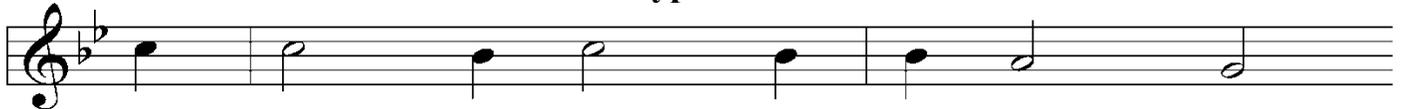


THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD*St. John's Lutheran Church*February 26-27, 2022 *Divine Service One, page 151ff.* **Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE:** "Alleluia! Song of Gladness" arranged by Jeffrey Blersch**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

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!

OPENING HYMN: 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" stand at last stanza "A-men"

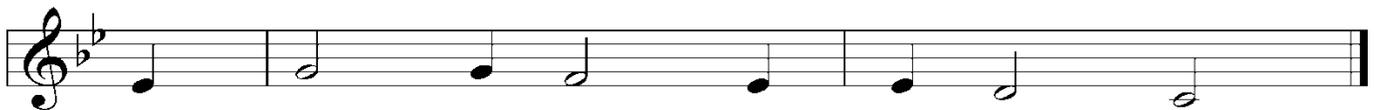
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

C Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 84



Blessed are those who dwell / in Your house,

How lovely is Your / dwel-ling place

My soul longs for the courts / of the Lord;

Behold our shield, / O God;

For the Lord God is a sun / and a shield;

good thing does / He with-hold

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

as it was in the be- | gin-ning,

Blessed are those who dwell / in Your house,

ever sing- / ing Your praise!

O / Lord of hosts!

I sing for joy to the / liv-ing God.

look on the face of Your a- / noint-ed!

the Lord bestows favor and / hon-or.

from those who walk up- / right-ly.

and to the Holy | Spir-it;

is now, and will be forever. | A-men.

ever sing- / ing Your praise!

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

P In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mer-cy.**

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

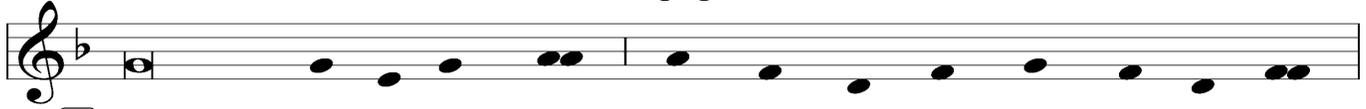
C Lord, have mer-cy.

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 mer-cy.**

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

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C A-men.**

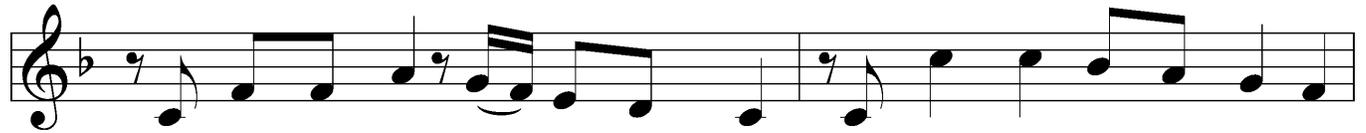
HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria in Excelsis" page 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



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: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same 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:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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:

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now

Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are His house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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 9:28-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered, and His clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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: 414 “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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SERMON: “It Is Good to Be Here” Luke 9:28-36

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: June Lawrence, Don Kueker, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Ken Williams, Kim Herriman, Randy Miller, Rhonda Schaefer, Marcy Watters, Roger Kozera, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Betty Deterding, Rev. Mark Willig, Tom Lewis, Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern. *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- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann

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Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow (*Please call our office with names*)

+those who mourn: family of Darlene Jacobs, mother of Deb Siegfried and Sandy Mehner
 +for an end to fighting in the Ukraine, comfort to those who mourn, protection for those in danger

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

Heavenly Father, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, Your Son shines in resurrected light. Illuminate Your Church with His own brightness, that we would tell the world of His mighty deliverance. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Church. Sustain us from age to age and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. As He cares faithfully for His Holy Church, grant us a sure confidence in Him and give us faithful hearts to serve Him according to the callings He has given us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this responsibility here as law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency responders, and abroad as members of our nation's armed forces, especially during these dangerous days, that they would serve with integrity, honor and for the good of all, including their own protection. Grant that all division, conflict and strife in this world, such as we are witnessing in Ukraine, would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of all comfort, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying *especially* June, Don, Barb, Elroy, Ruth, Ken, Kim, Randy, Rhonda, Marcy, Roger, JoAnna, Joy, Betty, Rev. Mark, Tom, Susan, Ava and those we name in our own hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, You gave Your Son as the final sacrifice for sin. As He faithfully prepares His own body and blood for us Christians to eat and drink, grant us confidence to draw near to Him and receive Him worthily. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You are the Giver of all life. We pray for Your comfort and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life to be the peace that passes all understanding for those who mourn the loss of loved ones to physical death, remembering now Darlene's family at this time of her earthly passing, grateful for the life and faith Your Holy Spirit gave her in the name of Jesus and now for the life in Your heavenly presence that You have fulfilled for her in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Father, we bring all these petitions and the prayers of our hearts to You through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY: 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.

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*.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

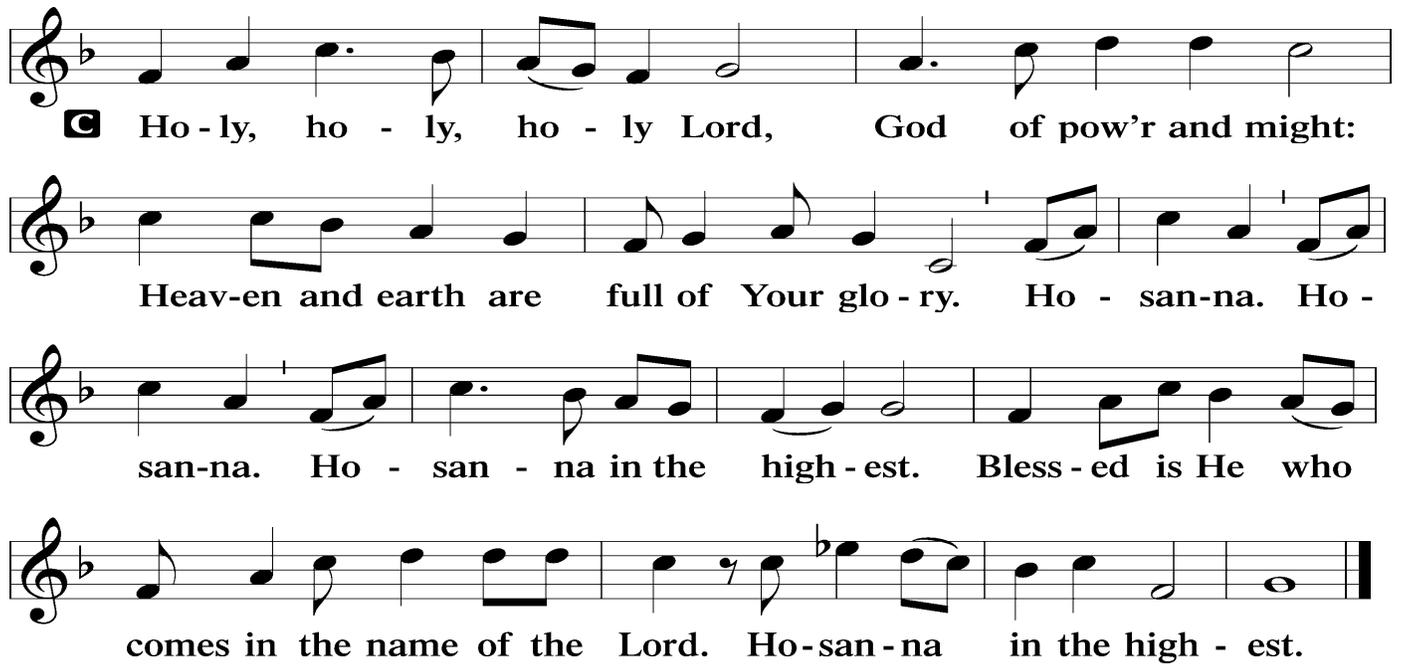
P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

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, at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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.**

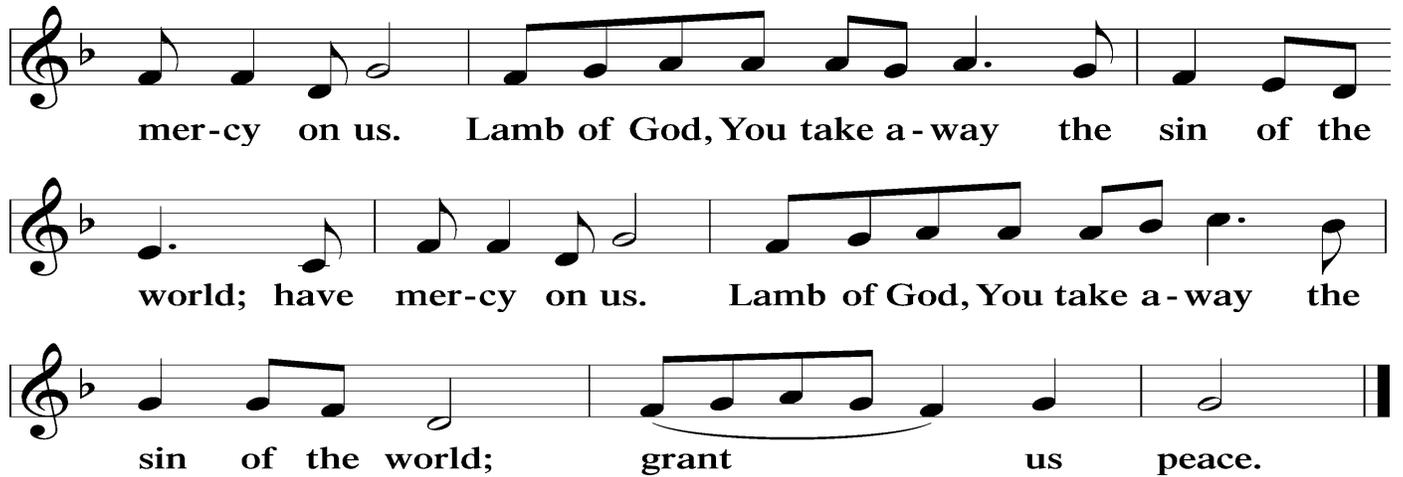
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

....**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*)

415 "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"



1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak Stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

416 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
 3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-ception With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
 Not by build - ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
 And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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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)*



☐ 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: 417 “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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POSTLUDE: “Splendor and Honor”

arranged by John Eggert

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This Week With Our Lord, February 27-March 6, 2022

SUNDAY, February 27- The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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 w/ Holy Communion

Monday, February 28-

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in school library
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, March 1-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Campbell Hill
 6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home versus Steeleville

Wednesday, March 2- Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at church
 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 9:45 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation (school)
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church

Thursday, March 3-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
 4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall
 5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball (AB) at St. Libory
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the balcony

Friday, March 4- Boys' State Basketball in Chicago

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym
 6 :00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home versus Prairie du Rocher

Saturday, March 5-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, March 6-

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
 Noon Senior Youth meeting in their church basement hangout

THE EPISTLE, Our March newsletter, is in paper copy in the entryway.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL booklets are on the tables in the entryway.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 347; Communion: 183; Adult/Youth: 34; Sunday School: 38

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

High School Bible Class in Mr. Becker's 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 Nowak: "Jeremiah"

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Christian wedding of Jeff and Julie (Stellhorn/Fleming) Moll here on Saturday. Thank you, congratulations and 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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 9:36a – "And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone." Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you."

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE: We join together in the grace of giving. 2/20- General: \$20,468.86; School: \$1,165; Debt: \$500. *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)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Dr. Michael Zeigler recounts the life of Eric Liddell, the Olympic champion who ran with perseverance a much different race as a Christian missionary in China. Listen to "Greatness" (Luke 9:1-48) with Speaker 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION:

Special services of Holy Communion to begin the season of Lent will be held this Wednesday, March 2, at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. A Lenten Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ENVELOPES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2022 are 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.

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!

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR LIFE NETWORK:

Please return them to our church/school office this week. Thank you!

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.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:

St. John's Lutheran in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran in Evansville are hosting a series of presentations on the Bible featuring "Husband and Wife Couples of the Bible." The last one is this Sunday, February 27, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 2:30 pm. The topic will be "Mary and Joseph", presented by Rev. Timothy Sims, St. John's Lutheran, Chester.

PTL DINNER AUCTION:

On Saturday, March 19, our PTL Dinner Auction returns to the Hecker Community Center. The theme this year is "Superheroes." The cost is \$35 per person in advance. Ticket/Donation forms are in the entryway!

BUILDING KEYS:

If you have a key to either the church or school buildings and no longer serve in the position for which you needed a key, please return it to our office as we are short of keys to use for those who now need them. Thank you!

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; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Waterloo Cedarhurst- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf; Randolph County Nursing Home: Donald Kueker.

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, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Harold Thies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/27- Gene Liefer; 2/28: Terry Oettle, James Liefer, Brooke Stellhorn, Finn Liefer; 3/1- Judy Guebert; 3/2- Amy Zeller, Jakob Biffar; 3/3- Stormie Heaton, Jackson Carnahan; 3/4- Duke

Hinrichs, Lisa Guebert; 3/5- Rev. Russell Koen, Leha Russell, Taylor Foster, Lucas McCarthy, Sadie Stellhorn. *Call the office with any corrections!*

HELP NEEDED:

Beginning April 7th we will need a part-time (4 hours a day) custodian at school to finish out the school year. Afternoon hours are preferred. Call our office at 282-3873 for more information.

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

Take It Slowly- How fast you eat influences how much you eat and how likely you are to gain weight. Fast eaters are up to 115% more likely than slower eaters to be obese. It takes our stomach about 20 minutes to send a signal to our brain that it is full. Eating slowly gives our brain the time it needs to get that signal that we should stop eating.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

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

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

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 usher in the season of Lent with our first Midweek recital and worship service on 3/2 at 11:00 a.m, study Luke 12-13 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and study Matthew 18-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org, on the KFUO Radio app, or on your favorite podcasting app.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: from *Lutheran Bible Translators*

Copies of the daily Bible readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. February 27- John 8:39-59; February 28- John 9:1-23; March 1- John 9:24-41; March 2- Mark 1:1-13; March 3- Mark 1:14-28; March 4- Mark 1:29-45; March 5- Mark 2:1-17.

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

In carefully creating every member of our race (Hebrews 3:4), God has given great grace and glory to the human body. The transfiguration of our Lord unveils and affirms it. Peter attempted to reserve it for himself (Luke 6:33), and abortion and assisted suicide share these unholy motivations. But Jesus showed the sanctity of life is for sharing with others – in fact, it's the only hope worth boasting about (Hebrews 3:6)!

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 Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Hosts are needed for Friday night housing and Saturday morning breakfast! Please call Pastor Nebel if you can help with this. We are their first stop in week-long tour of the southeastern United States. This touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60-voiced concert choir. They will perform a varied program that included classic works by J. S.

Bach, Mendelssohn, Palestrina, and Tomas Tallis, as well as some traditional spirituals, hymns, and anthems, such as the famous “God So Loved the World” by Sir John Stainer, and “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” arranged by Alice Parker. This award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2022: (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann- R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Wil Krick (618/282-3660)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

LIFE-AFFIRMING PRAYER VIGIL:

Our Southern Illinois District Advocates for Life Team is holding a Life-Affirming Prayer Vigil on Saturday, March 26 from 10-11 a.m. outside of the Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights (just north of I-64 across from St. Clair Square Mall). Parking will be next door at 331 Salem Place. Bring a lawn chair. The school choir of St. Paul Lutheran in Hamel will sing.

HYMN FESTIVAL:

This Sunday, February 27, 3 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah will host a Hymn Festival featuring the musical works of Carl Schalk, who was called to glory one year ago. Dr. Mark Bender will give commentaries on the musical selections, which will include "Lift High the Cross," "Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See," "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair," "Alleluia to Jesus," "The Day Thou Gavest," "Thine the Amen," and more. No tickets are needed. This festival is free. A freewill offering will be collected. Zion is located at 101 S. Railway Street in Mascoutah.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING MEALS: March 13

+St. John’s Senior Youth BBQ from 11 a.m. to ??? in our school parking lot.

+St. John’s Lutheran in Baldwin: “All-You-Can-Eat” Chicken Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for dine-in or carry-out. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, slaw, dessert and drink for \$13 (children 5+: \$6).

+Trinity Lutheran in Millstadt: “All-You-Can-Eat” Spaghetti Dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carryouts will be available. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-10.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

It is important to regularly review beneficiary designations of financial assets. Twenty years ago, you drafted a will or trust. Since then, you changed investment advisors and most of your assets are not invested as they were twenty years ago. In addition, their values have tripled. Is your plan for inheritance to family and gifts to ministry the same? Are your documents pointing to execution of your wishes? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is Scott Radden, (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

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

Fish & More: This year's Fish & More will offer both dine-in and carry-out, Friday, March 4, serving from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Our FFA will be holding their “Helping Hands Auction” at 6:30 that evening. Support *COS* by enjoying a meal, support FFA by bidding on helpers!

Registration for 2022-2023 is now open! 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.

Scholarships Available: The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit our website: www.coslhs.org.

School Visitors: Face coverings are required for entry into the school. 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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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 (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

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;

(10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Acolyte: (5 p.m.) Landon Ruebusch; (8 a.m.) Addelyn Rahn; (10:30 a.m.) Landon Kilpatrick

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

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

(5 p.m. & 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)*

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 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.**

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: