

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *St. John's Lutheran Church*

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PRELUDE: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" *arranged by Charles Callahan*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

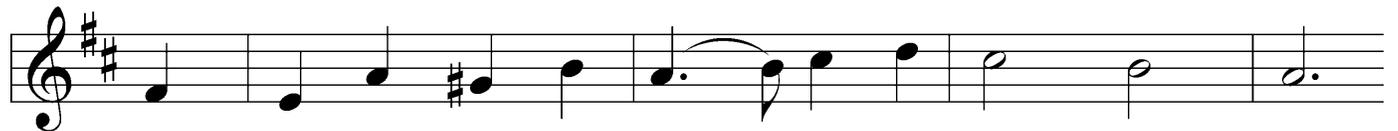
OPENING HYMN: 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203 (*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: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one

another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 34



I will bless the LORD at | all times; His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
 I sought the LORD, and He | an-swered me and delivered me from | all my fears.
 Those who look to Him are | ra-di-ant, and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
 This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him
 and saved him out of all his | trou-bles.
 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear Him,
 and de- | liv-ers them.
 Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!

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.
 I will bless the LORD at | all times; His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

KYRIE: (page 204) (*sung*)

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: page 204

To God on high be glo-ry And peace to all the earth; Good-will from God in heav-en
 Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father, Your ho-ly name we
 sing, Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.

To You, O sole-be-got-ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Sav-ior,
 You take our sins a-way. Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus; Re-ceive our heart-felt cry,

**Where You in pow’r are seat-ed At God’s right hand on high—
 For You a-lone are ho-ly; You on-ly are the Lord. For-ev-er and for-ev-er,
 Be wor-shiped and a-dored; You with the Ho-ly Spir-it A-lone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Fa-ther’s glo-ry. “A-men!” our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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:** “One in Christ and One in Spirit”

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Job 38:4-18

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.”

“From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Fear the Lord, you His saints, **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

THE EPISTLE READING:**Romans 10:5-17**

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**Matthew 14:22-33**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were

terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”

Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles Creed (page 207)

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.

(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 206)

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:**

**Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus All around the world! Yes, we’re the church together.**

**The church is not a building, The church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, The church is a people! (refrain)**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 715 “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear

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SERMON: “Walking Hand in Hand With the Water-Walker” Matthew 14:22-33

(8 a.m.) Installation and Re-dedication of Teachers, Daycare and Staff

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, Floyd Wolter, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Sherry Winkelmann, Brian Guebert, Randy Miller, Kim Moll, Marcy Watters, Nick Mounts, Zac Carnahan, Ryan Valleroy, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Loxton Sutton;

Family/Friends of St. John's Members: Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Kathy Wolter, Gary Hayes, Leila Keiser, Caleb Caesar, Karen Stark. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow, Aaron Runge.

+thanksgiving for God's blessings upon 20 years of St. John's daycare ministry
 +God's blessings upon teachers, students and staff at opening of new school year
 +wedding of Maria Miller and Sean O'Guin here on Saturday, August 19
 +births: Leo Michael Deterding & Emmy Lou Rudis, grandchildren of Juli Deterding

OFFERTORY: *(LSB 694)*

**I thank Thee, Je-sus, Sun from heav-en, Whose ra-diance has brought light to me;
 I thank Thee, who has rich-ly giv-en All that could make me glad and free;
 I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re-vealed.**

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: 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 of 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.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION: page 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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THE POSTLUDE: “The Rock of Salvation”

by *Franklin Ritter*

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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 208ff.

Preface

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**
 P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 (*sung*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
 Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and received the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

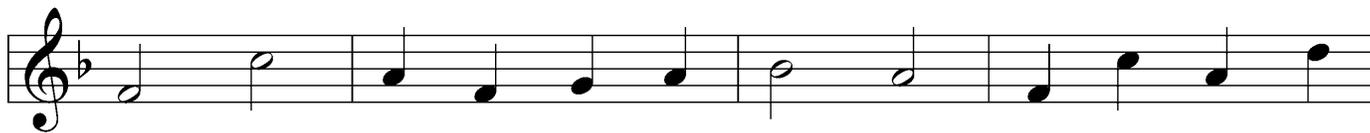
- 1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way; O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way; Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

717 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O’er which our traf-fic runs a-main
By moun-tain pass or val-ley low; Wher-ev-er , Lord, Thy peo-ple go,
Pro-tect them by Thy guard-ing hand From ev-‘ry per-il on the land.
- 3 O Spir-it, whom the Fa-ther sent To spread a-braod the fir-man-ment;
O Wind of heav-en, by Thy might Save all who dare the ea-gle’s flight,
And keep them by Thy watch-ful care From ev-‘ry per-il in the air.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow’r, Our people shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

627 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this

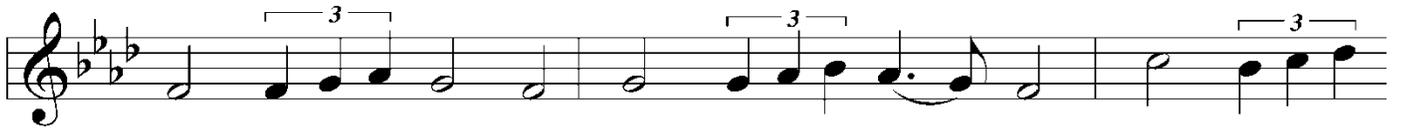


wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,

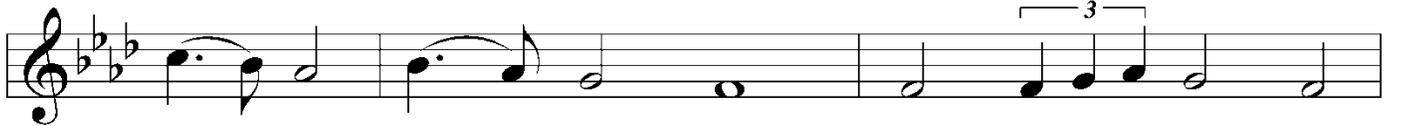


He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor Were the cost of God's high favor;
 Do not come if you suppose You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor:
 Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?
 And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish
 And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.



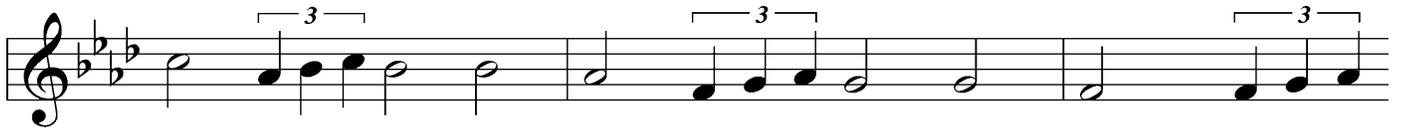
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



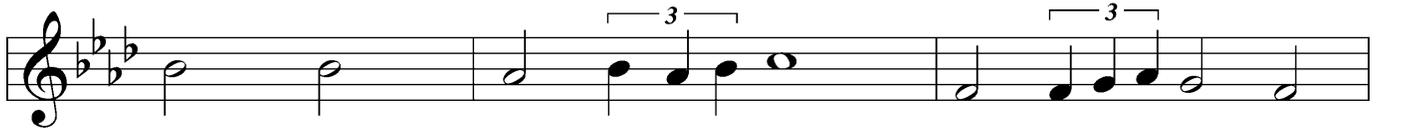
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

Please stand if you are able

6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity! A-men.

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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.)

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211 (*please stand*)

**O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav’n-ly peace,
 For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:
 A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,
 The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.**

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
 All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
 For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
 God’s tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

Post-Communion Collect

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 Your 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 Amen.**

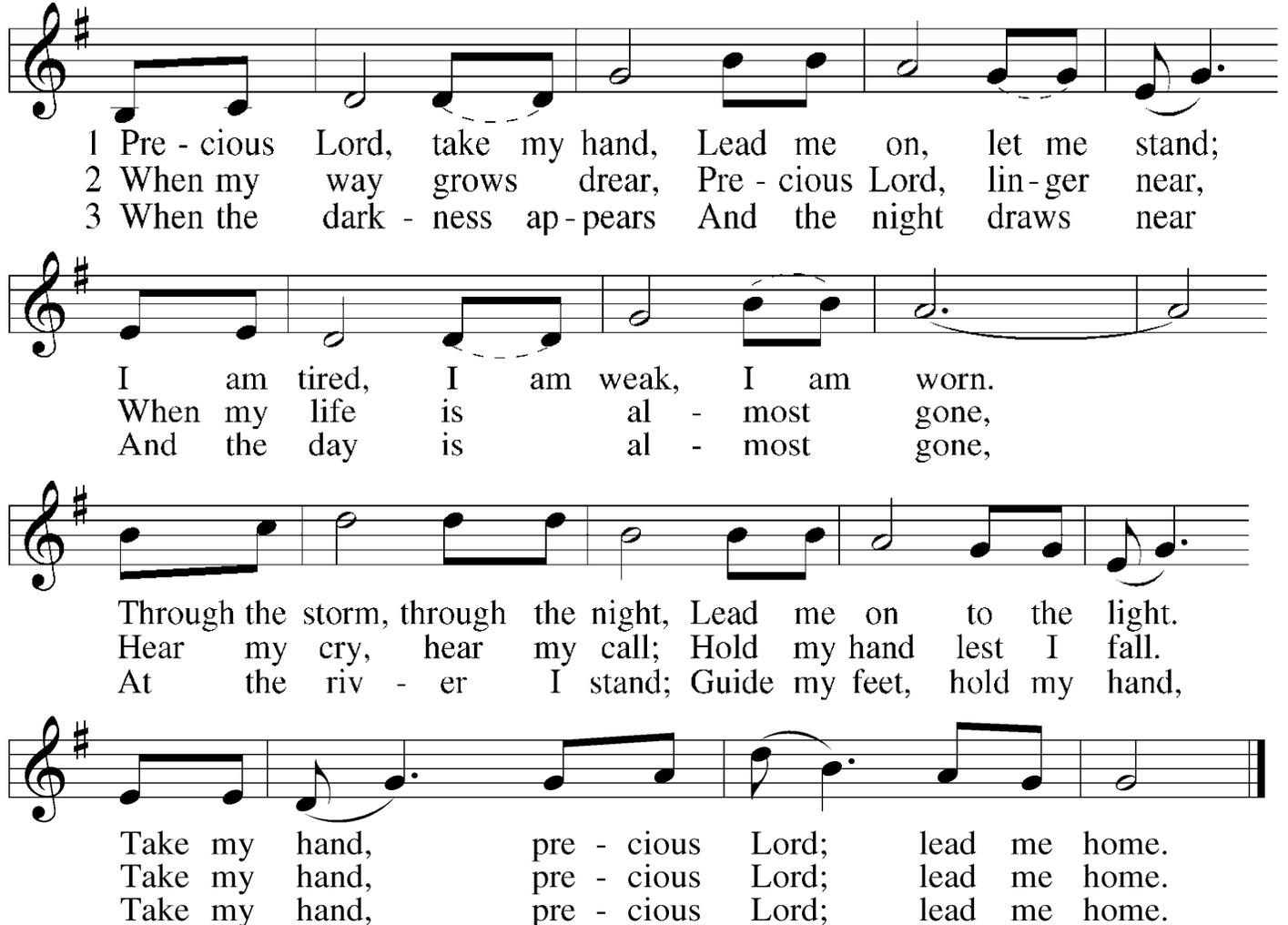
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P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

CLOSING HYMN: 739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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THE POSTLUDE: “The Rock of Salvation”

by Franklin Ritter

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This Week With Our Lord, August 13-20, 2023

SUNDAY, August 13- *Daycare 20th Anniversary!*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service (Teacher Re-dedication)

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

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

11:00 a.m. to ? Class of 2024 BBQ fundraiser at school

11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Daycare Anniversary family event at school

Monday, August 14-

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

4:15 p.m. Baseball vs. PDR; Softball vs. Waterloo Jr. High

Tuesday, August 15-

8:30 a.m. Opening School Chapel service at church

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

1:45 p.m. Early school dismissal

4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball at Steeleville

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

Wednesday, August 16-

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

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

4:15 p.m. Softball B team at Red Bud Catholic

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (2nd Chronicles)

Thursday, August 17-

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

4:15 p.m. Softball at home vs. Red Bud Catholic

6:00 p.m. Miller/O'Guin wedding rehearsal at church

Friday, August 18-

1:30 p.m. Palmer Music demonstration in the school's music room

7:15 p.m. School students sing at Busch Stadium

Saturday, August 19-

1:30 p.m. Maria Miller/Sean O'Guin wedding service

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion)- Acolyte: Colby Voss

SUNDAY, August 20-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion)- Acolyte: Liam Kilpatrick

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)- Acolyte: Karleigh Liefer

Time TBD Senior Youth gathering and New Member Welcome

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

The late Speaker Emeritus, [Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus](#), says that the God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ (John 1: 48-51). 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.

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 past week's synodical convention.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the pedestal this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 25 years of teaching ministry of Bill Becker. They are a gift from Diana, Briana and Bryce. Thank you, congratulations and God's blessings!

+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.

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION:

After Sunday's early service we will recognize the following for their years of service: Nancy Whelan (5 years to St. John's) Christy Deterding (10 years to St. John's); Lindsey Hudak (15 years to St. John's and the LCMS); Amanda Falkenhain (20 years to St. John's); William Becker (25 years to St. John's); Rebekah Liefer (30 years to the LCMS); Cindy Steele (30 years to St. John's); Rachel Miller (35 years to the LCMS).

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 258; Communion: 141; Adult/Youth: 18; 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)

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 8/6- General: \$23,962.90; School: \$195; Debt: \$150. *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 14:30 – “But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’” The world is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings can make us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL THANK YOU:

Thank you to all faculty, staff, Evening Guild, and anyone who helped make the Day of Spiritual Renewal run so smoothly! A special thanks to Market on Main and [SLAM](#) Catering for catering breakfast and lunch, and to Lieferbrau for opening early and the generous family who purchased our first round of drinks!

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. Their topic is Deb Burma's recent book, “Be Still and Know.” Wednesday's class on 2nd Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday's class on the Old Testament minor prophet Hosea meets at 7:30 a.m.

FUNDRAISING BARBECUE:

The Class of 2024 will serve a fundraising BBQ this Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. in the school parking lot. The menu is pork steaks, brats, hamburgers and hot dogs with sides of mac and cheese, potato salad, baked beans and bags of chips. Soda and water also available. It will be served in the school's old gym. To-go orders will be available.

DAYCARE ANNIVERSARY:

St. John's Lutheran Daycare has been blessed to serve our Red Bud community for over 20 years! We will celebrate this momentous occasion on Sunday, August 13th from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. with a family event. Join us for food, games, a bounce house, a dunk tank and the Bubble Bus! The center will be open for tours along with indoor seating to eat. St. John's Class of 2024 will hold a fund-raising BBQ. All other activities are available at no cost. We welcome all to share in the fun! We would LOVE to welcome back former daycare families and staff members who have been a part of this amazing journey along the way.

OPENING SCHOOL SERVICE:

We will begin our new school year under the theme “Seek First the Kingdom of God” this Tuesday, August 15, with an opening service in church at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY:

We will begin our new year of Christian Education through our Sunday School next Sunday, August 20. Rally Day activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the new gym. Weather permitting, activities will follow outside. Snacks/rinks provided!

SECRET ANGELS:

Secret Angels serve our 8th grade students (day school and public school confirmation) by praying for their students and encouraging them in their studies with regular notes and small gifts and occasional (e.g. birthday, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day) larger gifts. You will be given a Secret Angel Information Form that the students will complete once school has begun so you will know their interests and likes. Please contact Pastor Nebel if you are willing to serve in this way. Also, do not contact your student until after Pastor has given you your information form. Secret Angels will be revealed to their students at the Rite of Confirmation (scheduled for April 7).

SENIOR YOUTH will meet August 20 with a new member welcome event.

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.

NEW JUNIOR YOUTH COUNSELOR:

“My name is Erin Kuehn and I am the new junior youth group (Grades 4-8) leader! I would love to hear your ideas for suggested events for the year! Our August Event is Waterpark on Sunday August 27th. We will Leave from the school parking lot at noon. I plan on taking the Modoc Ferry across the river. The waterpark is open until 6 p.m. We can decide if we stay until 4 p.m. and take the ferry back (they close at 4:30 p.m.) or stay later and take the longer way home through Chester. Eat lunch before you come. I will have snacks for after swimming. There is also a concession stand if you would want to send money for that. River Rapids Waterpark is in St Genevieve, Missouri at 1301 Progress Pkwy. The cost is ages 3-12 is \$11, ages 13-61 is \$12, and age 62 plus is \$11. I'm checking into a group rate but we would have to have at least 20 people if they allow the group rate on a weekend. If you are

interested, please let me know by 8/14!! You can rsvp via facebook or text 618-581-5928. If anyone has a better communication preference let me know, I'm open to suggestions. Once I know a total number then I can work on getting discounted tickets. I also need to know if you want to come as a driver or you will just send your child. Thank you!!!”

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!

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

What increases blood pressure includes salt, caffeine, alcohol & processed foods.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Contrary to the logic of abortion and assisted suicide, human worth doesn't come from age, appearance, or ability. God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling makes every life precious. No one else's labor or lack thereof can improve or impair it. We declare and demonstrate a righteousness based on this faith and not based instead on works of the law (Romans 10:5-6). *The Summer edition of LifeDate is available in the entryway for you to take.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

8/13- Loretta Bievenue, Payton Burmester, Oliver Brown, Chase Henry; 8/14- Sandra Ehlers, Gary Schleifer, Bryant Burgdorf, Pam Henry, Jacob Koen, Colby Voss; 8/15- Nancy Langrehr, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessica Mueth, Colton Hick, Sophia Voss; 8/16- Joyce Lopez, Dion Chandler, Ty Voss; Ken Lohman, Rex Roehrkasse, Scott Liefer, Angela Junge, Cody Hess, Sophia Uffelmann; 8/18- Leonard Koester, Randy Miller, Darren Liefer, Carter Maloney; 8/19- Brian Guebert, Lanie Pensoneau, Tobias LaChance. *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 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).

LCMS FOUNDATION:

All assets within your estate are God's gifts which you will be gifting to family and ministry when the Lord calls you home. It is good to learn how to pray for those who will be receiving these gifts. Often, God's people make decisions about estate gifts to ministry without deep consideration. Who are the people who will be touched by the Gospel because of these gifts? Imagine those ministry moments. Pray for them. Ask the Lord to grow His Kingdom. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you articulate these purposes. Contact Scott Radden by email at Scott.Radden@LFND.org or call his cell phone at 618-977-4049.

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ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc, or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. Listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite pod cast provider.

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

Rejoice with us as we welcome Emmanuel, Percy as a member of our Association. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Thank you for attending the installation of our new faculty and opening worship for our school year last Sunday. It was a blessing to worship with a large number of our families and friends.

Annual Dinner Auction: We are 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 or call the school office.

School Office Hours are Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – 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: Kristin Sachtleben 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

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Lector (*Sunday*): Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Colt Hess; (*8 a.m.*) Carson Moll; (*10:30 a.m.*) Lilly Meyer

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