

Monday, January 24- *National Lutheran Schools Week!*

9:30 a.m. SID Board of Spiritual Care meeting at district office

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

Tuesday, January 25-

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

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

Wednesday, January 26- *Volleyball tourney at RBC*

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, January 27- *Science Fair at school*

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

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

Friday, January 28- 11:20 a.m. Early School Dismissal

7:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior Lutheran HS Trivia Night

Saturday, January 29-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Luke Quintin

SUNDAY, January 30-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Joey Biffar

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 with Holy Communion (Installation of Officers)

Acolyte: Kadence Koen

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: 290; Communion: 131; Adult/Youth Classes: 42; Sunday School: 37

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1st Corinthians 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord calls each of us personally and gives each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and calls us to a life together in the Church, His body. You are a part of that body. That body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/16- General: \$8,339; School: \$825; Sunday School: \$30; Automatic Giving: \$6,070. *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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Words have power to catch the listener, the power of Jesus' words and story, even more so. Listen to “Caught” (Luke 4:38-5:16) with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler 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.

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

High School Bible Class in Mr. Becker’s school classroom: “Right Now Media”

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!

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.

ANNUAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be this Sunday, 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. Lunch is provided beforehand. The ballot currently is:

Chairman:	Kevin Liefer	_____	
Vice-Chairman:	Mike DeRousse	Darren Liefer	
Treasurer:	Gary Buatte	Ray Wagner	
Elders:	Scot Heller	Wil Krick	Kalin Liefer
(Vote 3)	Jeremy Stellhorn	_____	_____
Trustees:	Byron Falkenhain	Jeff Koester	
Education:	Derek Uffelmann	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:

This Sunday 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!

During 2021 we welcomed these new members by Holy Baptism: Logan Ronald Gramenz, Willa Kay Henry, Emmett James Schoenbeck, Leland Michael John Hartmann, Charlotte Kay Evancich, Henry Thomas Roy, Graham Homer Liefer, Leeam Ramage McDaniel, Chase James Henry, William Troy Jeffrey Guebert, Shelbie Christine Ratz, Olive Jane Westcott, Harper Ann Marie Bingel, Kullen Lee Liefer, June Elizabeth Russell, Dallin Joseph Liefer, Eli Gabriel Hernandez; and by Adult Instruction/Profession of Faith: Martha Rohlfing, John and Christine Kellerhouse; and by Transfer of Membership: Ruth Rohlfing, Dean and Paula Wiley, Sarah Wetzel and Hayden Schlimme, Thomas Mehring, Ruth Hecht, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Kimberly, Addison and Vivian Brier, Amy and Clay Zeller, Christopher, Sarah, Avery, Addelyn and Alayna Moll. Please welcome these recent additions to our family of faith here at St. John's!

CLASS FUNDRAISER:

The Class of 2024 (6th Grade) is fundraising for their Washington D.C. 8th Grade trip! Please support them by ordering sub sandwiches and white nacho cheese dip! Each 6-inch sub is \$6 and has ham, roast beef, turkey, salami, and American cheese. The cheese dip is sold for \$12 per quart. It freezes well. Contact a 6th grade family by Jan. 31 to order. Your orders can be picked up Saturday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m.--noon or Sunday, Feb. 13 during Sunday

School. Contact Jamie Korando 618/615-2818 or Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804. Thanks! This would be a great idea for your Super Bowl weekend!

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 Uffelmann; 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 Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Harold Thies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/23- Mary Ann Wegener, Faye Schwartzkopf, Sally Ratliff, Kevin Matzenbacher, Angela Rahn, Abigail Browne, Brianna Hudson, Harlow Sutton; 1/25- Fred Salger, Arlene Pratt, Stuart Langrehr; 1/26- Hal Mueth, Amber Stenzel, Trisha Ruebusch, Mallory Arbeiter; 1/27- Kathy Grohmann, Shawn DeRousse, Joshua De Rousse, Kaleb Barriger, Adam Kiefer, Grace Guebert; 1/28- Evelyn Muench, Harper Kennedy; 1/29- Tony Schrader, Bethany Whelan, Dax Liefer. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

THANK YOU!:

“St. John’s members, Thank you so much for remembering me with a gift at Christmas. It is very much appreciated!” *Linda Guebert*

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!

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. Early Childhood chapel (daycare-Grade 2) is Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the new

gym. When a classroom leads the service, one guest for each student is welcomed to attend in-person.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Athens will host a brief pro-life prayer vigil this Sunday at 3 p.m. Afterwards a representative from Life Network, our local pregnancy resource center, 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.

DAILY BIBLE READING: from *Lutheran Bible Translators*

Copies of the daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway.

January 23- Romans 11:1-24; Jan. 24- Romans 11:25-12:13; Jan. 25- Romans 12:14-13:14; Jan. 26- Romans 14:1-23; Jan. 27- Romans 15:1-13; Jan. 28- Romans 15:14-33; Jan. 29- Romans 16:17-27.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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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. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

Did Nehemiah's people weep for gladness or grief at the Word of the Lord (8:9)? Were they ashamed or excited to hear how He values even the seemingly weakest among us (1 Corinthians 12:22)? Did they resist or insist on acclaiming and proclaiming His favor unto people of whatever abilities or impairments (Luke 4:18-19)? Will we let these gracious words of good news fall silent before the altars of abortion and assisted suicide?

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.

SINGING SAINTS CHOIR CONCERT:

The choir of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri will be in concert here at St. John's on Fri., March 11 at 7 p.m. Hosts will be needed!

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

Join us in celebrating **National Lutheran Schools Week** this week, giving thanks to God for all the great things He is accomplishing through Lutheran Schools. **NASP Archery:** Soldier Archers will participate in a shoot in Festus, MO Jan 29.

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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Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

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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

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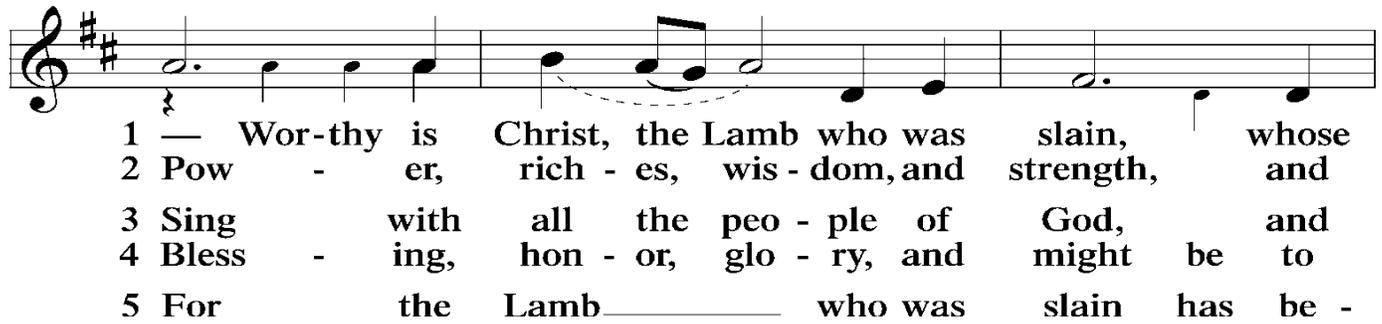
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Serving Us in Worship Today

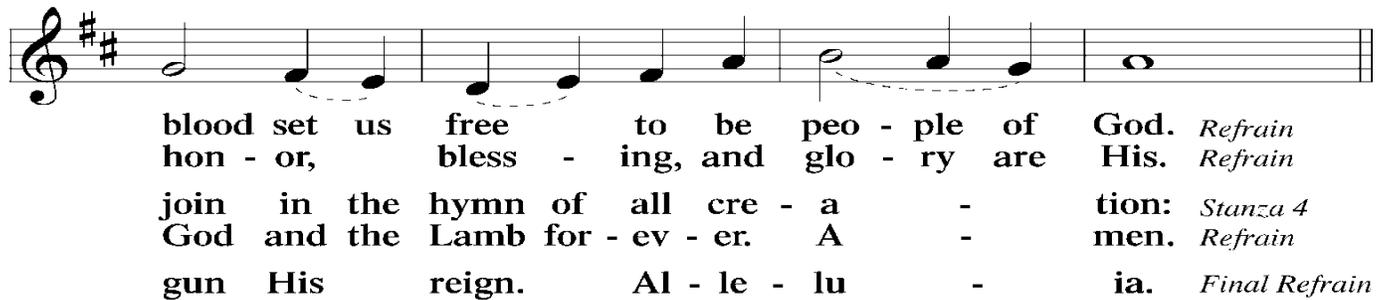
Preacher/Liturgist: (*Saturday*) Pastor Brian Nowak; (*Sunday*) Pastor Mark Nebel
 Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (*8 a.m.*) Clyde and Kathy Rowold;
 (*10:30 a.m.*) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
 Acolyte: (*5 p.m.*) Olivia Valleroy; (*8 a.m.*) Kadin Liefer; (*10:30 a.m.*) Jack Kennedy
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Linda Guebert and Chris Deien Paraments: Ella Hemmer

“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.