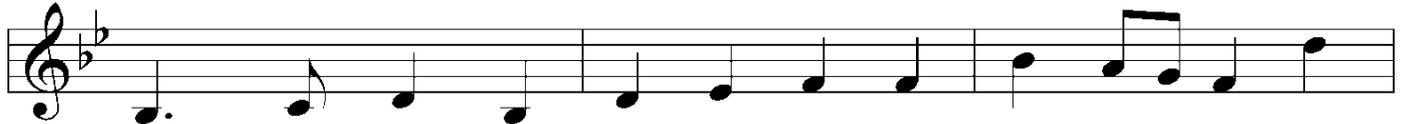


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*St. John's Lutheran Church*July 15-16, 2023, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. *Divine Service One, page 151ff. Red Bud, Illinois***PRELUDE:** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" *arranged by Kevin J. Sadowski***THE RINGING** of the bell calls us to holy worship.**OPENING HYMN: 901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
 May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
 Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes. Public domain

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151 (*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 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 to reflect on God's Word and for 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. **C** Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 103



The LORD is merciful and | gra-cious,

slow to anger and abounding in | stead-fast love.

As for man, his days | are like grass; he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone, and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love / of the LORD is from everlasting to ever- / last-ing

on those who | fear Him, and His righteousness to children's | chil-dren,

to those who keep His | cov-e-nant

and remember to do His com- | mand-ments.

The LORD establishes His throne in the | heav-ens,

and His kingdom rules | ov-er all.

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.

The LORD is merciful and | gra-cious,

slow to anger and abounding in | stead-fast love.

KYRIE: (page 152) (*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: “Gloria in Excelsis” (page 154)

P: Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C: Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther; We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

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

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: (sung) And also with you.** P: Let us pray.

C: 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 inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their

hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be glory forever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

P: 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:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

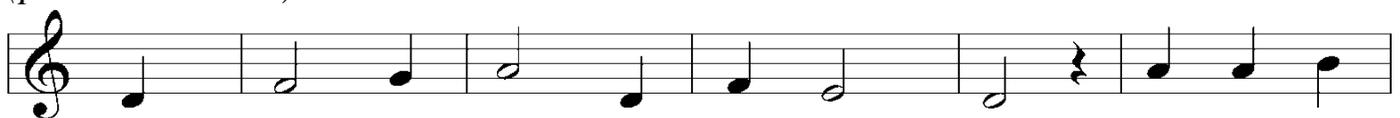
(page 158 or inside back cover of hymnal)

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: 586 “Preach You the Word”**



1	Preach	you	the	Word	and	plant	it	home	To	men	who
2	We	know	how	hard,	O	Lord,	the	task	Your	ser -	vant
3	The	sow -	er	sows;	his	reck -	less	love	Scat -	ters	a -
4	Though	some	be	snatched	and	some	be	scorched	And	some	be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -
 bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and
 broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that
 choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.
 nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.
 heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
 And bears a harvest hundredfold: "Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home And never faint; the Harvest Lord
 Who gave the sower seed to sow Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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SERMON: "The Sower Sows Seed for Our Salvation" Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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, Richard Roehrkasse, Darlene Lohman, Joan Prigge, Floyd Wolter, Judy Guebert, Ruth Hecht, David Guebert, Elmer Wetzel, Rev. Russell Koen, Sherry Winkelmann, Brian Guebert, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Kevin Conboy, Delores Stirnaman, Kathy Wolter, Gary Hayes, Lori Hollmann, Leila Keiser, Velma Koenig. *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, 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.

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OFERTORY: (*Lutheran Service Book 955*)

**Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.
Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all;
U-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.
Grace our ta-ble with Your pres-ence, and give us
A fore-taste of the feast to come.**

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.**

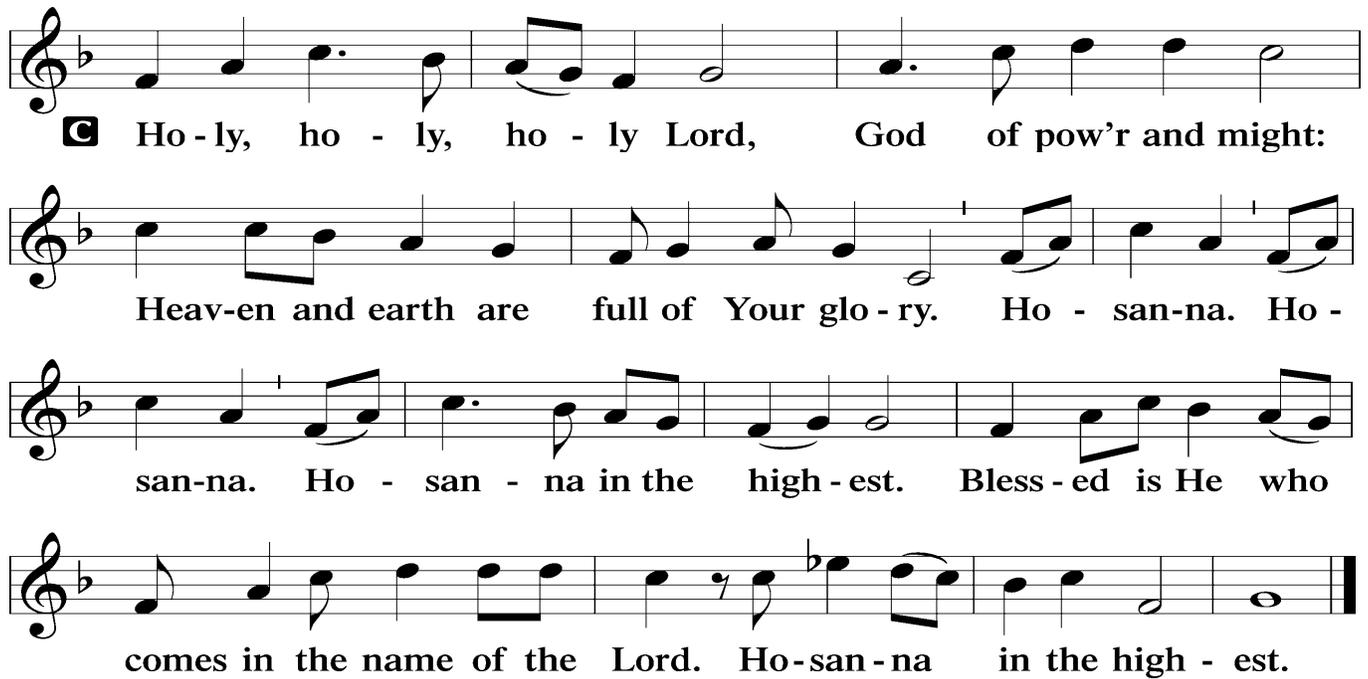
P Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C 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*)

577 “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

**Al-mighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed in-to the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n de-scend And righ-teous fruits a-bound.**

**Let not the sly, sa-tan-ic foe This ho-ly seed re-move,
But give it root in ev-‘ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world’s de-ceit-ful cares The ris-ing plant de-stroy,
But let it yield a hun-dred-fold The fruits of peace and joy.**

**So when the pre-cious seed is sown, Life-giv-ing grace be-stow
That all whose souls the truth re-ceive Its sav-ing pow’r may know.** Public domain

584 “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

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



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



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



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



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

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685 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"



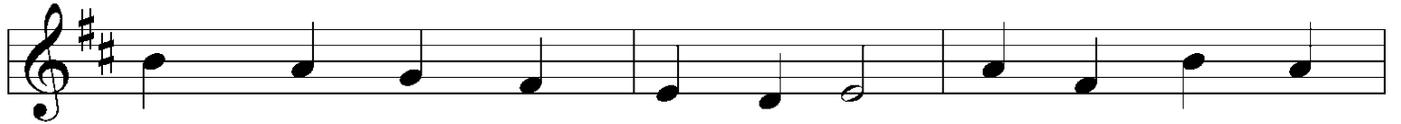
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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(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.)

(please stand if able)

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



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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

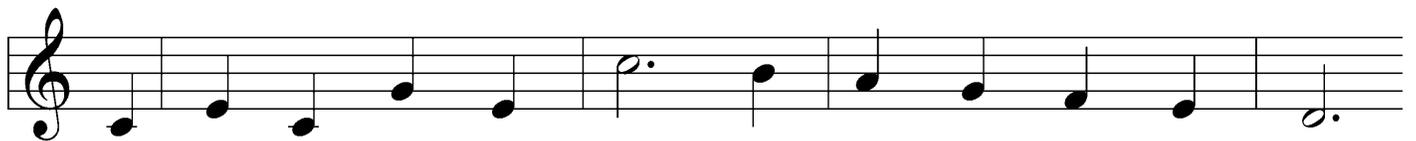
A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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

Benediction

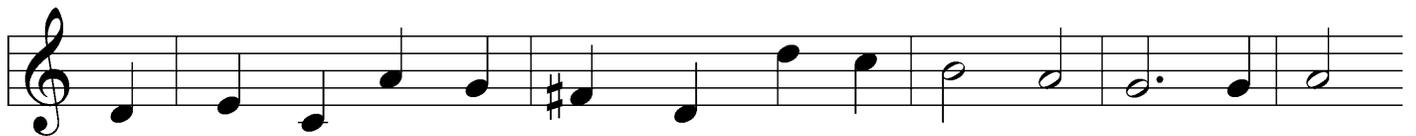
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

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

CLOSING HYMN: 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par-don what is ours. Our prais -
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -

Lutheran Hour Speaker [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) says that the Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place (Romans 8:1-7). 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.

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.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

With both pastors being out of town most of this week, please call Rev. Cliff Adair at 618/417-5900 if you are in need of pastoral care.

CASEY'S REWARDS:

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/9- General: \$20,209.25; School: \$25; Missions: \$10; Automatic Giving: \$5,490. *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)*

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women will meet at 9:30 a.m. this week. Their topic is Deb Burma's recent book, “Be Still and Know” (cost is \$21). Wednesday's class on 2nd Chronicles will not meet again until August 2. Thursday's class on the Old Testament minor prophet Hosea will not meet this week.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our next regularly scheduled Voters Assembly meeting is Wednesday, July 26, 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear a report on our Employee Retention Tax Credit among other congregational business.

JUNIOR YOUTH POSITION AVAILABLE:

Do you love spending time with Junior High aged students? Then we have a position for you! We are seeking new leadership for St. John's Junior Youth. Responsibilities include planning a monthly activity, organizing transportation if needed with parents, reporting to the Board for Parish Education each month, and quarterly to Voters at their meetings. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Bill Becker at 618-282-3873. A stipend is provided for you.

SUMMER SINGERS:

Do you like to sing? I invite anyone who's interested to take part in our “Summer Singers” group! We will sing one more time for the 8 a.m. worship services on Sunday, July 30th. We

will meet at 7:30 a.m. upstairs on the south side to practice the song which will be fairly simple, most likely unison, but we can add some part-singing if there is interest. Kids and youth are welcome to sing also!! Let me know if you are interested! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

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.

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION:

Our \$500 Sunday School mission gift provided 100 Bible books for children in Ukraine. "Thank you for supporting LHF as we share God's Word in 96 countries and more than 150 languages. Thank you so much, children of St. John's Lutheran Sunday School, for your mission hearts to the Ukrainians! I and my wife, a native of Ukraine, are truly grateful. God bless you! *Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise, Executive Director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation*

SYNODICAL CONVENTION DELEGATES:

Representing our circuit at the LCMS Convention in Milwaukee July 28-August 3 will be voting delegates Rev. Lyle Buettner (New Athens/Darmstadt; 618/696-2649; lylebuettner@yahoo.com) and Mike DeRousse (St. John's, Red Bud; derousse@gmail.com) and advisory delegate Bill Becker (St. John's, Red Bud; 618/282-2958; becker@stjohnsredbud.org). Rev. Matthew Harrison has been elected to his fifth term as LCMS President in pre-convention online balloting.

NATIONAL MISSION OFFERING:

The national mission offering for our synodical convention this summer will "support high-priority translation of essential teaching materials into other languages. Your gift of financial resources will help bring the clarity of the Gospel to others in languages they can understand" *President Matthew Harrison*. This will be another way of doing what our Sunday School and day school mission projects supported this last year through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Please bring your gift to our church office or put it in an envelope marked "National Mission Offering" and put it in an offering plate at church. Thank you!

ADOPT A FLOWER BED:

Dear school and church families, we are looking for individuals small groups who wish to "adopt" a section of our landscaping at school or church. There is no cost to this except the sweat effort of keeping that section of landscaping free of weeds. If you are interested, please call the school office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. any weekday. We will recognize your efforts with a sign within that landscape section naming your group or family. Thank you to the five groups that already have claimed a spot. *Mr. Justin Palm*

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)

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Celebrating every human being as gift and privilege sometimes meets with resistance. This doesn't mean the message failed. Good ground may lie beneath an unsightly surface. Our patient Savior often slowly softens soil, and seeds take time to germinate and flower. The sanctity of life carries God's message, not ours, and He guarantees His strong Word never goes to waste (Isaiah 55:10-11). *The Summer edition of LifeDate is available in the entryway for you to take.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

7/16- Olivia Schmitz, Patty Schnepel, Devon Albert, Tim Liefer, Eric Guebert, Kristopher Liefer; 7/17- Chris Henry, Austin Kiefer; 7/18- Patti Liefer, Tina LaChance, Becky Biffar, Nichole Liefer, Micah Moeller, Alicia Burmester; 7/19- Ethan Fritsche, Natalie Korando, Savannah Horrell; 7/20- David Snyder; 7/21- Mark Guebert, Alan Piel, Chase Strong, Kolton Meier; 7/22- Ronald Burgdorf, Debra Schneider, Derek Stellhorn, Chad Crafton, Adam Ebers, Makayla VanEck. *Please call our office with corrections!*

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. This week's topics include: The Movies "Sound of Freedom" and "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny;" An Attempt by Concordia University Texas to Reject the Governance & Oversight of the LCMS; Truth & Tolerance; Female Pastors & the Lutheran Church of Australia and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Alice Smith; Three Springs in Chester: Eunice Wiatr, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County Nursing Home: Don Kueker; Columbia Garden Place: Barb Ladwig

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Mary Gross, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Arlin and Helen Winkelman, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

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

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).

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Foods that lower blood pressure- Fruits high in potassium which include bananas, oranges, cantaloupe, apricots, and cherries can help manage mildly high blood pressure. Potassium relaxes the wall of the blood vessels, lowering blood pressure and protecting against muscle cramping.

FINANCIAL NEED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT:

St. John's member and recent Red Bud High School graduate 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.

FREE PIANO!

St. John's Lutheran School currently has a piano that is looking for a new home. It is a tall, brown, antique upright piano, in good condition and in tune! Best of all, it is free!! If you are interested, please contact Lindsey Hudak at 618-340-6055 (call or text) to make arrangements.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

As we prepare our estate plans and the gifts to family and ministry within those plans, we remember that we are making these plans in an ever-changing world. In this changing world, we all wonder whether ministries that have been near and dear to us will still be around twenty-five years from now. A good plan for future support of ministry will always include options, in case those ministries of choice are no longer in existence. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you assess if you need those options. Contact Scott Radden by email at Scott.Radden@LFND.org or call his cell phone at 618-977-4049.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. 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 AM850, Begin studying the book of Acts on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), study the Psalms in July on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and dig into Augsburg Confession Articles 6 & 7 on The Church on Concord Matters (7/22 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

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

Opening Worship & Installations: Please join us in welcoming our new Administrator and Teachers as they begin their new year at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. The service and installations will be held Sunday, August 6 at 2 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evansville. A light luncheon will be served afterwards. This will be a wonderful time to visit with the new and current faculty and staff. Amazing things are happening at *Christ Our Savior!*

Thank you for supporting our Annual Rummage Sale! The response of both donations and shoppers was amazing!

Coach Needed: *Christ Our Savior* is looking for a coach for Basketball, Cross Country, and Track for the 2023-2024 sports seasons. Please contact the school office if interested.

Annual Dinner Auction: We are starting the process of planning our annual dinner auction, which will be held on Saturday, November 4. If you are interested in helping with the planning process, please contact the school. We would love to have you!

It's not too late! Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2023-2024. Financial aid based on need is available. For more information, check our website, www.coslhs.org, or contact the school office at 618-853-7300. School will start August 15.

Office Hours are Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

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, 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, Stephanie Surman, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Deanna Ward, Kaitlyn Brown

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Eric Fritsche Board of Finance: Jill Gross

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Trustee Chair: Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert

Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Olivia Valleroy; (8 a.m.) Brody Stellhorn; (10:30 a.m.) Maya Macbeth

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele; (10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

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

Flower Servers: Pam Miller and Kortney Moll Paraments: Virginia Moeller