

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Lutheran Church

July 22-23, 2023

Divine Service One, page 151ff.

Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "Soul, Adorn Yourself" *arr. by K.T. Kosche*

THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 772 "In Holy Conversation"



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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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.

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" (page 155)

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

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

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

Final Refrain:

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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*)

(10:30 a.m.) ANTHEM: "Rock of Ages"

Milla Neff, guitar

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before Me, since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are My witnesses! Is there a God besides Me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

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 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Jesus put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed** (page 159)

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.) **Nicene Creed**, page 158

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. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:** (AGPS 156)

Let me learn of Je-sus: He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, Nailed up-on the tree.
When I go to Je-sus, He will hear me pray,
Make me pure and ho-ly, take my sins a-way.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 769 "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear

I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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SERMON: “Our Triune God Talks to Himself For Us” Romans 8:26-27

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: Darlene Lohman, Joan Prigge, Floyd Wolter, Ruth Hecht, David Guebert, Elmer Wetzell, 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. *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 Winkelmann; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge.

+sympathy to the family of Charlee Marie Kennedy, stillborn daughter of Josh and Bridgett (Voss) Kennedy

+thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Zach & Brittany (Mehner) Hollis

+safety for those who are traveling to the synodical convention in Milwaukee

OFERTORY: (pages 159-160)

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

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

**I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

(The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services conclude here.)

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.**

CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION:

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 or 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.

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)* **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



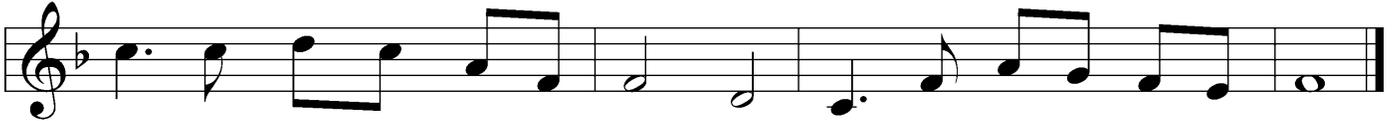
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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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*.

(10:30 a.m.) **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.

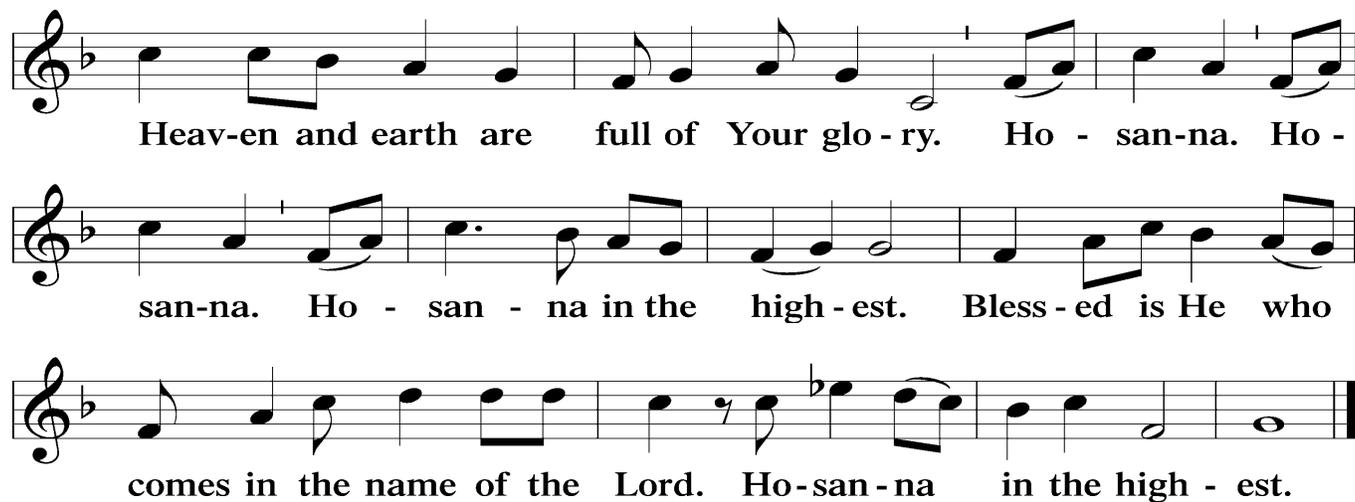
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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**



☐ 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:

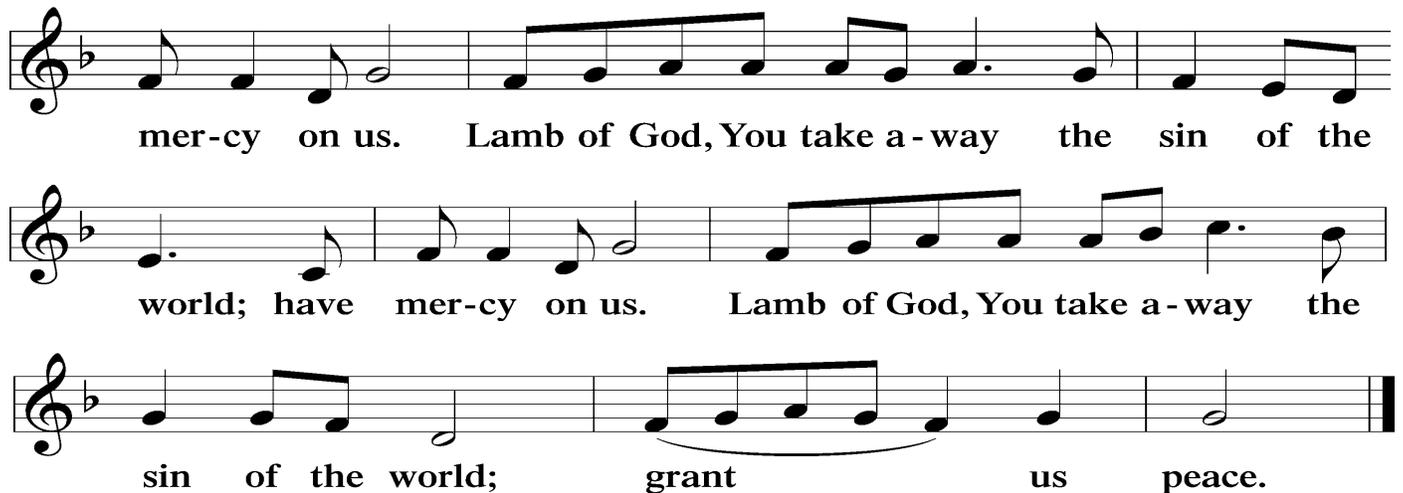
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is 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*)

779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"



- 1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
- 2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
- 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There-fore will not turn a - way.
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con-science free from guilt.
There Thy blood-bought right main-tain And with-out a ri - val reign.

- 5 While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.
- 6 Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

773 "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



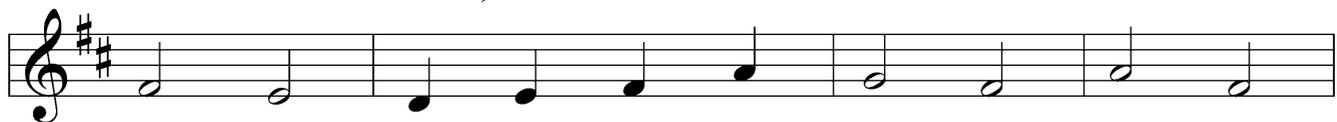
All that we through Christ in - her - it,
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



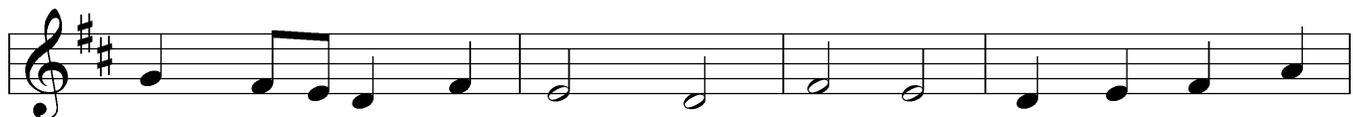
That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.

By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through
the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive 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



C 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.**

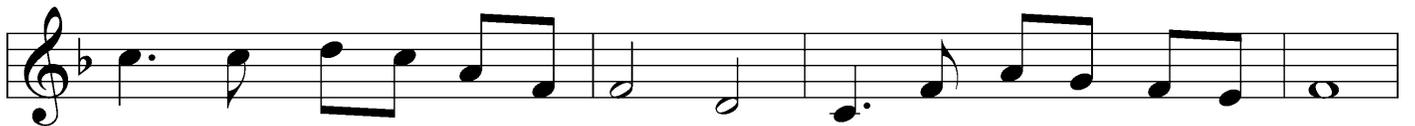
Benediction

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: 770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

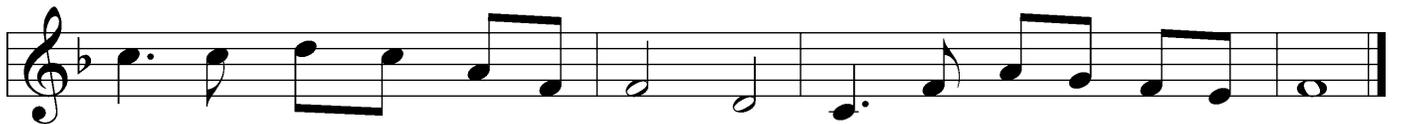
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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POSTLUDE: “Dance”*arranged by Wayne Kerr*

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This Week With Our Lord, July 23-30, 2023**SUNDAY, July 23-** 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Monday, July 24-

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

Tuesday, July 25-

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

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

6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Wednesday, July 26-

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

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

7:00 p.m. Voters Assembly meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 27-

7:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Hosea)

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Saturday, July 29-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Joey Biffar

SUNDAY, July 30-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Eve Schwartzkopf

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Lucas McCarthy

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS for this weekend were not included in our order from Concordia Publishing House. We are sorry that we do not have them.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Charlee Marie Kennedy, the daughter of Josh and Bridgett (Voss) Kennedy, who was stillborn on Saturday, July 15. We commend her life into the eternal care and keeping of our loving and merciful Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. "Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." *Mark 10:14*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Romans 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed" we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/16- General: \$9,548; School: \$545. *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.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nebel leading the topic of "Eternal Election to Salvation."

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 264; Communion: 132; Adult/Youth: 25; Sunday School: 0

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)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Pulling for Others"

Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, "How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places?" Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives? (Romans 8:31-39). 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. 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 meet at 7:30 a.m. this week.

CONGRATULATIONS!

God has blessed Zachary and Brittany (Mehner) Hollis with the gift of life in the birth of their daughter, Emery Jane, on Tuesday, July 18 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Her maternal grandparents are Howard & Sandy Mehner. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

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 your time.

CASEY'S REWARDS:

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to St. John's school through the Casey's app. Thank 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 service 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*

RECORDERS AND FLUTOPHONES:

Do you have an old recorder/flutophone sitting around gathering dust? Please "recycle" it by giving it to Mrs. Hudak! She will wash, sanitize, and re-use them for her 3rd and 4th grade music classes for the upcoming school year. Flutophones and recorders need to be in good condition (no chips, breaks, or teeth marks please!), but do NOT need to be in their original packaging. Please turn any flutophones and recorders into the office. Thank you!

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. A money box for payment (honor system) is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

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 that 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 was elected to his fifth term as LCMS President in pre-convention online balloting.

NATIONAL MISSION OFFERING:

This is our last week to contribute to the national mission offering for our synodical convention which 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*. Please bring your gift to our church office by Friday.

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*

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

The people of God dare not confuse weeds with wheat. His Word clearly distinguishes His gifts from counterfeits. For our neighbor’s sake and our own, we must recognize the enemy’s doings (Matthew 13:27-28). Abortion, embryocide, and euthanasia are the devil’s deceptions. Jesus Christ alone decides life and death for us (Isaiah 44:6), and His timing never withholds any bounties or glories (Romans 8:18). *The Summer edition of LifeDate is available in the entryway for you to take.*

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

7/23- Ken Voges, Nancy Liefer, Todd Minemann, Ray Wagner, Beckett Rowold, Maddox Rowold; 7/24- Kevin Mehring, Brandon Nehrt, Taylor Juengling, Fletcher Eggemeyer; 7/25- Ruth Rohlfing, Jim Gilpatrick, Taylor Pensoneau, Owen Liefer, Harper Mounts, Eliza Schrader; 7/26- Anna Guebert, Melissa Cheek, Kailyn Moeller; 7/27 Wilma Schleifer, Maya Macbeth; 7/28- John Kellerhouse, Jean Niemeyer, Travis Krick, Kody Schoenbeck, Kendall Crafton, Annika Herriman; 7/29- Stephanie Liefer, Nicholas Voges, Hayden Mounts, Attlee Thien. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

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 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).

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Foods that lower blood pressure- Studies report modest reductions in blood pressure in people who eat oily fish with omega-3 several times per week. That includes salmon, sardines, mackerel, and albacore tuna. The benefits may be greater for people with moderate to severe high blood pressure than for those with only slightly elevated blood pressure.

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.

ISSUES, ETC.:

You can listen to chapel services from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, Indiana live weekdays at 8:35 a.m. Central Time and on-demand at issuesetc.org and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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 KFUE AM850, Celebrate Bach Week with us on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), study Acts 5-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and spend Time in the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE 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!*

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.

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

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Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

Serving Us in Worship Today

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

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Addie Rahn; (8 a.m.) Jack Muench; (10:30 a.m.) Ian Moll

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold; (10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzel

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

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