

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 10-11, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

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

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

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 30



You have turned my mourning into | danc-ing;

O LORD, I will give thanks to You for- | ev-er!

O LORD my God, I cried to | You for help,

and You have | healed me.

You have brought up my soul | from She-ol;

You restored / me to life.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you His saints,

and give thanks to His | ho-ly name.

For His anger is but for a / mo-ment,

and His favor is for a | life-time.

Weeping may tarry / for the night,

but joy comes with the | morn-ing.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spir-it;

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

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

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O LORD, I will give thanks to You for- | ev-er!

KYRIE: (sung)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: pages 187-189

P: Glory be to God on high: C: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

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

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.

**For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land.

There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must My sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

P: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

C: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **C: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

1st Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA:** page 190 *(sung)* **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 15:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So He told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Apostles' Creed: page 192**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen. *(please be seated)***

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 191**

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: (LSB 550)**

**I was so lost, I should have died. But You have brought me to Your side
 To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho-ly Lamb of God!
 O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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SERMON: "We Lost Lambs Are Found and Back in the Fold" Luke 15:1-10

(please stand if you are able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

**Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion,
 and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HEALING AND COMFORT: Evelyn Muench, Alice DuClos, Lois Fuhrhop, Kathryn Chunn, Barb Ladwig, Gloria Stellhorn, David Blankenship, Ellery Byer, Elroy Stellhorn, Peggy Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, John Kellerhouse, Ruth Hecht, Wil Krick, Cindy Stellhorn, Rick Horrell, Ken Williams, Sherry Winkelmann, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Reed Juengling, Ruby Muench, Jim Arrington. *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; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

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, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge.

+the birth of a daughter to Will and Sara (Siegfried) Shepherd

+our nation as we remember and mourn the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services conclude here.

THE LORD’S PRAYER, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray, **Our Father who art in heaven**

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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

CLOSING HYMN: 818 “In Thee Is Gladness”

In Thee is glad-ness A-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my heart.

By Thee are giv-en The gifts of heav-en, Thou the true Re-deem-er art.

Our souls Thou wak-est, Our bonds Thou break-est; Who trusts Thee sure-ly

Has built se-cure-ly; He stands for-ev-er; Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are pin-ing

To see Thy shin-ing, Dy-ing or liv-ing To Thee are cleav-ing;

Naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

Since He is ours--, We fear no pow-ers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.

He sees and bless-es In worst dis-tress-es; He can change them with a breath.

Where-fore the sto-ry Tell of His glo-ry With hearts and voic-es:

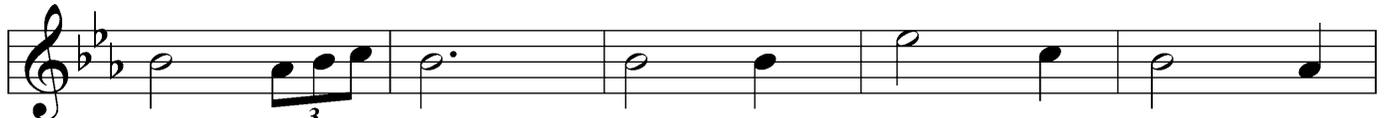
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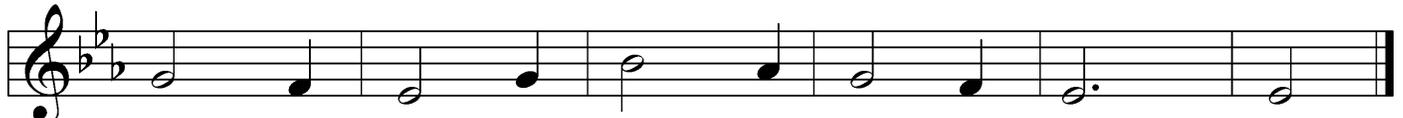
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THE POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Minor”

by J. S. Bach



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



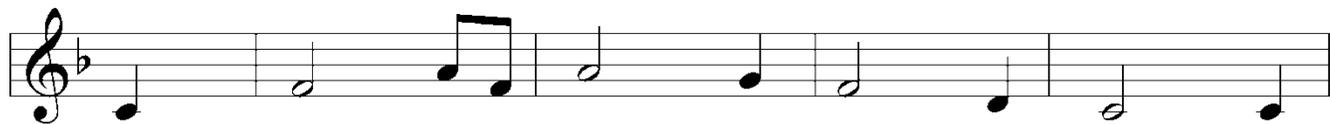
bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



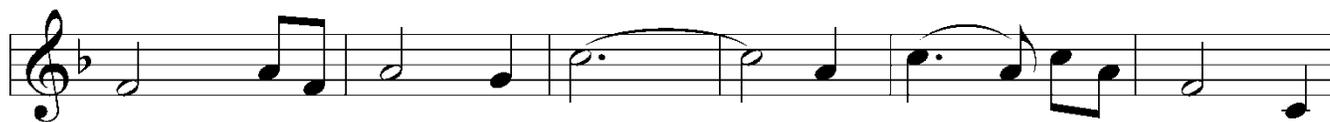
bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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744 "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

*May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you faithful to life everlasting.
 Go in His Peace. AMEN!*

Please stand if you are able **NUNC DIMITTIS:** “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200 (*sung*)
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** (*sung*) **and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.**

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** (*sung*) **Amen.**

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDECTION

P The Lord be with you. **C** (*sung*) **And with thy spir-it.**

P Bless we the Lord. **C** (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

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

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Naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

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Glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Public domain

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This Week With Our Lord, September 11-18, 2022

Portals of Prayer for the 4th quarter are in the racks by the church’s front door.

SUNDAY, September 11- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and High School Bible Class at school

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

Noon Senior Youth Meal and Meeting in the church basement

Monday, September 12-

3:15 p.m. School Faculty meeting in the school library

4:15 p.m. Boys’ baseball and Girls’ softball at Valmeyer

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

Tuesday, September 13-

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

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League Meeting in the cafeteria

Wednesday, September 14-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel 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
 3:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, September 15-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)
 4:15 p.m. Boys' baseball and Girls' softball at RBES
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, September 16-

8:30 a.m. Lower Grades School Chapel Service at Church
 7:00 p.m. SID LWML Convention begins at COSLHS, Evansville

Saturday, September 17- *Cross Country meet at Edwardsville*

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall
 8:20 p.m. SID LWML Convention begins at COSLHS, Evansville
 9:00 a.m. St. John's Golf Tournament at NCCC
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Connor Bumann

SUNDAY, September 18-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Eve Schwartzkopf
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and High School Bible Class at school
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative); Acolyte: Lilly Meyer

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 9/4- General: \$19,196; School: \$1,215; Sunday School: \$250. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Cor. 9:7)*

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.

OFFERINGS PRESENTED:

While our worship offerings still will be gathered in the plates by the sanctuary doors, an usher will bring those plates forward during the Offertory to be placed on the altar. If you forgot to place your offering in a plate before worship as you entered the sanctuary, you can do so as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’” Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can't understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can't help but follow.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Rory Amelia Doss into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. She is the daughter of Eric Doss and Dominique Ferris. Her baptismal sponsors are Nick and Kellye Mounts, Josh Doss and Carolyn Nichols. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. Listen to “Lost and Found” (Luke 15:1-10) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler 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.

CHOIR BEGINS!:

Our vocal choir will start this Monday, September 12th at 7 p.m. in the school music room. Choir mostly sings at the 8 a.m. Sunday services but on All Saints Day (Sunday, November 6th) we will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service instead. Some of the other special services we will sing at this year include Reformation (October 30th), Thanksgiving Day (9 a.m., November 24th), and Christmas Day (9 a.m. service). All new and returning members are welcome and appreciated!!

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 dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. 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, Gloria Stellhorn, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R: Fern Schnepel; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace: June Lawrence and Jean Menke; Bria-Columbia: 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, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman, Carl/Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Wil Guebert, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 301; Communion: 171; Intergenerational Bible Class: 42

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Our international mission project this year is Bible Books for Families in Ukraine through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF has been translating and printing a variety of Bible storybooks and the Small Catechism for families in Ukraine. Only \$5 provides a Ukrainian family with a Bible storybook, Small Catechism, or other Bible resource in their language! If you want to support this project, please direct your offering to the attention of the Sunday School.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women (9:30 a.m.) study the New Testament letter of Paul to the Colossians, called “The Mighty and the Mysterious” (by Heidi Goehmann); Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. studies “2nd Kings”; Thursday at 7:15 a.m. studies “Gospel of Matthew”; Saturday Men’s Bible Breakfast (September 18) studies “Proverbs: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living.”

WELCOME SEMINARY FIELD EDUCATION STUDENT:

Lucas Fraenhoff, a 1st -year student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, joins us as a field education student. Originally from Aurora, Illinois, He now lives outside of Madison, Wisconsin. We look forward to getting to know Lucas.

CHURCH CUSTODIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for an average of 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Saturday evening service ONLY and/or Sunday morning services. You will be trained and learn what will be needed to be successful. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See John Preston or Pastor.

DAYCARE POSITION AVAILABLE:

St. John's Lutheran Daycare is seeking loving, enthusiastic and energetic individuals to add to our team. For more information please call Amanda at 618-282-3873 ext. 224 or by email at amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Our 30th annual golf tournament is Sat., Sept. 17th at 9 a.m. at North County Country Club. This will be a 4-person scramble. Entry fee is \$250/team for golf, cart, and a meal following the tournament. All proceeds will benefit St. John's Lutheran School Athletic Fund. Please contact Quent Stenzel at 618-282-4661 with any questions. Registration and payment are due by September 10th.

LADIES ARE INVITED:

On Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. all women of St. John's Lutheran Church are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall for a “Salad Supper” and to hear Joanie Harwell, retired KFUD AM Radio host. You will love Joanie as she shares Christ's love and her unique ideas on how to serve others.

JUNIOR YOUTH:

Our Junior Youth (Grades 4-8) will go to Eckert's Orchard later in September for an outing. We are waiting on a phone call from there to determine a date. More information to come!

SAVE THE DATE:

On Wed., October 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m., we will hold a Faith Fellowship Evening in the school's new gym. Our school students will sing, boys' and girls' basketball teams will scrimmage, and our cheerleaders will perform. In-between those activities we will hear about our proposed Worship Calendar and Workplan for next year and get an update on how this new school year is going. Our Southern Illinois District Schools and General Executive Jeff Fick will be here to present our National Lutheran School Accreditation certificate.

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. A money box for payment (honor system) 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.

DIAPER DRIVE:

Our 8th grade class is holding a diaper drive. The drop-off locations are Savannah Kates, Country Kitchen, Uptown Bar and Grill and The Artistic Hair Salon. Size 3&6 diapers and any size pull-ups are preferred. The drive is held between September 8-30. Please donate to help this cause.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:

Calling all students, youth, and adults who sing/play an instrument! I am looking for anyone who is interested in using your gifts of music to enhance our weekend worship services by providing pre-service music before the worship services begin. I welcome everyone, from beginner to advanced! If you would like to play/sing in a different part of the service, that can be arranged also. If you are interested, please let me know! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

THANK YOU:

Have you noticed the lighted cross atop the bell tower at school? Thank you to Ken Voges for his inspiration and to our Trustees John Preston and Ken Langrehr for their work on accomplishing this project.

SECRET ANGELS:

Between day school and public school we have a group of 35 8th grade religion/confirmation students this year. Thus, we need a lot of Secret Angel volunteers! Right now we still need Secret Angels for two boys and a girl. You will pray for your student, encourage your student with regular (at least monthly) notes and small gifts, and excite your student with larger gifts on special occasions (e.g., birthday, Christmas, Valentine's Day, etc.) You will be given an information form the student completes (do not contact your student until after you get his/her form). Please contact Pastor Nebel for more information or to select or be assigned a student.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

9/11- Don Schrader, Jared Heller, Amanda Falkenhain, Michael Ratcliff, Holden Wagner, Maggie Kuehn; 9/12- Patricia Byer, Kevin Liefer, Mike DeRousse, Leslie Wolter, Carter Mehring; 9/13- Teresa Porter, Elsie Liefer; 9/14- Gary Schwartzkopf, Ken Williams, Scott Voss, Brittany Schaefer, Crewe Wagner; 9/15- Ellery Byer, Diana Burgdorf, Kyle Liefer, Blayton Sutton; 9/16- Alice Hick, Jody Stapleton; 9/17- Peggy Hanebutt, Lori Moses, Allison Tribo, Emme Deterding. *Please call our office with corrections!*

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are now part of Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

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

Our culture discriminates based on size, skills, and circumstances in order to make abortion and assisted suicide possible. But our Lord and God has a soft spot, a definite preference for the feeble (Ezekiel 34:16), the insignificant (Luke 15:8-10), and the failures (1 Timothy

1:15). If it gladdens Him to save such as us, won't it also enrapture us to advocate the sanctity of every life?

LCMS FOUNDATION:

An entire estate gift plan is a testimony of life lived by faith in Jesus. Creating inheritance for family is not a response to entitled transfer of wealth. It is intentional sharing of God's gifts with the next generation or two, praying those gifts will enable God's plans for those family members. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin thinking about this. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more details.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: *from Lutheran Bible Translators*

Readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. September 11- Philippians 2:12-30; **September 12-** Philippians 3:1-21; **September 13-** Philippians 4:1-23; **September 14-** Colossians 1:1-23; **September 15-** Colossians 1:24-2:7; **September 16-** Colossians 2:8-23; **September 17:** Colossians 3:1-25.

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: Dig into curious topics on Cross Defense (9/17 at 11:00 a.m.), study our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (9/17 at 10:00 a.m.), and study Deuteronomy 22-26 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) and 1 Corinthians 2-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your Bible questions. Submit your question via the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. email: talkback@issuesetc.org; Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

Save the Date! Our Annual Dinner Auction will be held on Fri, Nov. 4. Donations of auction items, sponsorships, and reservations should be brought or sent to school by October 17. Organize a table full of family and friends!

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit *COS*, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application.

School Hours: The office will be open Monday – Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

Aides: Nola Jean Vallett and Shawn DeRousse

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Bill Becker Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School 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, 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, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Kendall Williams, Madison Falkenhain, Ashlynn Crafton, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Sunday Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele;

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Olivia Candler; (8 a.m.) Landon Ruebusch; (10:30 a.m.) Loreli Aubuchon

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

Flower Servers: Jill Hanebutt & Martha Krick Paraments: Ella Hemmer