

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*St. John's Lutheran Church***July 8-9, 2023***Divine Service One, page 151ff.***Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"** *arranged by Allan Mahnke***THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"***(please stand for last stanza, "A-men")*

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

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.**

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: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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:** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” *Summer Singers*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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 7:14-25a

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed (*inside back cover of Lutheran Service Book*)
 (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **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*)

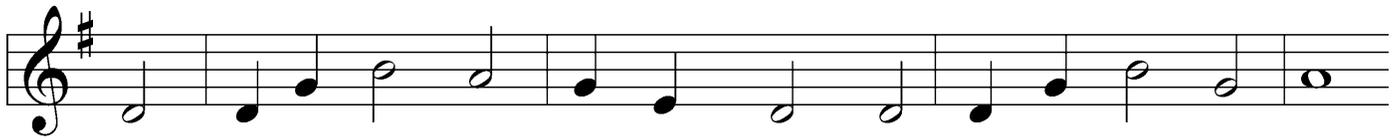
(*please be seated*) (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: AGPS 107**

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good He's so good to me.

He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.

I'll do His will, I'll do His will, I'll do His will, He's so good to me.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 707 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
 Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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SERMON: “It’s a Struggle” Romans 7:14-25a

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: Eunice Snyder, Kenneth Koester, Richard Roehrkasse, Darlene Lohman, Joan Prigge, Judy Guebert, Ruth Hecht, David Guebert, Rev. Russell Koen, Sherry Winkelmann, Brian Guebert, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton; *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 Winkelmann; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge.

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.**

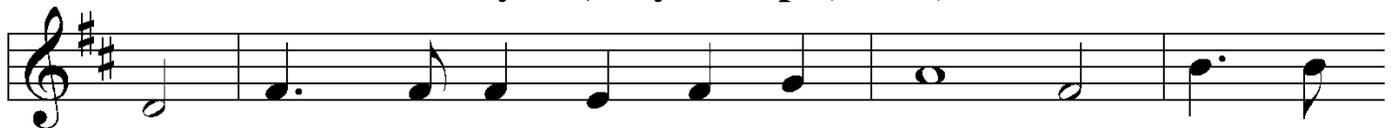
CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION:

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: 698 "May We, Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

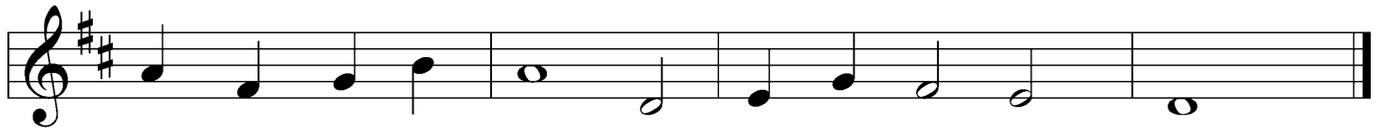
1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil-dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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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.

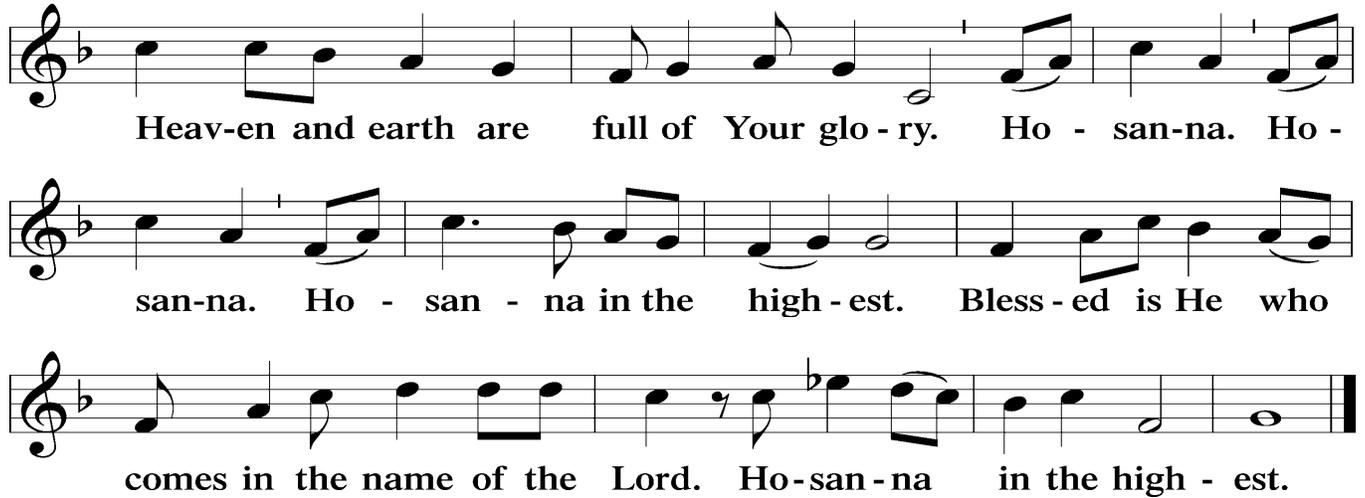
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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:

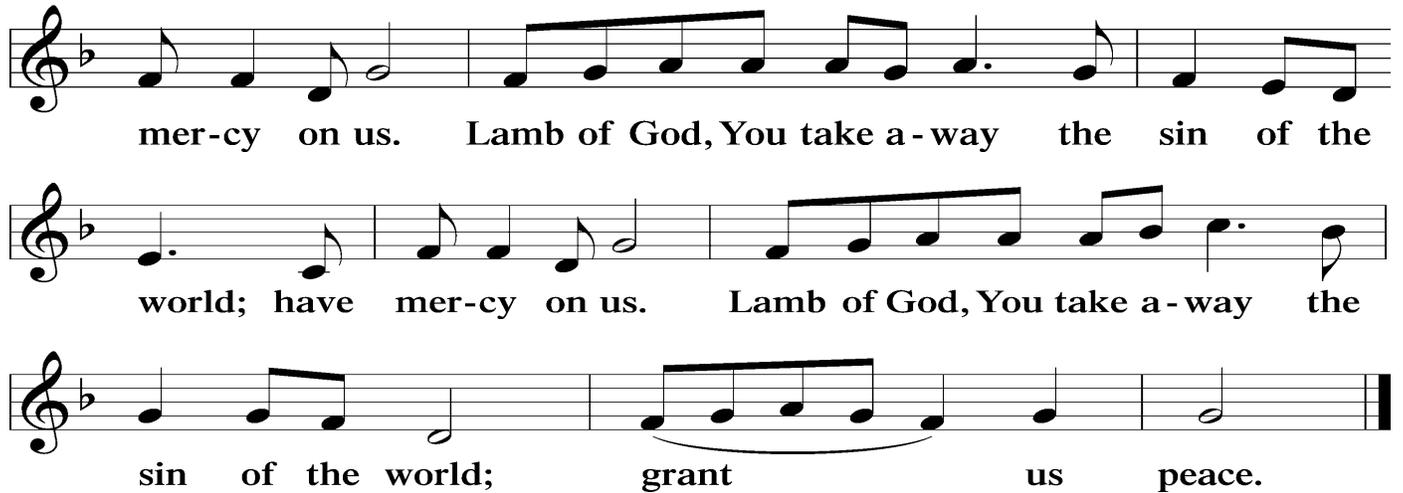
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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



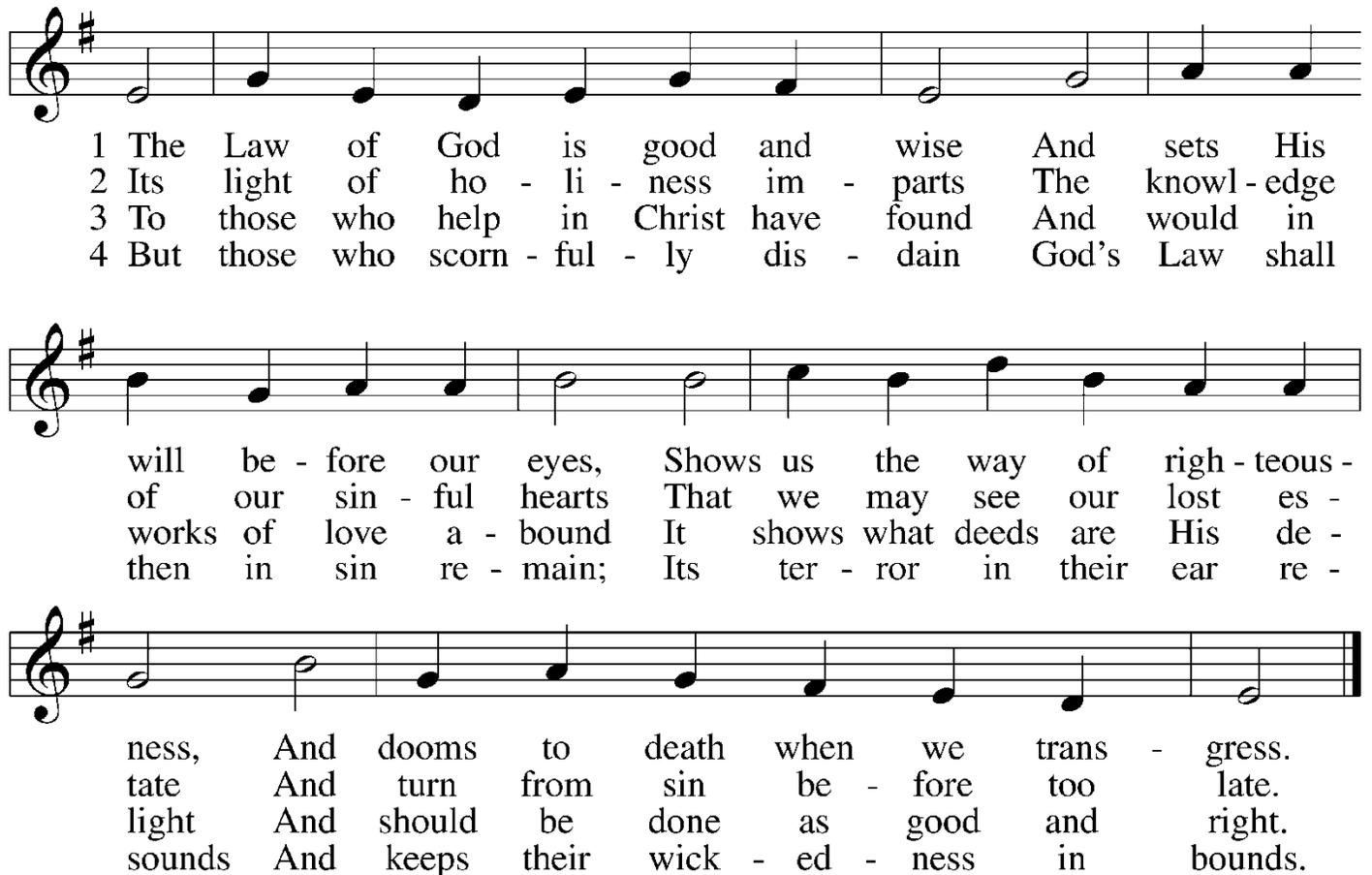
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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*)

579 "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall
will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -
ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
light And should be done as good and right.
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

684 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op - pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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804 "O Worship the King"



- 1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

(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" pg. 164



☐ 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. 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.**

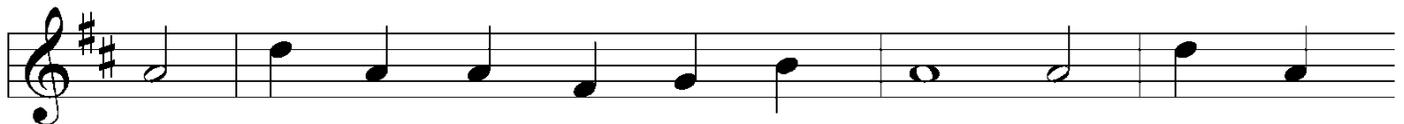
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1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

POSTLUDE: “Arfon”*arranged by Wilbur Held*

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This Week With Our Lord, July 9-16, 2023**SUNDAY, July 9-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Noon Senior Youth swimming at Mike & Marilyn Kuhn’s lake

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 10-

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/STEAM camp at school

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 11-

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

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/STEAM camp at school

6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in Pastor’s Office

Wednesday, July 12-

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

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/STEAM camp at school

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

4-7 p.m. School Registration in the new gym lobby

7:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Thursday, July 13-

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

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/STEAM camp at school

11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 14- Leslie Froemling on vacation thru the 24th

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/STEAM camp at school

Saturday, July 15-

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Olivia Valleroy

SUNDAY, July 16-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Brody Stellhorn

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative); Acolyte- Maya Macbeth

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 Nowak leading the topic of “Eternal Election to Salvation.”

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Lean into the Villain's Story"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too (Romans 7:24). Listen on KFUD 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 273; Communion: 144; Adult/Youth: 26; 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)

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Sherry Doty who passed from this life at her home on Friday, June 30. Visitation is this Sunday at Leesman Funeral Home at 1 p.m. with service there at 2 p.m.

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!

THE JULY EPISTLE is on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been emailed to those for whom Pastor has an address.

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 from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, July 15 to study "Proverbs: God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/2- General: \$19,125; School: \$400. *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)*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 11:28 – “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

NOTES FROM OUR DCE:

+I am offering a Lego/STEAM camp for those students who are entering grades five-eight. This will be held July 10-14 and limited to the first 30 students that register. The \$10 cost will go towards snacks, batteries, and supplies. We will meet in the science/art room from 9-10:30 a.m. Please RSVP to 618-282-2958.

+The remaining funds of \$750 from the 8th Grade Class of 2023 have been put into the Outdoor Pavilion fund. We thank the Class of 2023 for their donation.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Registration night will be held on Wednesday, July 12th from 4-7 p.m. in the new gym lobby at school. Parents of students in Kindergarten-8th grade should attend to complete paperwork and pay applicable fees. Check our school Facebook page for more information. If you have any questions or will not be able to attend that evening, please call Sara in the office at 618-282-3873 to make arrangements to register.

COOKOUT AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY:

Every Friday during the summer Concordia Seminary holds an evening cookout (5:30 p.m.) for student families in the married student housing complex (just beyond the radio tower on the west side of the campus). Our Estate Fund Committee is sponsoring this meal on July 14. St. John's members are invited to join them on this occasion! Bring a lawn chair. Please RSVP to our office if you would like to attend. Also, if you want to go early for a tour of the seminary campus, let Pastor know so he can make that arrangement.

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.

SUMMER SINGERS:

Do you like to sing? I invite anyone who's interested to take part in our "Summer Singers" group! You do not have to be a choir member to participate! We will sing for the 8 a.m. worship services on Sunday, July 9th, and Sunday, July 30th. Those mornings, we will meet at 7:30 a.m. upstairs on the south side to practice the song. The songs we sing 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.

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

Neighbors struggling with surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis long for hope and rest. The Lord Almighty promises His gifts of life come with relief (Matthew 11:28) and rejoicing (Zechariah 9:9). How can we remain silent and deny them the very blessings we've received? We have the privilege of sharing life's goodness and God's greatness from one generation to another (Ps. 145:4).

The Summer edition of LifeDate is available in the entryway for you to take.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

7/9- William Ratz, Joyce Carnahan, Kathy Rowold, David Reinhardt. Crystal Deterding, Lindsey Hudak, Tori Albert; 7/10- Harold Thies, Carl Zschiegner, Nancy Holmstrom, Rick

Ratcliff, Stacy Brunkhorst, Brittany Hollis, Kinley Macbeth, Abby Stellhorn; 7/11- Bruce Brundage, Steven Falkenhain, Lisa Muench, Meghan Fadler, Daulton Neuhaus, Alayna Moll; 7/12- Arlou Papenberg, Glenn Gielow, Kevin Roy, Tyler Williams, Samantha Wilson, Harper Bingel; 7/13- James Cox; 7/14- Brenda Malott, Susan Harbaugh, Rachel Guebert, Waylynn Ebers; 7/15- Lori Colbert, Candace Sondag, Kenadee Crafton, Case Uffelmann. *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: End Times Teachings, What Is Real Science? The Vocation of Midwife, Pastoral Care 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, 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).

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.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUE 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, Study "New Obedience" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (7/15 at 10:00 a.m.), study 2 Samuel 20-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and continue studying 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 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evansville. Refreshments 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!*

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 14 and 15. Items may be brought to school Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until July 11. We are looking for clean, saleable items. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact the school office. Volunteer times are posted on our FB page.

It's not too late! Registrations are being accepted for all classes. 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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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
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 Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Brian Nowak Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kendall Crafton; (8 a.m.) Emily Bowles; (10:30 a.m.) Olivia Candler
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Kalin and Kathy Liefer;
 (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Pam Miller and Kortney Moll Paraments: Virginia Moeller