

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Reformation Day
October 29-30, 2022

The Festival Order of Worship: A Catechism Service

"Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone"

Pre-Service music: (Saturday) Solo: "Give Thanks" Abby Stellhorn (10:30 a.m.) "Song of Joy" Bell Choir

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress" arranged by Johann Pachelbel

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

The Opening Hymn: 497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Our Confession and God's Absolution: (*please stand if you are able*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: What are the two parts of Confession?

C: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness.

P: This forgiveness that I, as pastor, speak comes from God Himself.

C: Not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: What sins should we confess?

C: Here before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer.

P: Which are these sins?

C: We must consider our place in life according to God's Ten Commandments.

P: Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude or quarrelsome?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything or done any harm?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: By the special authority of the Office of the Keys which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, I absolve you as you repent of your sins and want to do better and this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself doing so in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (*based on Psalm 46*)



1	A	might	-	y	for	-	tr	ess	is	our	God,
2	With	might	of	ours	can	naught	be	done,			
3	Though	dev	-	ils	all	the	world	should	fill,		
4	The	Word	they	still	shall	let	re	-	main		



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

The Collect of the Day: *(from Luther's Daily Prayers)*

(Saturday- Evening) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. *(please be seated)***

(Sunday- Morning) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. *(please be seated)***

(5 p.m.) Solo: "Yes"

Abby Stellhorn

(8 a.m.) Anthem: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (arr. by John Behnke)

(Choir) Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, then I shall not be put to shame.

Lord, keep us steadfast, Lord, keep us steadfast,

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.

***(Congregation)* Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.**

(Choir)

And Jesus said, and Jesus said, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples,

You are truly my disciples." Lord, keep us steadfast, Lord, keep us steadfast,

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.

***(Congregation)* Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of Lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.**

(Choir)

There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope for which we live,

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all,

One God and Father of us all.

Lord, keep us steadfast, Lord, keep us steadfast,

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.

(Congregation)

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;

Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

(Choir) Lord, keep us steadfast, Lord, keep us steadfast,

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.

(10:30 a.m.) Anthem: “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”

Bell Choir

The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I heard another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Meditation:

(please stand if you are able) The Alleluia Verse: LSB 505

**Tri-une God, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev-er!
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for-ev-er.
 Keep us from the e-vil one; Up-hold our faith most ho-ly,
 And let us trust Thee sole-ly With hum-ble hearts and low-ly.
 Let us put God’s ar-mor on, With all true Chris-tians run-ning
 Our heav’n-ly race and shun-ning The dev-il’s wiles and cun-ning.
 A-men, a-men! This be done; So sing we, “Al-le-lu-ia!”**

The Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Our Confession of Faith: *The Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed and Meaning*

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.

P: What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

(please be seated) The Hymn of the Day: 948 “All Glory Be to God Alone”



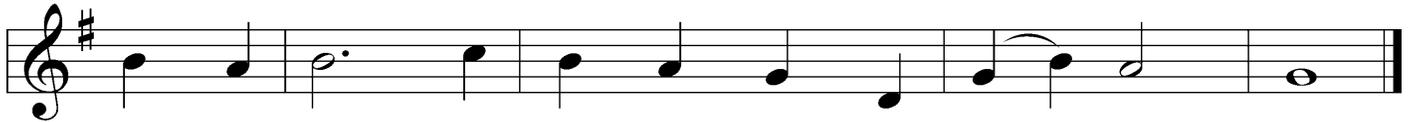
1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

5. You on-ly are the Ho-ly One And o-ver all are Lord a-lone.
 O Je-sus Christ, we glo-ri-fy You and the Spir-it, Lord Most High;
 With Him You ev-er-more shall be One in the Fa-ther's maj-es-ty.

Meditation

The Prayers of the Parish: *(see bulletin notes; please stand if you are able)*
(each petition ends "Lord, in Your mercy," and we respond, "hear our prayer.")

The Lord's Prayer:

P: Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean?

C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children.

P: Hallowed be Thy name. What does this mean?

C: God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P: Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?

C: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean?

C: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

C: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

P: And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.

P: But deliver us from evil. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

P: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. What does this mean?

C: This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”
(please be seated)

Meditation

Offertory: *(LSB 955) (please stand if you are able)*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Ga-ther a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,

That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all;

U-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.

Grace our ta-ble with Your pres-ence, and give us

A fore-taste of the feast to come.

The Sacrament of the Altar:

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. Where is this written?

P: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

P: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: That person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words, “for you” require all hearts to believe.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” *LSB 434*

**Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer,
Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer.
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o’er us:
Have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus! (*please be seated*)**

Distribution Hymns:

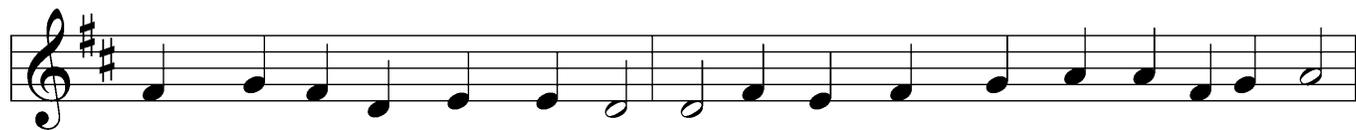
Anthem: (8 a.m.) “Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness” (arr. by Carl E. Wacker) *Choir*
(10:30 a.m.) “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” *Bell Choir*
960 “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



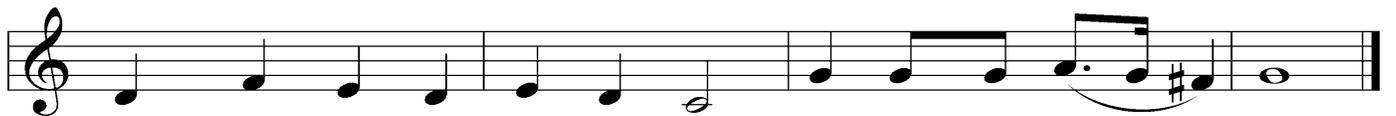
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

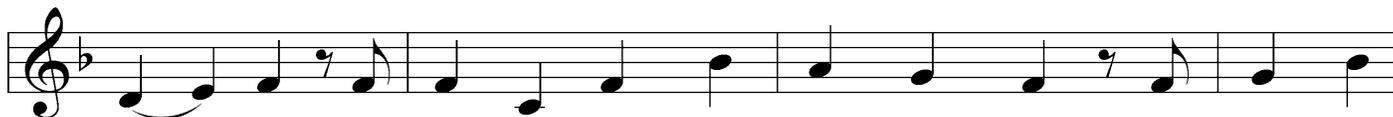


In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear-est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.

- 8 “Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heavn’ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.” Public domain

Post-Communion Prayer: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: 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. Amen.**

The Benedicamus and Benediction:

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: 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: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: “In Christ Alone”

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings
cease.**

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

**2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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The Postlude: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

(8 a.m.) Instrumentalists: David Snyder, Rachel Miller, Brandon Nehrt, and Mark Ottoson

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At the end of 1528 Dr. Martin Luther made a pastoral visitation of the congregations in his area of Germany, Electoral Saxony, that had come out of Roman Catholicism and were accepting the teachings of the Reformation. What Luther found was an ignorance of the basics of the Christian faith on the part of both the lay people and the pastors (former priests). The following year he published books of instruction to teach these basics to the pastors (Large Catechism) for use in their ministry and the lay people (Small Catechism) to use for Christian education in the home with their children.

The Small Catechism has four sections: The Six Chief Parts includes the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and the Sacrament of the Altar with Luther's explanations to each part. The second section has the Daily Prayers, before and after meals, with morning and evening prayers. The third section contains the Table of Duties, with Bible passages for each area of our life's God-given vocations. The fourth and final section is Christian Questions with their answers for those intending to go to Holy Communion. These few pages serve us still as a good review before we receive the Lord's Supper. The Small Catechism is printed for us on pages 321-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HEALING AND COMFORT: Norma Vogt, Evelyn Muench, Barb Ladwig, Elsie Miller, Ellery Byer, Stanley Langrehr, Ruth Hecht, Rick Stenzel, Jim Walker, Janel Kassing, Cindy Stellhorn, Rick Horrell, Ken Williams, Sherry Winkelmann, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters,

Zac Carnahan, Travis Oettle, Adam Quinn, Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members*: Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Jim Arrington, Gary Hollmann, Terry Hammer, Rose Schneider. *Help us keep this list current!*

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

+God's blessings upon the harvest and for safety in the fields

+thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Brenden and Cameron Heller on Tuesday

+those suffering: Hurricane Ian in southeast; war& violence in Ukraine

This Week With Our Lord, October 30-November 6, 2022

SUNDAY, October 30- Reformation Sunday!

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

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 with Holy Communion

Monday, October 31-

5:30-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot

Tuesday, November 1-

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Sparta

Bball: 5:30-Girls' AB @Steelville; 6-Boys' home vs. PDR

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 2- Boys' C Team Tourney here

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 p.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, November 3-

8:45 a.m. LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship here

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball at home vs. St. Libory

7 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 4- Boys' C Team Tourney here

11:20 a.m. Early school dismissal; 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, November 5- Pastor Nebel on vacation thru the 8th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Kade Liefer

SUNDAY, November 6- All Saints and Faithful Departed

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Jack Muench

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Tessa Stenzel

11:00 a.m. to ??? Senior Youth Fundraising BBQ at school

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 10/23- General: \$11,571.49; School: \$250; Debt: \$400. *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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 281; Communion: 59; Adults: 44; Youth/Sunday School: 36

And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Revelation 14:6 – “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.” During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! Ironically, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. studying the New Testament letter of Paul to the Colossians, called “The Mighty and the Mysterious” (by Heidi Goehmann). The Wednesday evening on 2nd Kings will resume this week. Thursday morning class on Matthew will not meet this week. Saturday Men's Bible Breakfast (Nov. 5) studies “Proverbs: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living.”

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Brenden and Cameron (White) Heller with the birth of their first child, a son, Colton Brenden, on Tuesday, October 25, at St. Clare's Hospital in Fenton. Thanks be to God for this gift of new life in the birth of a child!

EPISTLES:

The November edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to all those for whom Pastor has an address.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH:

"Thank you so very much to the teachers and students for providing the decorations and encouraging comments for our Pastors' Appreciation Reception on October 23. Thank you so much to the Sunday School students who sang. Thank you to those who remembered our families with kind cards and generous gifts. Thank you to those who organized, arranged and provided delicious food and drink for this fellowship time. May God continue to bless you as you are a blessing to us!" *Pastor Mark Nebel and Pastor Brian Nowak*

TRUNK OR TREAT:

On Monday, October 31 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. we will celebrate Reformation Day by handing out candy and other treats to costumed children and their families in the west (daycare) parking lot at school. In case of scary weather, we will be in the new gym lobby.

LOWER KASKASKIA ZONE FALL FELLOWSHIP:

This Thursday morning, November 3, we will host the LWML Zone Fall Fellowship in our Fellowship Hall. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. The Opening Worship Service is at 9 a.m. with Rev. Mark Harriss, Zone Counselor as liturgist and Pastor Nebel as the preacher. Guest speakers are Rev. Dr. Tim and Lisa Beckendorf from Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM:

The students, faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran School extend an invitation to all veterans and auxiliary members belonging to our church and school families. We invite you to our Veterans' Day program on Thursday, November 10 at 2 p.m. in the school's new gym. Please extend this invitation to family members that may not get this information. LCMS Air Force Chaplain Mark Sedgwick will be our guest speaker.

WURSTMARKT:

On Sunday, November 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. our 69th annual Wurstmarkt will be served in our school's old gym hosted by our Men's Club and assisted by our Senior Youth. Buffet style service will include pork sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, gravy, corn and green beans for either dine-in or carryout. There will be a Country Meat Store of pork sausage, liver sausage, summer sausage, chops, backbone and ribs. For advance orders of meat call Judy at 618/979-2206 and leave a message. We need the contribution of your time, gifts of pies, or money to purchase pies. Potato peeling is in the school kitchen the morning of the 12th.

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.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Lutheran Witness is the official monthly magazine of our church body, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It is a source of information. It contains articles of inspiration. It teaches the Christian faith. The eight-page insert includes what is happening in our Southern Illinois District, often including events here at St. John's. The rate for 2023 is \$18. Call our church office by Nov. 21 to renew or add your name to our congregations' subscription list.

EVENING GUILD'S PROJECT FOR LWML 80TH ANNIVERSARY:

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, over 100 members of St. John's congregation over the age of 80 were mailed a note of encouragement to reflect God's love. We value this group of parishioners for their support, prayers, and wisdom.

ASHLYNN'S FIGHT AGAINST LEUKEMIA BENEFIT:

On Sunday, October 30th from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at Savannah Kate's there will be a BBQ Pork Steak/Brat dinner with two sides to benefit St. John's member Ashlynn Crafton who is hospitalized with a leukemia diagnosis. There will be a kid's corner with activities, a bags tournament at 1:30 p.m., and a Wiffle ball home run derby at 3 p.m. Sling n Scoops ice cream will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Music is from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Please come to support a great cause.

WORSHIP GREETERS needed for 1st & 3rd Saturdays in November-January.

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, 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:

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

OFFERINGS PRESENTED:

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.

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.

+Our school seeks a maintenance/janitorial aid/substitute to work with our two custodians on days when school is not in session to work larger projects as well as day-to-day cleaning and also to work as-needed when the other custodians are on vacation. Please inquire by calling the school office or stopping by Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We look forward to working with you!

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: *from Lutheran Bible Translators*

Readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. October 30- Matthew 19:23-20:16; October 31- Matthew 20:17-34; November 1- Matthew 21:1-22; November 2- Matthew 21:23-46; November 3- Matthew 22:1-22; November 4- Matthew 22:23-46; November – 5 Matthew 23:1-12.

FINANCIAL NEED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT:

St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Ashlynn Crafton has been diagnosed with leukemia. We can provide some financial assistance for her treatments at her GoFundMe account <https://gofund.me/3579ba87> or at an account set up with Buena Vista National Bank Account #272745. Thank you for considering how you can help during this difficult time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/30- Julie Ratz, Jody Winkelmann, Colton Albert; 10/31- Randy Koester, Connie Pillar, Kevin Burgdorf, Lydia Wright; 11/1- Sharon Koester, Erica Mollet, Mason Liefer, Eli Hernandez; 11/2- Hailey Guebert; 11/3- Lorine Reinhardt, Virgil Liefer, Kevin Muench, Tara Voss, Beth Diewald, Brenden Heller, Lucy Kuehn; 11/4- Mary Liefer, Dorothy Byers, Darlene Liefer, Dustan Wagner, Randy Muench, Travis Henry, Olivia Candler; 11/5-

Christine Kellerhouse, Kathleen Liefer, Joshua Reinhardt, Addyson Piel, Brenlee Stenzel.
Please call our office with corrections!

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT HYMN FESTIVAL:

Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville will be the sight of a multi-church hymn festival on Sunday, November 6, at 3 p.m. featuring hymns from the Church Triumphant such as “For All the Saints” and “Wake, Awake.”

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: Blessed Reformation! Study Joshua 15-19 on Sharper Iron's "The Promised Land Delivered" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), finish the book of Daniel and begin the book of James on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app!

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

The Fall edition of LifeDate is on the tables in the entryway for you to take.

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Serving Us in Worship Today

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

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

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Ron and Diane Kunkelmann; (8 a.m.) Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn;

(10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Lucas McCarthy; (8 a.m.) Brody Stellhorn; (10:30 a.m.) Brooke Wolter

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

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