

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***St. John's Lutheran Church***July 29-30, 2023***Divine Service One, page 151ff.***Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE: "Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"** *arranged by Kevin Hildebrand***THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 590 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"**

1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
 com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.  
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

*(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Holy Baptism, pages 268ff.***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 105**



**Give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name;**

**make known His deeds among the | peo-ples!**

**Sing to Him, sing prais- | es to Him;                      tell of all His | won-drous works!**

**Glory in His | ho-ly name;                                      let those who seek the | LORD re-joyce!**

**Seek the LORD | and His strength;                      seek His presence con- | tin-u-ally!**

**Remember the wondrous works | He has done,**

**His miracles, and the judgments He | ut-tered,**

**O offspring of Abraham, His | ser-vant,                      children of Jacob, His | cho-sen ones!**

**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.**

**Give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name;**

**make known His deeds among the | peo-ples!**

**KYRIE: (page 152) (we sing the responses)**

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

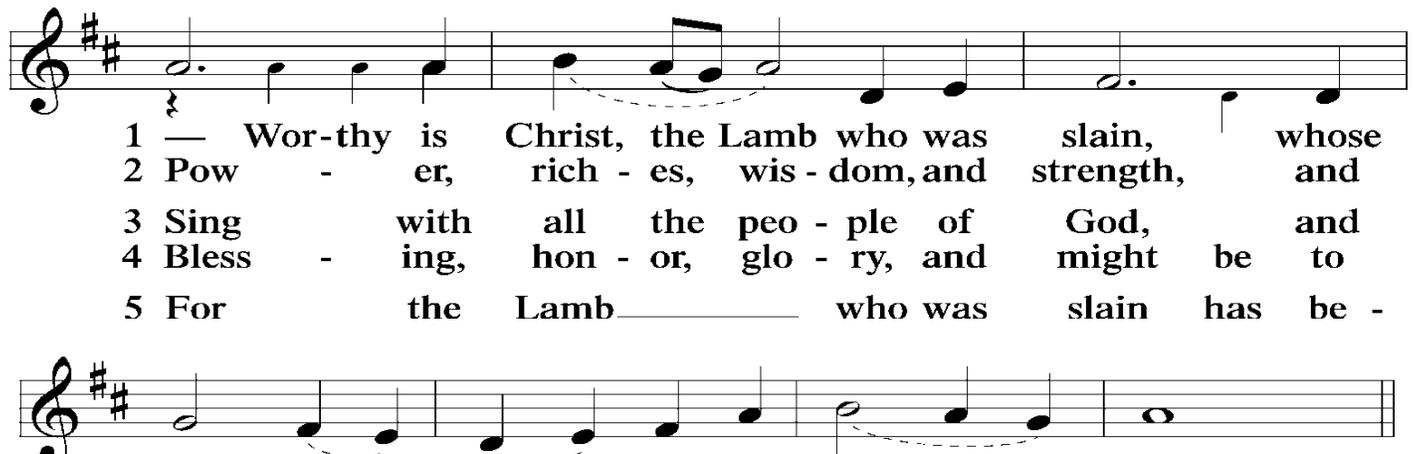
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**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: "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:** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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*)

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "O Savior, Precious Savior"

*Summer Singers*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations. 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 8:28-39**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor

depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**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 13:44-52**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

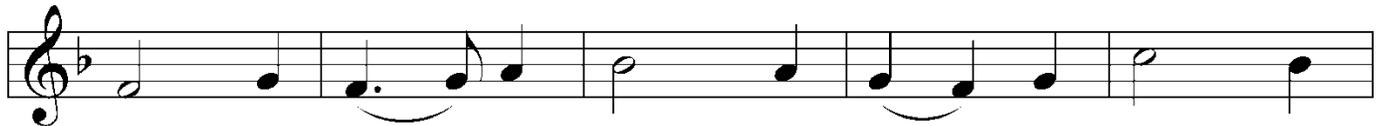
**Nicene Creed** *(page 159 or inside back cover of the hymnal)*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

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

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

### HYMN OF THE DAY: 851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



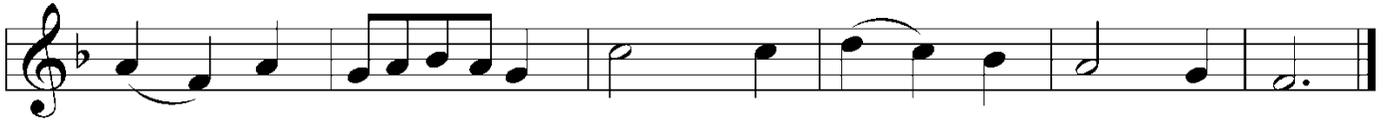
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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**SERMON:** "Light in the Darkness" Romans 8:37-39

**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, Rev. Russell Koen, Brenda vanBuren, Sherry Winkelmann, Brian Guebert, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Ryan Valleroy, 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, Leila Keiser, Caleb Caesar. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+safety for those traveling back from 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.**

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**



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.**

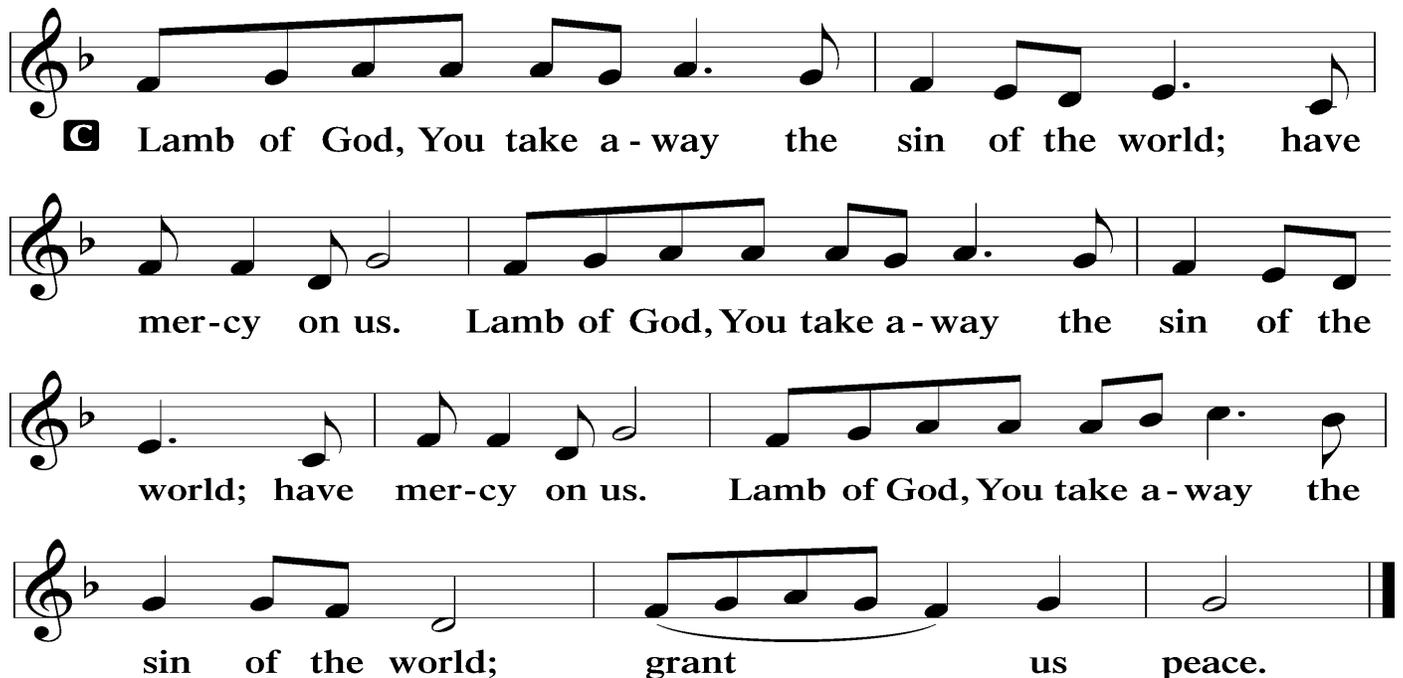
### The Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

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)*

**732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"**



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



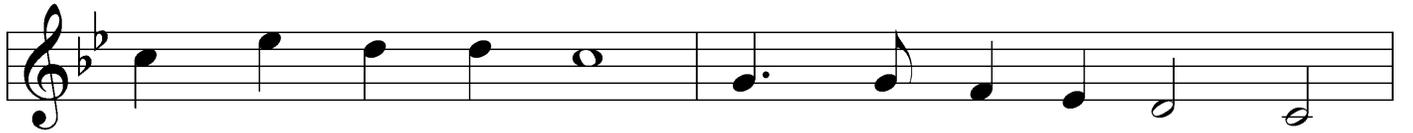
not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
 Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
 As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;  
 All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
 Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace. Public domain

### 743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

- 5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.

- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure! Public domain

### 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -



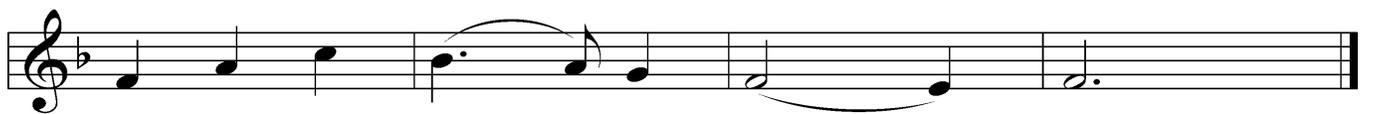
a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.  
 Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.  
 Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:  
 To God all praise and glory! Public domain

(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 - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



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



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

**Post-Communion Collect**

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

**C** *(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: 818 “In Thee Is Gladness”**

**In Thee is glad-ness A-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my heart.**

**By Thee are giv-en The gifts of heav-en, Thou the true Re-deem-er art.**

**Our souls Thou wak-est, Our bonds Thou break-est; Who trusts Thee sure-ly**

**Has built se-cure-ly; He stands for-ev-er; Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are pin-ing**

**To see Thy shin-ing, Dy-ing or liv-ing To Thee are cleav-ing;**

**Naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Since He is ours--, We fear no pow-ers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.**

**He sees and bless-es In worst dis-tress-es; He can change them with a breath.**

**Where-fore the sto-ry Tell of His glo-ry With hearts and voic-es:**

**All heav’n re-joic-es In Him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for glad-ness,**

**Tri-umph o’er sad-ness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him**

**Glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!** Public domain

**POSTLUDE: “Fugue in E Minor”**

*by J.S. Bach*

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***This Week With Our Lord, July 30- August 6, 2023*****SUNDAY, July 30-**

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

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

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

**Tuesday, August 1-**

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

7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Parent orientation in cafeteria

**Wednesday, August 2-**

8:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

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

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles)

Thursday, August 3-

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Friday, August 4- Pastor Nebel is gone for the weekendSaturday, August 5-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Mallory Arbeiter

SUNDAY, August 6-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Carson Bowles

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Colin Korando

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 "We Preach Christ Crucified." This is the Bible Study for this week's synodical convention.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 263; Communion: 73; Adult/Youth: 20; Sunday School: 5

*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: "If It Seems Slow, Wait for It"

Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right (Habakkuk 2:3 and Romans 10:9). 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.

GREETERS NEEDED:

We have need for worship greeters, two individuals or a couple, for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (only 4x a year!) and also one or two for the 8 a.m. service once every five Sundays. If you can stand, smile and say "hello, welcome, good afternoon/morning" you are qualified to serve in this way.

HOLY BAPTISM:

+We welcome Kennedy Suzanne Moll into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Jacob and Nicole (Schleyhahn) Moll. Her baptismal sponsors are Elizabeth and Tyson Russell, Lauren Schleyhahn and Ashley Schleyhahn. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ!

+We welcome Briggs Michael Seibold into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late Sunday service. He is the son of Zachary and Kelley (Thies) Seibold. His baptismal sponsors are Sarah and Tyson Tanner, Jess and Jesse Rowold. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Matthew 13:45–46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/23- General: \$9,965; School: \$900. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles will meet again this week. Thursday’s class on the Old Testament minor prophet Hosea will meet at 7:30 a.m. this week.

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.

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:

I invite students in grades four through eight, families, and congregation members to a fun night at Grizzlies stadium on Saturday, August 12. Game time is 6:45 p.m. and lawn seating tickets are only \$10. Please RSVP by Monday, August 7 to me at 618-282-2958. *DCE Bill Becker*

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!

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. [Page 4](#)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

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*

OPEN HOUSE:

You are invited to an Open House in our Fellowship Hall for Dennis/Donna Voss this Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2-5 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: [www.lutheransforlife](http://www.lutheransforlife)

Our Lord loves to take the tiniest as His treasured possession (Deut. 7:7-8). Their insufficiencies show how great is His compassion (Psalm 125:2). "Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong." Does this include gestating embryos and unborn babies? Does it include bodies limited by age or ailment? Yes, Jesus loves them just as much as He loves me.

*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)

ISSUES, ETC.:

You can listen to a live broadcast from the 68th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Milwaukee from 7-9 p.m. Central on Sunday, July 30. You can listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

7/30- Adrienne Vallett; 7/31- Chelsea Schrader, Tanner Valleroy, Kelly Pollard, Damon Renner; 8/1- Chad Langrehr, Sarah Heller, Colt Hess; 8/2- David Donjon, Jacqueline Roy, Jennifer Becker-Roscow, Melissa Doeding, Alicia Stellhorn, Laney Liefer, Brooke Moses; 8/3- Jan Glasscock, Brian Meyer, Nicole Liefer, Alex Grohmann, Joshua Snyder, Mallory VanDorn, William Guebert; 8/4- Sharon Brown, Diane Muench, Kambri Moffitt, Konnor

Stellhorn, Emmett Heller, Raelynn Stenzel, Theo Sutton; 8/5- Nancy Junge, Hollis Wolfmeier, Nolan Liefer, Kate Rippelmeyer. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs in Chester: Alice Smith, 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 Luttman, 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](mailto: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-* Leafy green vegetables are rich in nitrates, which help manage blood pressure. Research suggests that eating at least one cup of green leafy vegetables per day can lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.

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.

OLDER ADULT LUTHERAN HERITAGE BUS TRIP:

On Tuesday, October 3, seniors will have the opportunity to travel on a Coach Bus (Huskey-Trailways) to Perry County, Missouri, and learn about Lutheran immigration from Germany to America. The bus will pick up passengers at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbia. While traveling to Frohna and Altenburg, Missouri, Mr. Bob Polansky, Executive Director of Camp Wartburg, will lead a Bible study. The first stop will be at the Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum in Altenburg. The museum interprets the 1838-39 Lutheran immigration from Germany to Perry County, including the history of the seven original colonies that were established there. Besides the museum you could take a short walk and tour the 1839 Log Cabin-Concordia Seminary birthplace, and Christian Loeber Cabin. Registration forms are on the bulletin boards in the church entryway.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://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 Ecclesiastes on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Acts 9-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) and dig into the Real Presence in the Lord's Supper on Concord Matters (8/5 at 10 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and 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 2:00 p.m. 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. The first day of classes is August 15. For more information, contact Sherry Prange, [sprange@coslhs.org](mailto:sprange@coslhs.org) or call the school office.

School Office Hours of Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. resume August 1.

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

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Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

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

Sherry Prange, 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel  
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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  
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 Surman, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Deanna Ward, Kaitlyn Brown

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel  
 Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Joey Biffar; (8 a.m.) Eve Schwartzkopf; (10:30 a.m.) Lucas McCarthy  
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) ; (8 a.m.) Lisa Quinn; (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Donna Burgdorf  
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
 Flower Servers: Pam Miller and Kortney Moll Paraments: Virginia Moeller