

Last Sunday in the Church Year
 November 19-20, 2022, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois

THE PRELUDE: "Splendor and Honor" *arranged by John Eggert*
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 675 "Oh, What Their Joy"

Oh, what their joy and their glo-ry must be,
 Those end-less Sab-baths the bless-ed ones see!
 Crowns for the val-iant, to wea-ry ones rest;
 God shall be all, and in all ev-er-blest.

In new Je-ru-sa-len joy shall be found,
 Bless-ings of peace shall for-ev-er a-bound;
 Wish and ful-fill-ment are not sev-ered there,
 Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.

We, where no trou-ble dis-trac-tion can bring,
 Safe-ly the an-thems of Zi-on shall sing;
 While for Your grace, Lord, their voic-es of praise
 Your bless-ed peo-ple shall ev-er-more raise.

(Please stand) Now let us wor-ship our Lord and our King,
 Joy-full-ly rais-ing our voic-es to sing;
 Praise to the Fa-ther, and praise to the Son,
 Praise to the Spir-it, to God, Three in One. A-men.

Divine Service One, page 151ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167

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

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

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

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on

us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

INTROIT: Psalm 33:8; Psalm 134



Let the earth | fear the LORD;

let the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of Him!

Bless the LORD, you servants | of the LORD,

who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the | ho-ly place

and | bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from | Zion,

He who made | heaven and earth!

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.

Let the earth | fear the LORD;

let the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of Him!

KYRIE: pages 168-169 (we sing the responses)

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

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

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mer-cy.**

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" pages 171-172

Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain:

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) And also with you. P: Let us pray. C: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “In Christ Alone” (arranged by Lloyd Larson)

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Malachi 3:13-18

“Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against You?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. “They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the

distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in You, **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

Colossians 1:13-20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 156 *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 23:27-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him,

and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

(page 158 or inside back cover of the hymnal)

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: 511 “Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment”



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
 news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
 pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
 come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
 des - ert For the one who brings God near.
 chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
 pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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SERMON: “The Days Are Coming When” Luke 23:27-31

(please stand if able) **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wil Guebert, Kenneth Koester, Barb Ladwig, Roy Wirth, Ellery Byer, Stanley Langrehr, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Rick Stenzel, Janel Kassing, Cindy Stellhorn, Rick Horrell, Sherry Winkelmann, Rhonda Schaefer, 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.

+births: a son, Case Lucas, to Landon and Karly (Cartwright) Durbin on Nov. 3; a daughter, Katie Jane, to Justin and Courtney (Nichols) Pollard on Nov. 7; a daughter, Wrenley James, to Alex and Morgann (Hickey) Grohmann on Nov. 12; and a daughter, Leighton Rae, to Nathan & Emma(Schild) McCarthy on Nov. 14

+thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of Louie and Pam Stellhorn on November 20

OFFERTORY: (*sung*)

What shall I ren-der to the Lord, for all His ben-e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri-fige of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

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

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, 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: **Sanctus**



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

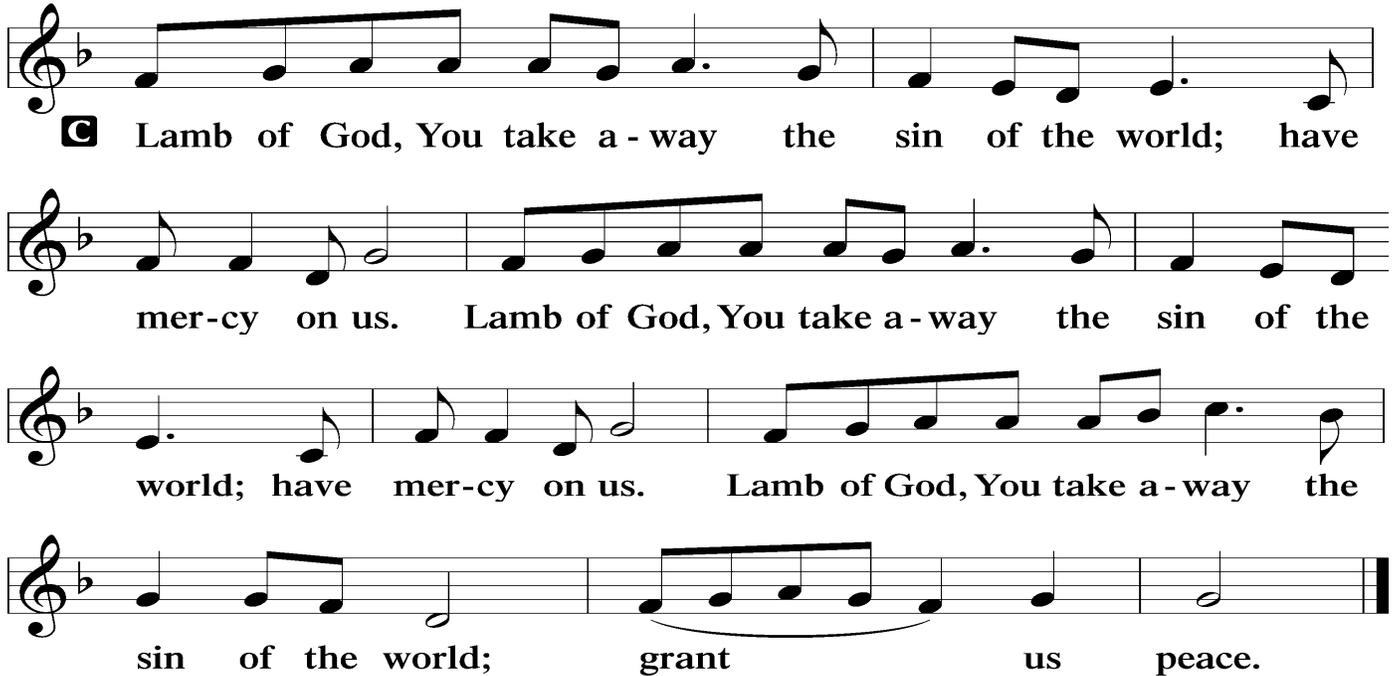
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

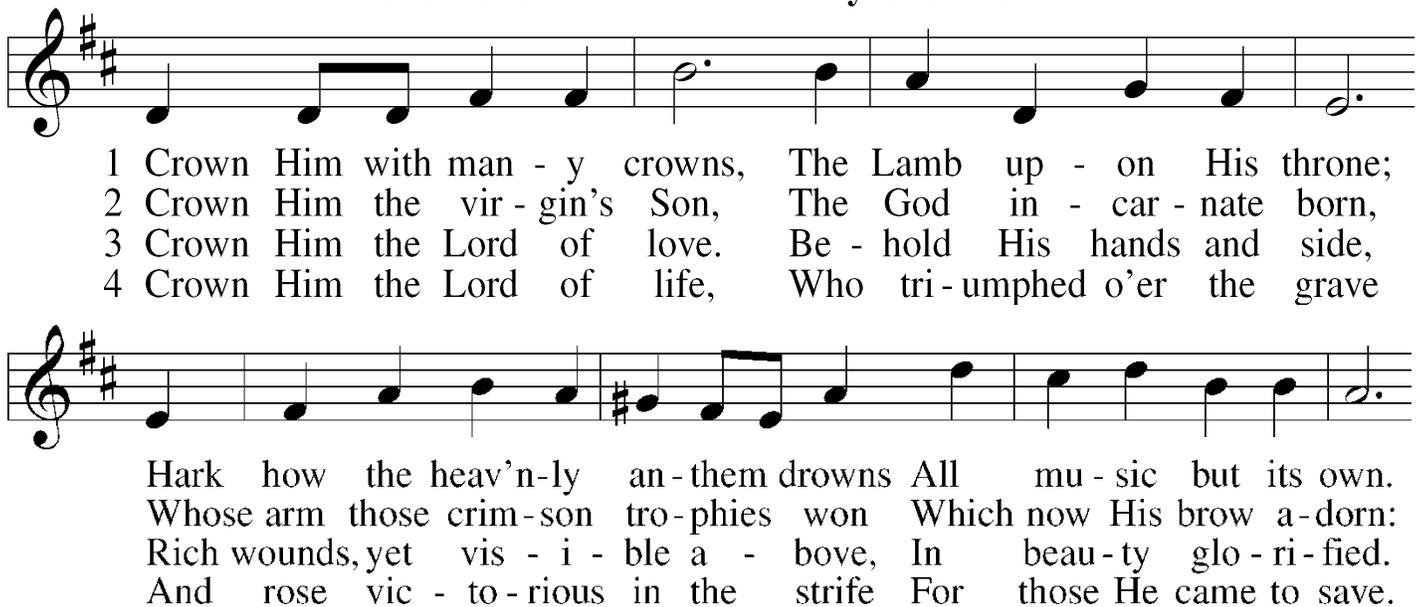
Agnus Dei




 Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

(8 a.m.) ANTHEM: "Praise We, God the Father's Name" (arr. by Leland Sateren) *Choir*
525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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549 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
 To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
 Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
 And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
 pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
 an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love
 That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above. Public domain

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord" page 164

(please stand if you are able)



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



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

Post-Communion Collect

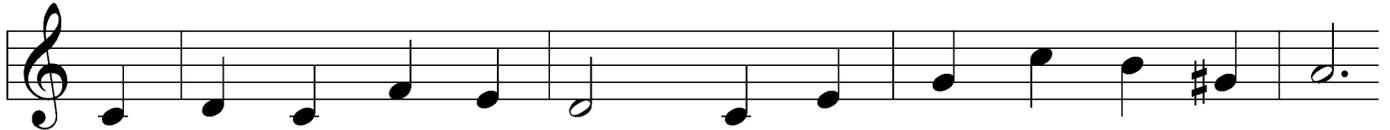
A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** *(sung)* **A-men.**

Benediction

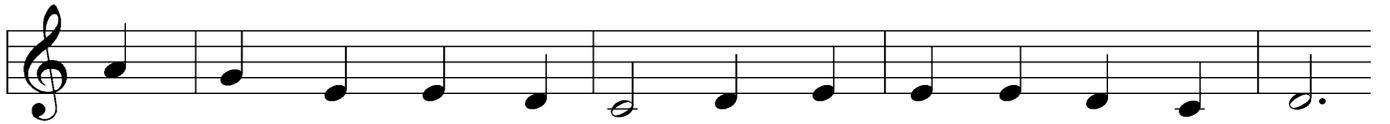
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C (sung) A-men.

CLOSING HYMN: 672 “Jerusalem the Golden” (sing “A-men”)



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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THE POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Minor”

by J.S. Bach

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This Week With Our Lord, November 20-27, 2022

SUNDAY, November 20-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Noon to 2 p.m. Senior & Junior Youth Operation Christmas Child in the FH

6:30 p.m. Dinner Auction Committee meeting in the school library

Monday, November 21-

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

5:30 p.m. Boys' basketball at Steeleville

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library

Tuesday, November 22-

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' A & C basketball home versus Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, November 23-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church led by the 3rd Grade

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

1:48 p.m. Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

2:30 p.m. Grades 7-8 Public School Confirmation at school

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service; Acolyte: Karleigh Liefer

Thursday, November 24- Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Communion Service; Acolyte: Norah Wagner

Friday, November 25- No school! Office Closed!

Saturday, November 26- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Olivia Valleroy

SUNDAY, November 27- First Sunday in Advent (new church year)

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Brynlee Liefer

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion; Acolyte: Jackson Pensoneau

THE LATEST ALUMNI NEWSLETTER is available in the entryway!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 369; Communion: 84; Adults: 30; Youth/Sunday School: 46

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)

FOUND: A single car key in front of church before early service last Sunday.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/13- General: \$10,397; School: \$295; Automatic Giving: \$5,465; Lutheran Witness: \$18. *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:

+Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of Louie and Pam Stellhorn on November 20. Thank you, congratulations and God's blessings for your years to come!

+To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION:

Following this Sunday’s late service we will recognize Terry and Susie Harms for their 12 years of service to St. John’s as our Senior Youth Counselors. We will present them with a gift and our thanks for their dedicated time given to our high school members over those years.

CONGRATULATIONS:

+We give thanks to God for the birth of a son, Case Lucas, to Landon and Karly (Cartwright) Durbin on November 3. He joins his older sister Brynlee at home. +We give thanks to God for the birth of a daughter, Katie Jane, to Justin and Courtney (Nichols) Pollard on November 7. She joins her older siblings Kelly, Luke and Lane at home.

+We give thanks to God for the birth of a daughter, Wrenley James, to Alex and Morgann (Hickey) Grohmann on November 12. She joins her older siblings Blakelynn and Huxton at home.

+We give thanks to God for the birth of a daughter, Leighton Rae, to Nathan and Emma (Schield) McCarthy on November 14. She joins her older brothers Lucas and Brayden at home.

+Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the births of these children!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Our Junior and Senior Youth will assemble shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this Sunday, November 20th in the Fellowship Hall from noon-2 p.m. If you would like to pack your own shoebox, shoeboxes are available in the office or on the table by the display in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn at lisa_hunt68@yahoo.com or 618-606-4042. More information may be found at samaritanspurse.org.

THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

We observe our nation’s Day of Thanksgiving with Holy Communion services this Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 9 a.m. We return to God the thanks of our praise for all of His many blessings of body and soul to us. This is a great time to invite someone to worship with you here at St. John’s who would not otherwise be in Christian worship.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women will not meet this week but will resume on November 30. Both Wednesday evening and Thursday morning classes now are on a break until the first week of January. Men’s Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, December 3 to study “Proverbs: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living.”

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 congregation's subscription list.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next quarter's issue of *Portals of Prayer*, our daily devotional booklet, is available in the racks by the church's front door. Sonshine Visitation members, please take a copy for those whom you visit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICE:

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL THROUGH 1ST GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS: On Sundays, November 27, December 4, and December 11, we will meet in the front of the church sanctuary to practice our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will begin practice at 9:25 a.m. and will dismiss from there at 10:15 a.m. The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Thank you!

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.

ELDER BASKETS:

Members of our Board of Elders will deliver baskets to our homebound and nursing home members on Saturday, December 10. If you would like to contribute to this project, please place an envelope marked "Elder Baskets" in the offering plate at church or bring it by our office at school. Thank you!

THANK YOU:

"A huge thank you to everyone for the well wishes and prayers during my maternity leave. A special thank you to Karen Liefer and Sue Guebert for their assistance in the office. I am so thankful for the time spent with my sweet daughter during the past two months. Furthermore, thank you for the warm welcome back to work. It is wonderful to see everyone's smiling face once again." *Mrs. Sara Shepherd*

SCRIP CARDS:

The holiday season is quickly approaching. If you plan to give the gift of gift cards this year consider shopping through our scrip program. Every card purchased earns money for our school. Cards are available for hundreds of retailers and restaurants including Amazon, Walmart, Texas Roadhouse and many more. Orders can be placed by stopping by or calling the office. Select cards are kept on hand but are sold on a first come first serve basis. Orders

will be placed on Mondays through December 12th. That will be the last order placed before Christmas so please plan to order early.

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: Ellery Byer, 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 Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, 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

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.

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!:

11/20- Jonathan Ratz, Lacy Evancich, William Kuehn; 11/21- Kalin Liefer, Melinda Kiefer, 11/22- Chad Grohmann; 11/23- Terry Harms, Cyndi Liefer, Maybre Falkenhain; 11/24- Sydney Krick; 11/25- Grace Richards; 11/26- Willard Uffelmann, Jr. *Please call our office with corrections!*

SOUP LUNCHEON:

St. Peter Lutheran Church in Campbell Hill will hold a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, November 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Chicken Noodle, Potato, Taco, Vegetable Beef and Chili along with hotdogs, salad, desserts and drinks. The cost is \$12 or \$10 for a quart of soup to go.

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

+Using death as a solution offers us dominion to spare ourselves from pain. But real kings and queens exercise majesty by saving their people instead (Luke 23:37-39). God's forgiveness and salvation have made us royalty so that we may do the same (Colossians 1:13). Lest our silence miscommunicate arrogance as blessedness, let us give voice to the sacred remembrance that He holds every human life as His own treasured possession (Malachi 3:15-17).

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

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship will lead us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy will lead us through the one-year lectionary. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider. Page 6

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUE Radio AM850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUE.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUE and kfuo.org: Blessed Thanksgiving! Study Exodus 10-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), study the 3rd Article of the Creed on Concord Matters (11/26 at 10:00 a.m.), and dive into a curious theological topic with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell on Cross Defense (11/26 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

LCMS FOUNDATION:

The focus of estate Gift Planning moves us to consider our giving beyond managing the cash in our checking account. Sometimes people end up with collections of "real property" (collectibles, coins, jewelry, real estate, etc.) that were formerly important to them but no longer are. You could gift these to ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning

Counselor could show you how easy this. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: from *Lutheran Bible Translators*

Readings for the year are on the tables in the entryway. November 20- Matthew 28:1-20; November 21- Revelation 18:1-24; November 22- Revelation 19:1-21; November 23- Revelation 20:1-15; November 24- Revelation 21:1-18; November 25- Revelation 21:9-27; November 26- Revelation 22:1-21.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

Mood Food- Bananas can enhance your mood because they produce serotonin, a chemical needed for nerve cells and for the brain to function.

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

Happy Thanksgiving! We are very thankful for your support of your local Lutheran high school. Thanksgiving blessings to you and your families.

COS Blood Drive: COS is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Use your Red Cross App or go online to set up your appointment.

Fundraiser: The COS FFA is selling Stonies Snack Sticks. Contact the school, a COS FFA member or Lisa Luebke to order this tasty stocking stuffer.

COS Chess Club: Some of our students are starting a new chess club. If you are interested in helping students learn and improve their game skills, please contact the office to volunteer.

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 is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

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 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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 Lutheran High School Board: Kathy Valleroy and Rebekah Liefer

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.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele
 (10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Blayton Sutton; (8 a.m.) Clare Carnahan; (10:30 a.m.) Maya Macbeth
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Server: Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Virginia Moeller