

First Sunday in Advent
November 26-27, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "St. Thomas" *setting by J. Wayne Kerr*
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 331 "The Advent of Our King" (*we stand for the last stanza*)



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him-self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

Please stand if you are able

6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity. A-men Public domain

Divine Service Four (pages 203ff.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

INTROIT: Psalm 118; Zechariah 9:9



**Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; righteous and having sal- | va-tion.
Save us, we pray, | O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give | us suc-cess!
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!**

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine up- | on us.

Bind the sacrifice to the horns of the | al-tar!

**You are my God, and I will give | thanks to You; You are my God; I will ex- | tol You.
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.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; righteous and having sal- | va-tion.**

KYRIE: (page 204) (sung)

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord have mer-cy.

ADVENT STANZA: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (sung)

**O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**Matthew 21:1-11**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed (*inside back cover of the hymnal*)
(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **Apostles’ Creed** (*page 207*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.****From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.****I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,****the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,****the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.** (*please be seated*)(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed**, *page 206***I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.****And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His**

Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)*

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

**Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for hope,
He brings hope to ev-'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
Light one can-dle for peace, one bright can-dle for peace,
He brings peace to ev-'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
Light one can-dle for joy, one bright can-dle for joy,
Ev'ry na-tion will find sal-va-tion in Beth-l'em's ba-by boy.
Light one can-dle for love, one bright can-dle for love,
He brings love to ev-'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
He brings love to ev-'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 343 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

**Pre-prepare the roy-al high-way; The King of kings is near!
Let ev-'ry hill and val-ley A lev-el road ap-pear!
Then greet the King of glo-ry Fore-told in sa-cred sto-ry:
Ho-san-na to the Lord, For He ful-fills God's Word!**

**God's peo-ple, see Him com-ing: Your own e-ter-nal king!
Palm branch-es strew be-fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as-sail you!
Ho-san-na to the Lord, For He ful-fills God's Word!**

**Then fling the gates wide o-pen To greet your prom-ised king!
Your king, yet ev-'ry na-tion Its trib-ute too should bring.**

**All lands, bow down be-fore Him! All na-tions, now a-dore Him!
Ho-san-na to the Lord, For He ful-fills God's Word!**

**His is no earth-ly king-dom; It comes from heav'n a-bove.
His rule is peace and free-dom And jus-tice, truth and love.
So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a-bound-ing:
Ho-san-na to the Lord, For He ful-fills God's Word!**

SERMON: (*Saturday*) "Under the Cover of Darkness" Romans 8:11-14
(*Sunday*) "What It Will Be Like When Jesus Comes" Isaiah 2:1-5

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: 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, Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Jim Arrington, Gary Hollmann, Terry Hammer, Rose Schneider, Delores Stirnamann. *Help us keep this list current!*

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OFFERTORY: (*sung; LSB 782*)

Gra-cious God, You send great bless-ings New each morn-ing all our days.

For Your mer-cies nev-er end-ing, For Your love we of-fer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un-num-bered claim,

Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings, May bring glo-ry to Your name.

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Non-Communion Service Continues Here:

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COLLECT

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 349 "Hark the Glad Sound"



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

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 forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of 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*.

Preface

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 (*sung*)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near. With thankful hearts we pray, “Come Lord, Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

- 1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

334 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (*tune of LSB 442*)

**O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel-come You a-right?
Your peo-ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart’s de-light!
O kin-dle, Lord most ho-ly, Your lamp with-in my breast
To do in spir-it low-ly All that may please You best.**

**Your peo-ple ev-er praise You And lift to You their palms;
And I too will a-dore You With joy-ous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom for-ev-er For You with prais-es new
And from Your name shall nev-er With-hold the hon-or due.**

**I lay in fet-ters, groan-ing; You came to set me free
I stood, my shame be-moan-ing; You came to hon-or me
A glo-rious crown You give me, A trea-sure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me As earth-ly rich-es fly.**

**Love caused Your in-car-na-tion; Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my sal-va-tion Pro-cured my lib-er-ty.
Oh, love be-yond all tell-ing, That let You to em-brace
In love, all love ex-cel-ling, Our lost and fall-en race.**

**Sin's debt, that fear-ful bur-den, Can-not His love e-rase;
Your guilt the Lord will par-don And co-ver by His grace.
He comes, for you pro-cur-ing The peace of sin for-giv'n,
His child-ren thus se-cur-ing E-ter-nal life in heav'n.**

**He comes to judge the na-tions, A te-rror to His foes.
A light of con-so-la-tions And bless-ed hope to those
Who love the Lord's ap-pear-ing, O glor-ious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheer-ing, And guide us safe-ly home.**

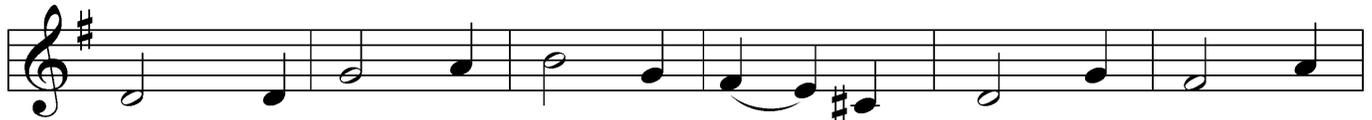
341 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

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350 "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211 (*please stand*)

**O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav’n-ly peace,
 For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:
 A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,
 The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.**

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
 All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
 For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
 God’s tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION: page 212

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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 349 “Hark the Glad Sound”



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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POSTLUDE: "Chesterfield"

setting by Jacob B. Weber

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This Week With Our Lord, November 27-December 4, 2022

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

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Monday, November 28-

6:00 p.m. Boys' A & C basketball at St. Mary's-Chester

6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library

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

Tuesday, November 29- *December Epistle articles due in the office*

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

Basketball: 5:30 Boys' @ TSJ and 6 p.m. Girls' @ St. John-Chester

Wednesday, November 30-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-5 Christmas Service in the old gym

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
 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-5 Christmas Service in the old gym

Thursday, December 1- Christmas Cottage at school

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in church balcony
 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A&C) at home versus Coulterville

Friday, December 2- Christmas Cottage at school

Girls' Basketball A team tournament at Trinity in Edwardsville
 Boys' Basketball C team tournament at Red Bud Catholic

Saturday, December 3-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Joey Biffar

SUNDAY, December 4-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Ian Moll
 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Olivia Candler

Noon Decorating of the church for the Christmas season

THE LATEST ALUMNI NEWSLETTER is available in the entryway!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 304; Communion: 150; Adults: 46; Youth/Sunday School: 42

Thanksgiving Worship: 216 Communion: 179

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. (Heb. 10:24-25)

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/20- General: \$11,110.20; School: \$265; Lutheran Witness: \$74. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd 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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Sunday ABC meets from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments provided. We continue our Bible survey with a focus this week on 2nd Thessalonians.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women 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."

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!

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!

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 MISSION PROJECT THIS YEAR:

Our international mission project 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! To support this project, please direct your offering to the attention of the Sunday School.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023:

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2023 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one for yourself and would like to have one, please contact Leslie in our church office at 282-2394. Thank you!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS:

Two types of Advent devotions are available on the tables in the entryway. The one from LCMS Office of Worship is meant for brief use at the family table. The other devotional booklet is from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT CHURCH:

We will decorate the church for the Christmas season next Sunday, December 4, beginning at noon. All help is welcomed and appreciate! 7th and 8th graders may use this for their Service Activity Reports.

AFTERNOON HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

We return during the winter months to our monthly afternoon Holy Communion services. The first one will be on Thursday, December 8 at 3 p.m. in church. Worshippers will sit every other pew and remain seated throughout the service. Holy Communion will be served in the pew.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS:

+Local VFW Teacher of the Year for the lower grades level is St. John's Kindergarten teacher Betty Schmitz. She is moving on to district consideration for the same award.
+Teacher of the Month for September is St. John's member and Red Bud High School teacher Katelin Uffelmann. This is a program of Edward Jones agent Conner Guebert.

WURSTMARKT THANK YOU:

"Thank you to all those who donated, attended and helped in any way to make our 69th Wurstmarkt a success after that beautiful Saturday snow. We are grateful for our Senior and Junior Youth members who helped us serve 658 people." *St. John's Lutheran Men's Club*

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:

Wed., Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m./7 p.m. Grades 3-5 Christmas Service

Wed. Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Grades K-2 Christmas Service

Sun. Dec. 11, 6 p.m. Nursery-Grade 1 Sunday School Christmas Service

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 Luttman, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

CUSTODIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

+A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for about 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Saturday evening service ONLY and/or Sunday morning services. Trained provided. 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!

FOUND: A single car key in front of church before early service on Nov. 13.

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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

11/27- Diane Stenzel, Nancy Jones, Sandy Mehner, Brayden McCarthy; 11/28- Karen Buch, Ken Wetzell, Brandon Hick, Cailee Strong, Brody Stellhorn, Hayden Schlimme; 11/29- Bunny Schnepel, Wayne Voss, Melonie Bollinger, Athena Wolfmeier; 11/30- Randy Burgdorf, Ryan Valleroy, Addison Gunter, Hazel Veath; 12/1- Erin Cox; 12/2- Carmen Nichols, Rodie Collins, Jill Gross, Derrick Voss, McKinley Florreich, Jacob Schrader; 12/3- Pamela Buatte. *Please call our office with corrections!*

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

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

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

+Beware the sword of abortion and euthanasia. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words

and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

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

ISSUES, ETC.:

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO 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 @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUO and kfuo.org: Start a new series on Advent Hymnody on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), continue in Exodus 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and begin studying the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (12/3 at 10 a.m.). Your favorite programs are on demand at kfuo.org or KFUO Radio app!

LCMS FOUNDATION:

The focus of estate Gift Planning moves us to consider our giving beyond managing the cash in our checking account. For many, the single largest asset is found in retirement assets. If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ or older, you can contribute up to \$100,000 per year directly to ministry, bypassing the income tax you would pay if you withdrew the funds yourself. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. 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 27- Daniel 9:1-27; November 28- Isaiah 1:1-28; November 29- Isaiah 5:1-25; November 30- Isaiah 6:1-7:9; December 1- Isaiah 7:10-8:8; December 2- Isaiah 8:9-9:7; December 3- Isaiah 9:8-10:11.

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

Advent Blessings! God’s blessings to your family as you celebrate the season of Advent. We are grateful that we can celebrate the true meaning of Advent and Christmas at *Christ Our Savior*. Thank you for your support in making Christ-centered education possible.

Club Basketball: Join us for the first game of the season Monday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m. as our team faces First Baptist Academy at home.

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 Luebkekmann 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.

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

Aides: Nola Jean Vallett, Shawn DeRousse, and Elizabeth Schaefer

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

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

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

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Bill Becker Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham, Megan Diercks, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Amy Williams, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Kendall Williams, Madison Falkenhain, Ashlynn Crafton, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert
Lutheran High School Board: Kathy Valleroy and Rebekah Liefer

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Sat.*) Pastor Brian Nowak; (*Sun.*) Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald; Lector: (*8 a.m.*) DCE Bill Becker

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (*8 a.m.*) Clyde and Kathy Rowold; (*10:30 a.m.*) Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Olivia Valleroy; (*8 a.m.*) Brynlee Liefer; (*10:30 a.m.*) Jackson Pensoneau

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

Flower Server: Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Virginia Moeller