

First Sunday in Lent
St. John's Lutheran Church

February 25 & 26, 2023
Red Bud, Illinois

Divine Service Five

THE PRELUDE: "Caithness" *arranged by Wayne L. Wold*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

Hymn of Invocation: 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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

Please stand if you are able

- P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.**

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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

Introit: Psalm 91



When he / calls to Me,	I will / ans - wer him;
I will be with him in trouble;	I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will sat- isfy him	and show him My sal- vation.
Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—	
	the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- fall you,	no plague come near your tent.
He will command His angels con- cerning you	to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,	lest you strike your foot a- gainst a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder;	
	the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son	and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- ginning,	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
When he / calls to Me,	I will / ans - wer him;
I will be with him in trouble;	I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will sat- isfy him	and show him My sal- vation.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said

to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle: Romans 5:12–19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to

come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

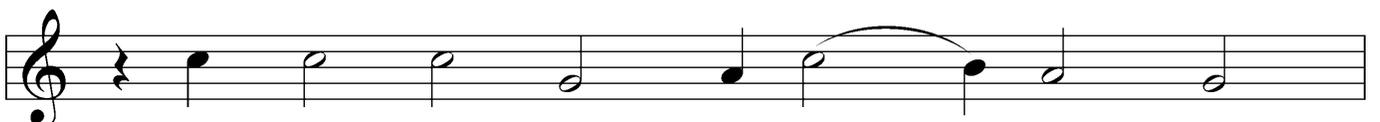
Hymn of the Day: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress 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.



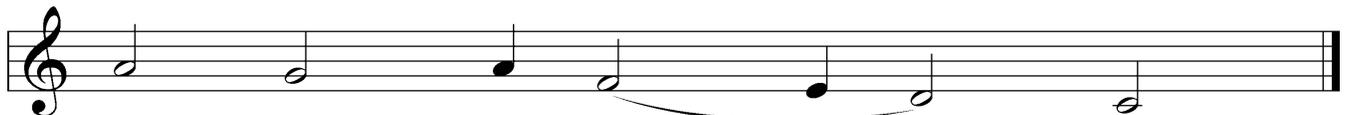
The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



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.
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Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

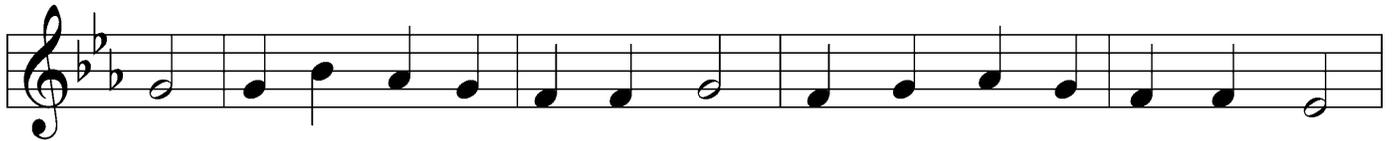
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these

stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, “He will command His angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

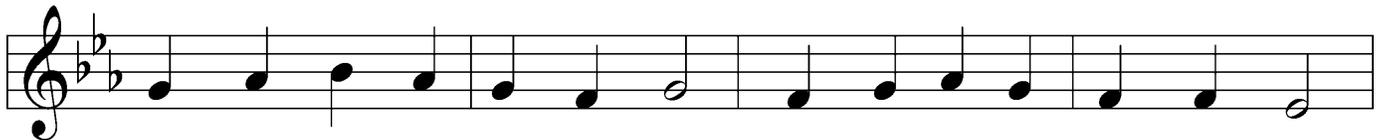
Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

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

Creed: 953 We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
 By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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

**Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.
Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love,
Looking down upon me From His throne above.
Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand
And at last receive me To a better land.**

Sermon: (*Saturday*) “Pass or Fail” Matthew 4:1-11

(*Sunday*) “If You Are a Child of God...” Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Arlin Winkelman, June Lawrence, Viola Muench, Darlene Lohman, Stanley Langrehr, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Rick Horrell, Sherry Winkelmann, Rhonda Schaefer, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Ashlynn Crafton, Grayson Herriman; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Susan Sochowski, Ava Kern, Jim Arrington, Gary Hollmann, Delores Stirnaman, Jan Kaaz, Alfred (AJ) Guebert, Merle Borrenpohl, Roger Hartmann. *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, 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, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge.

+those suffering: earthquake in Turkey/Syria and war in Ukraine

OFFERTORY: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781)

**We give Thee but Thine own, What-e’er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re-ceive
 And glad-ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

(The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services end with the Lord’s Prayer, Closing Prayer, Benediction)

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

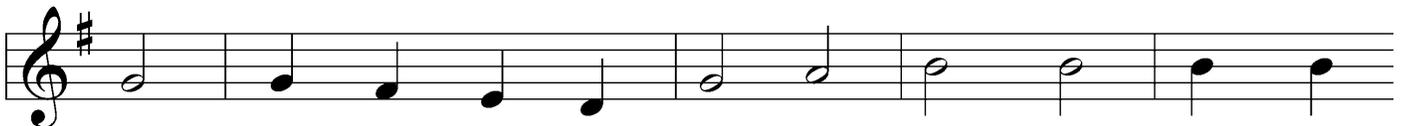
Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus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

BENEDICTION:

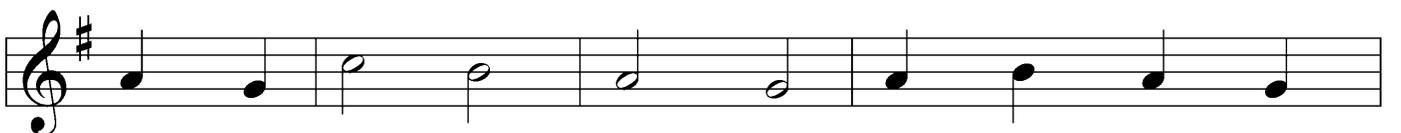
P **The Lord** bless you and keep you.

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 **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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(10:30 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament

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 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.

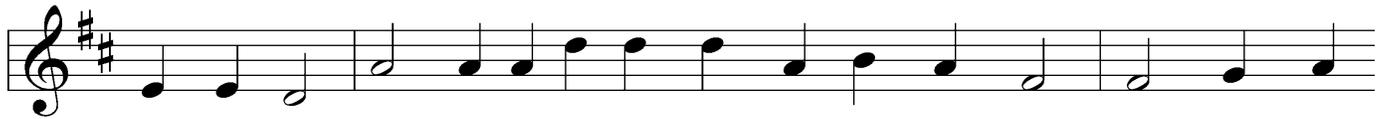
Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness.

By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

Sanctus: 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.

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Lord's Prayer

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 In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

P 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."

Pax Domini

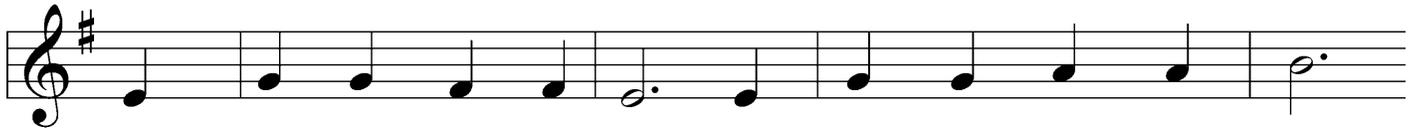
P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
 Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
 All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Please be seated

Distribution Hymn: 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



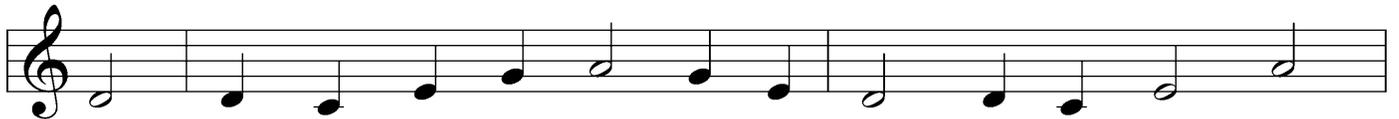
1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
 2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
 4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



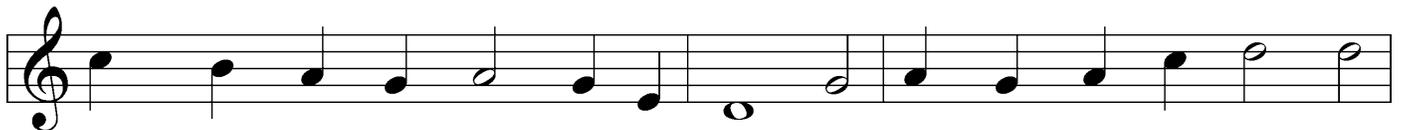
You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
 Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
 Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
 Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
 Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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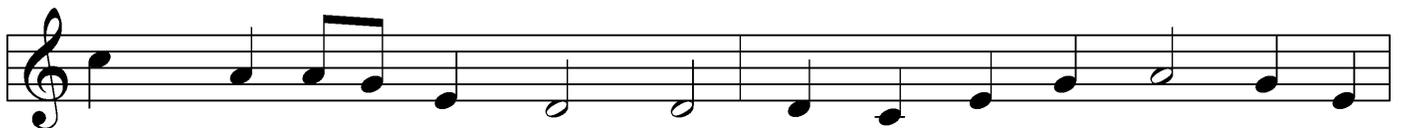
Distribution Hymn: 543 "What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

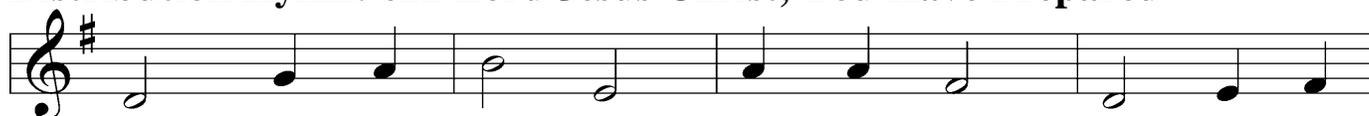


caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Distribution Hymn: 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



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



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



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



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



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

- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

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May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

Please Stand if you are able

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – “O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617)
O Lord, we praise Thee, bless thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear and need: O Lord, have mercy!

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 fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

P **The Lord** bless you and keep you.

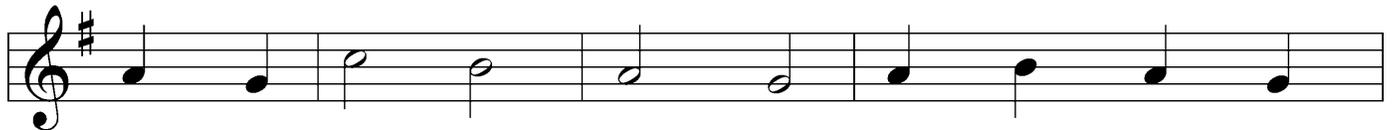
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. C **Amen.**

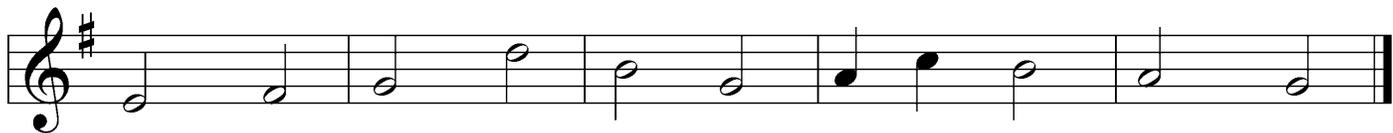
Closing Hymn: 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (sing “A-men”)



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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THE POSTLUDE: “Old Hundred”

arranged by Wilbur Held

Acknowledgments: Divine Service, Setting Five from Lutheran Service Book

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This Week With Our Lord, February 26-March 5, 2023

SUNDAY, February 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation team meets in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 27-

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library
 6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, February 28-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place
 4:15 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at Steeleville Public

Wednesday, March 1-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church; Acolyte- Carson Moll
 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
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church; Acolyte- Peighton Cox

Thursday, March 2-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
 6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at Red Bud Catholic

Friday, March 3- Boys' Basketball at Lutheran State Tournament

8:30 a.m. Lower Grades Chapel service in the new gym

Saturday, March 4- Boys' Basketball at Lutheran State Tournament

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

SUNDAY, March 5-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Brynlee Liefer
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Hollis Wolfmeier

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written...’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in the Word of God alone.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 297; Communion: 236; Adult/Youth: 41; Sunday School: 36

Ash Wednesday: Worship- 265; Communion-131

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)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "It Begins with Who I Am"

Guest Speaker [Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy](#) says that the desert is a place of testing. The desert places of our lives are like that, too (Matthew 4:1-11). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/19- General: \$11,903.70; School: \$720. *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)

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Brooks Neal Liefer into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. He is the son of Kollin and Macey (Heinen) Liefer. His baptismal sponsors are Kyle Liefer, Kory Liefer, Kole Liefer and Molly Huether. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the pedestal are given to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Brooks Neal Liefer. They are a gift from his grandparents. Thank you!

+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.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets this Sunday with a focus on the bookS of 2ND AND 3RD John and Jude in the New Testament from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (refreshments provided).

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday's class on 1st Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday's class on Matthew meets at 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, March 4 to study "Proverbs: God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

During this Lenten season we gather for services on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The theme for this year's services is "Seven Songs That Say I'm Sorry: The Penitential Psalms." A Lenten Supper of spaghetti, garlic bread and lettuce salad will be served in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be a pre-service hymn sing ten minutes before the evening service.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

Lutheran Hour Ministries offers daily devotions for Lent that can be found at www.lhm.org under the "Resources" tab. Click "Devotions" and then "Lenten Devotions." A few paper copies of them, "Man of Sorrows, People of Joy," are on the tables in the entryway.

2023 PTL DINNER AUCTION:

The 13th annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 18 at the Hecker Community Center. This year's theme is "March Madness." Donations and/or reservation

forms can be dropped off in the school office at any time. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Robert Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow; 2/27- Eugene Liefer; 2/28- Terry Oettle, James Liefer, Finn Liefer; 3/1- Judy Guebert, Brandon Wittenborn; 3/2- Amy Zeller, Jakob Biffar; 3/3- Jackson Carnahan; 3/4- Duke Hinrichs, Lisa Guebert. *Please call our office with corrections!*

BABY BOTTLE COINS FOR LIFE NETWORK:

We are collecting the baby bottles to support the work of our local Life Network. Our first tote of baby bottles full of coins has been delivered! There still is a tote in the entryway where you can deposit your full baby bottles. Thank you for your participation in this project!

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

When inclement weather hits and we are considering not having school, please consult local news stations and look for Red Bud Community District #132, look for a message on our School Facebook Group, or get a text from our School Message System "Remind". Facebook St. John's Lutheran Church/School, Red Bud, IL; Remind Text this number 81010 this message @8243ad2

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT THIS YEAR:

Our international mission project is Bible Books for Families in Ukraine through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Only \$5 provides a Ukrainian family with a Bible storybook, Small Catechism, or other Bible resource in their language! To support this project, direct your offering to the attention of the Sunday School.

SCHOOL CLASS FUNDRAISER:

The Class of 2025 (6th grade) is selling Show Me Dough products (butterbraids, pizzas, cookie dough). Contact a 6th grader. Orders due on the 27th.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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, Jean Menke; Bria-Columbia: David Burgdorf; Randolph County Nursing Home: Don 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:

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

ELDER ZONES FOR 2023: (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann- R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Wil Krick (618/282-3660)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann - D. Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

CASEY'S REWARDS:

St. John's is in Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to our school. Thank you for this!

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

The devil suggested Jesus attempt death as a solution (Matthew 4:6). Our Savior rejected the deception and rested Himself in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Death only delivers oppression because it serves sinfulness (Romans 5:14). But the victory Jesus gives over our ultimate enemies—Satan and the grave—frees us to leave life-and-death decisions to the Lord our God.

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.

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!

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in 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!

LCMS FOUNDATION:

It is important to involve family in your gifting plan from your estate. While financial gifts are valuable, passing on the faith is even more important. You can include a statement of faith in your will, or at least share a family blessing in writing, to become a special gift that lasts long after the Lord calls you home. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden has resources to help you with this. Contact him at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

HOMEMADE STOLLENS:

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Holy Cross Lutheran in Wartburg is offering homemade Stollens (which freeze well). They are delicious dessert for your Easter breakfast. Call Connie at [618-540-8637](tel:618-540-8637) to place an order. Pick-up dates at Holy Cross school basement are March 6th & 7th from 4 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit Bi-County Backpack Program and mission projects.

WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT:

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University-Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Richard Fischer, will be in concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Missouri on Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

AREA DINNERS:

+St. Peter UCC of Red Bud is holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 10 from 4-7 p.m. for both dine-in and curbside pickup. Cod, catfish, shrimp and chicken strips will be served with potato salad (German and American), french fries, mac & cheese, slaw, stewed tomatoes and baked beans. Cash or check only accepted. _

+St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin will hold its annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 12th. Serving times are from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry-outs will be available. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, homemade dessert, and coffee, tea, or lemonade, Prices are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, and 4 and under are free.

+Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner (all-you-can-eat) on Sunday, March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10. Carryouts will be available.

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE:

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg seeks an office secretary, 12 hours per week. Flexible schedule. Call 618-660-6144.

SAVE THE DATE: *Older Adult Retreat*

A Lutheran Older Adult Retreat, “The Lord is My Rock, My Fortress, and My Deliverer,” will be held at Pere Marquette Lodge outside of Grafton on April 26-27. Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$115 plus lodging. Contact Margo Wolf at 618/979-3376 or dmwvette74@gmail.com.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC:

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior, a new music school in Freeburg, offers private voice and instrument lessons in a warm, Christian environment with seasoned Lutheran instructors. Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Twice a month, the Academy offers Mini-Music Makers, an energetic class for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. Preschoolers sing, play instruments, dance, and learn to love music with an experienced early childhood music teacher. For details about the Academy, call 618-353-3322, email Hannah@TheAcademyofMusic.org, or visit TheAcademyofMusic.org.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Whip Winter Weight- Eat a high-protein breakfast to make you feel full.

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

Fish & More Dinner: This year’s Fish & More will offer both dine-in and carry-out, Friday March 3, serving from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Our FFA will be holding their “Helping Hands Auction” at 6:30 p.m. Support *COS* by enjoying a meal, support FFA by bidding on helpers!

NASP Archery Tournament: *COS* is hosting an NASP archery tournament on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *COS* archers will shoot their first flights at 9:00 a.m.

Registration for 2023-2024 is open! If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider COSLHS. Call 618-853-7300 to schedule a tour. A discount on registration fees is offered to those who register before March 31. Download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

School Hours: The office is open on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

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

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

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, Megan Diercks, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Katherine Kelley, Alyssa Rollins, Stephanie Surman, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston

Church Council

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Trustee Chair: 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

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Cali Hoffman; (8 a.m.) Claire Carnahan; (10:30 a.m.) Karleigh Liefer

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

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

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

Flower Servers: Diana and Briana Becker Paraments: Carol Turner