

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 17-18, 2022**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Red Bud, Illinois**

*5 p.m. and 8 a.m.*

**PRELUDE:** (Sat.) "Christ the Eternal Lord" *arranged by John A. Behnke*  
 (Sun.) "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" *Bell Choir*

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

**OPENING HYMN: 584 "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"**



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
 2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the



Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
 hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,



Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
 Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,



Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
 song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our



thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
 eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.*

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

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

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. 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 119:144, 137-139, 142**



<b>Your testimonies are righteous for-</b>	<b>  ev-er; give me understanding that   I may live.</b>
<b>Righteous are You,   O LORD,</b>	<b>and right are Your   just de-crees.</b>
<b>My zeal con-   sumes me,</b>	<b>because my foes for-   get Your words.</b>
<b>Your promise is   well tried,</b>	<b>and Your servant   loves it.</b>
<b>Your righteousness is righteous for-</b>	<b>  ev-er, and Your   law is true.</b>
<b>Glory be to the Father and   to the Son</b>	<b>and to the Holy   Spir-it;</b>
<b>as it was in the be-   gin-ning,</b>	<b>is now, and will be forever.   A-men.</b>
<b>Your testimonies are righteous for-</b>	<b>  ev-er; give me understanding that   I may live.</b>

**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: O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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*)

(*Sunday*) **ANTHEM:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Bell Choir*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-15**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to *the knowledge of the truth*. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (*I am telling the truth*, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a

transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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 16:1-15**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’

So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?

No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him. And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

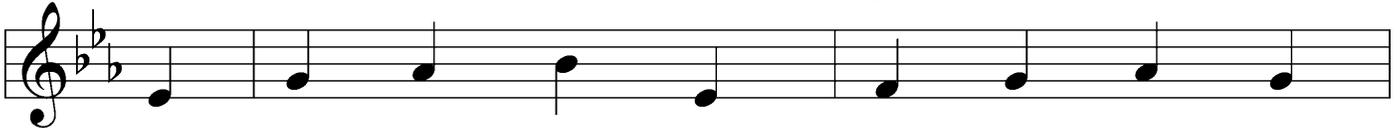
## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 191

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)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 526 “You Are the Way; Through You Alone”



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

**SERMON:** “If the Truth Be Told...” 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:4, 7

*(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**

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

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Evelyn Muench, Alice DuClos, Lois Fuhrhop, Kathryn Chunn, Barb Ladwig, Gloria Stellhorn, Ellery Byer, Pat Byer, Elroy Stellhorn, Peggy Guebert, 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.

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us 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: *(sung)*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Pastor prays the prayer; congregation sings the Doxology*)

**...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glor-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI**

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

**AGNUS DEI** (*sung*)

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. (*please be seated*)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** (*Sunday*) **Anthem:** "Morning Song of Praise" *Bell Choir*  
545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

## 829 "Christ the Eternal Lord"



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



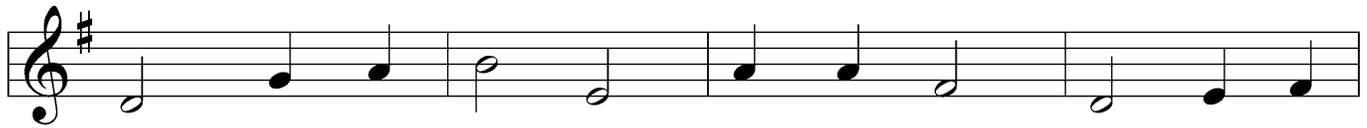
With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,  
 Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;  
 When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne  
 Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

## 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"



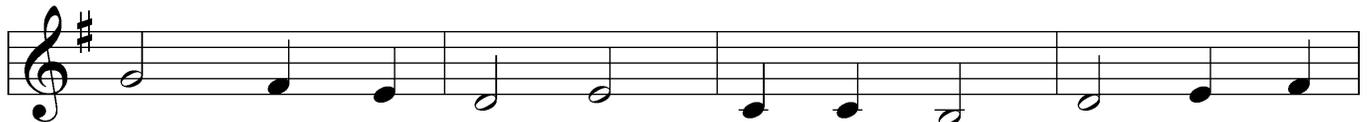
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for  
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y  
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y  
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence  
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent  
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion  
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.  
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,  
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
 Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.  
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
 I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
 Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
 Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
 And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying. Public domain

*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 ev-er 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.

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

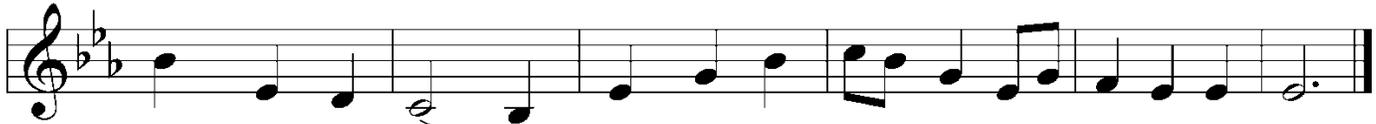
### **CLOSING HYMN: 861 “Christ Be My Leader”**



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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### **THE POSTLUDE: “Christ Be My Leader”**

*arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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### ***This Week With Our Lord, September 18-25, 2022***

*Portals of Prayer* for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter are in the racks by the front door.

#### **SUNDAY, September 18-**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 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)

#### **Monday, September 19-**

- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library

#### **Tuesday, September 20-**

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies’ “Salad Supper” in the Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday, September 21-**

- 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings)

#### **Thursday, September 22- *Civil War Day at school***

- 7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)
- 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
- 6:00 p.m. Crafting Event at Lieferbrau

#### **Friday, September 23- *Grandparents Day at school***

- 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lifeline Screening in the FH

11:20 a.m. Early Dismissal

Saturday, September 24- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Ty Voss

SUNDAY, September 25-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Addelyn Rahn

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Acolyte: Hollis Wolfmeier

7:00 p.m. Circuit Ten Forum at Trinity in Prairie

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

Worship: 327; Communion: 90; Youth/Adult Classes: 46; Sunday School: 49

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 9/11- General: \$26,969.42; School: \$595; Automatic Giving: \$5,260. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 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.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour. Listen to "Fresh Start" (Luke 16:9) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler 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.

**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 16:8b – "For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as "sons of light," know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society?

**GOD'S GIFTS OF LIFE:**

+Congratulations to Will and Sara (Siegfried) Shepherd on the birth of their daughter, Colette Elizabeth, on Saturday, September 10 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese.

+God blessed Craig Crafton and Megan Kruger with the birth of their daughter, Hadalee Renee, on Thursday, Sept. 8. She joins her older sisters Alexcis and Ashlynn in the family.

**HOLY BAPTISMS:**

We welcomed Fletcher Samuel Eggemeyer and Cohen Isaac Eggemeyer into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in a family service on Saturday

afternoon. They are the sons of Samuel and Ashley (Kipp) Eggemeyer and are students in our school and daycare. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ our Lord!

**CHOIR HAS BEGUN!:**

Our vocal choir meets on Mondays 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](mailto: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).

**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, 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 "2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Frauenhoff, a 1<sup>st</sup> -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.

**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:**

Wed., Oct. 12, 6:30-8:15 p.m., will be our Family of Faith Fall 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*

**SECRET ANGELS:**

We have 35 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion/confirmation students this year. Thank you to all who volunteered to be Secret Angels! 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.) If he has not already given it to you, Pastor has your student's Secret Angel Information form which your student completed. Please contact your student as soon as possible. Thank you!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

9/18- Barbara Homer, Danielle Shannon, Clint Schaefer; 9/19- Dale Burmester, Nicole Bumann, Shamus Korves; 9/20- Phyllis Notter, Jessica Jackson, Adam maes ; 9/21- Dean Wiley, Steve Papenberg, Cody Liefer, Sophie Richards, Paige Moses; 9/22- Dorothy Heizer, Kristine Baldwin, Jonathan Koen, Alexandra Yarolimek, Daniel Stapleton, Caleb Klasing; 9/23- Rodney Koester, Ben Guebert, Shane Hewitt; 9/24- Gary Moeller, Barbara Muench, Kirk Liefer. *Please call our office with corrections!*

**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

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (PRAIRIE) 180<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

Join our mother congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church (Prairie), as they celebrate their 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Service of Thanksgiving on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pour Vineyard. Homemade ice cream and cake will be served following the service with a free will offering which will go into the school flat roof replacement fund. Contact Mark and Maureen Liefer at 282-2072 or [mmliefer@htc.net](mailto:mmliefer@htc.net) with any questions. Trinity will not have a 5:00 p.m. service on September 24.

**WURSTMARKT AND COUNTRY STORE:**

Join us for our annual Wurstmarkt & Country Store on Sunday, October 2, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 522 S. Church St., in Waterloo from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dine in and carryout options will be offered. \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12. Meat sales will be held on October 1-2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go to Immanuel missions.

**OLDER ADULT BUS TRIP:**

The Southern Illinois District Older Adult Bus Trip will be held on October 18. This trip will be to St. Louis and include stops at the Cathedral Basilica, Llywelyn's Pub and Trinity Lutheran Church in Souland. The cost for the trip is \$50 by September 23<sup>rd</sup> and \$55 after that until October 7th. The fee includes the cost of the bus trip and lunch. For more information contact Bob Polansky at [Robert\\_Polanski@lcfs.org](mailto:Robert_Polanski@lcfs.org) or call 618-979-0918.

**LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LIFE DAY:**

Show your Pro-Life support for Life Network on October 1<sup>st</sup> at FBC, Columbia, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The event is family friendly. It includes motorcycle ride, balloon artist, face painting, walking trivia/scavenger hunt, basket raffle auction and LUNCH. Call the office at (618) 939-4224. Please pre-register so we are sure to have enough food for everyone.

**FORTY DAYS OF LIFE:**

40 Days for Life is Sept. 28 – Nov. 6. You can join in this worldwide effort to pray and fast to end abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! Under God's mercy in 30 campaigns over 20,000 babies saved from abortion; over 200 abortion workers converted; over 100 abortion centers closed. Learn more ... get involved ... our church or group can adopt a day or you can sign up as an individual for prayer times. Check the links for vigil information near you!

Granite City - <https://www.40daysgc.com/peaceful-vigil/calendar-to-adopt-a-day>

Carbondale - <https://coalitionlife.com/carbondale-adopt-a-day/>

Fairview Heights - <https://coalitionlife.com/fairview-heights-adopt-a-day/>

**LIFE THOUGHTS: (from Lutherans for Life)** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

Financial concerns often serve as justifications for abortion and assisted suicide. The Word of the Lord elevates the value of a person far above that of any money or comfort (Luke 16:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). Does

it even count as sacrifice if we must give up prosperity or property to gain and sustain a person in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Aren't we always getting the better end of the exchange? The Gospel guarantees it!

**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: Rev. Brady Finner is the new host of Concord Matters (formerly of Thy Strong Word) beginning 9/24 at 10 a.m., study Deuteronomy 27-28 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and study 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.).

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

**Cross Country:** Our cross country team will be running in the Nashville meet on September 19 at 4:30 p.m. The meet will be held at Washington County Lake.

**Save the Date!** Our Annual Dinner Auction will be held on Friday, November 4. Donations of auction items, sponsorships, and reservations should be brought or sent to school by October 17. Reservations are still \$30 each or a table of 8 for \$210. Talk to your friends and family and organize a table full!

**School Hours:** The office will be 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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*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.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold;

(10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzel

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Connor Bumann; (8 a.m.) Eve Schwartzkopf; (10:30 a.m.) Lilly Meyer

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

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

*(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)***

*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:**