

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *St. John's Lutheran Church***Red Bud, Illinois *Divine Service Four*, pages 203ff. August 26-27, 2023**PRELUDE:** "Immortal, Invisible" *arranged by Stephen P. Johnson***THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.**OPENING HYMN: 802 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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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: Psalms 115:18; 2:6-7; 117**



**But we will | bless the LORD**

**from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!**

**As for me, I have | set My King**

**on Zion, My | ho-ly hill.**

**I will tell of | the de-cree:**

**The LORD / said to me,**

**“You / are My Son;**

**today I have be- | got-ten you.”**

**Praise the LORD, all | na-tions!**

**Extol Him, all | peo-ples!**

**For great is His steadfast | love toward us,**

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!**

**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.**

**But we will | bless the LORD**

**from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!**

**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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the LORD comforts Zion; He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

**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 11:33-12:8**

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! “For who has known*

*the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?” For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. 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 16:13-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you

loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

(*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.**  
(*please be seated*)

(*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*)

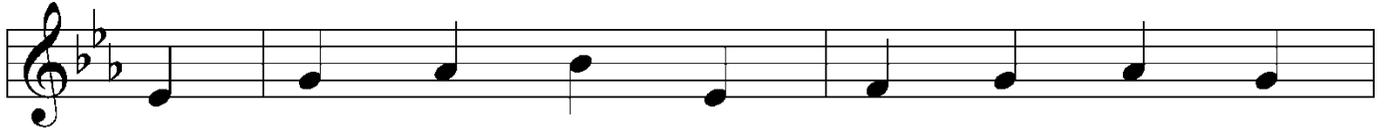
(*5 p.m. & 8 a.m.*) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: 712 “Seek Ye First”**

**Seek ye first the king-dom of God, And His righ-teous-ness.  
And all these things shall be add-ed un-to you! Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!**

Ask and it shall be giv-en un-to you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be o-pened un-to you, Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Man does not live on bread a-lone, But by ev-'ry word  
That pro-ceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 765 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"**



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But  
3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -  
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a  
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.  
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.

5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head.

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**SERMON:** "The Depth of God's Mysterious Ways" Romans 11:33-36

**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, Ruth Hecht, Pat Malik, Rev. Russell Koen, 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

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+birth of a daughter to Sarah Roy and Alex Rohrbach on August 19

+those suffering from the wildfires on the island of Maui in Hawaii

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, grant that the Office of the Keys may be honored among us, in order that we may confess our sin and be absolved in the name of Christ. As You have so graciously forgiven us, grant that we may extend this grace by forgiving others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. We join with Sarah, Alex and their families in thanking You for the safe delivery and birth of their daughter Haliegh Ann early and under difficult circumstances. We pray that You will bless her young life and little body with strength and growth. We trust that Your Holy Spirit will guide these new parents in

raising their daughter to know Your Son, Jesus, as the Lord of her life and her Savior from sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You. We pray for Your safety and protection for all who serve for our safety and protection in Your name, our armed forces members, law enforcement officers, emergency responders healthcare personnel and firefighters. Especially are we grateful for those who put in long and extra hours to restore power to our town on Friday evening. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, especially those now suffering from wildfires on the island of Maui in Hawaii, that our generosity will help comfort them in their grief, restore their losses and return them to a safe life. We pray for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged, for the grieving and for those near death. *Especially do we ask for Your steadfast love to be shown to Darlene, Ruth, Pat, Pastor Koen, Marcy, Nick, Zac, Ryan, Sarah, Ashlynn, Loxton, Ava, Gary, Roger, Kathy, Gary, Leila, Caleb, Karen, and all those we name in our hearts.* Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(10:30 a.m.)* O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, that this food may keep us holy and blameless in Christ now and when He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY:** *(LSB 786)*

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
Use them Your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill.  
To-kens of love and pledg-es they shall be  
That our whole life is of-fered to Your will.**

**Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;  
Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;  
Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows;  
To You with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.**

*The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue here.*

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. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: 537 "Beautiful Savior"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

(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

P ...The 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*)

#### 628 "Your Table I Approach"



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light. Public domain

#### 645 "Built on the Rock"



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



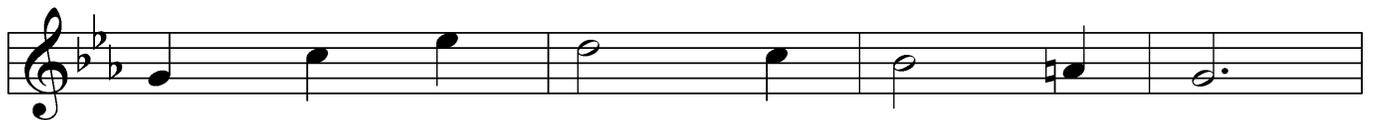
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



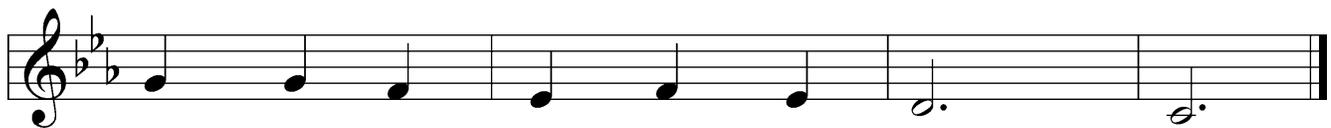
ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



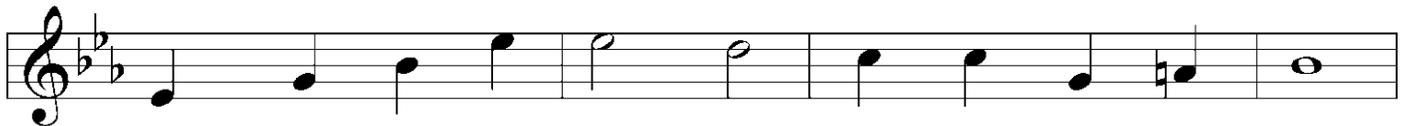
Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
 Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
 "I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

### 662 "Onward Christian Soldiers"



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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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

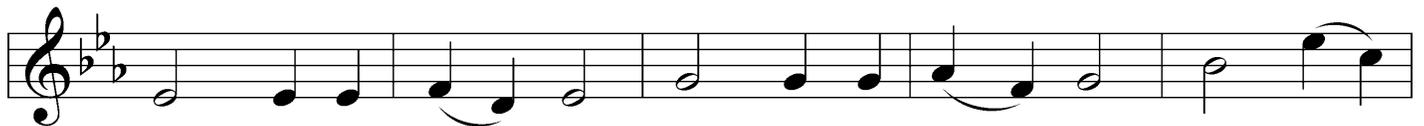
Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage 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.**

**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. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: 537 “Beautiful Savior”



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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**THE POSTLUDE: "Built on the Rock"**

*arranged by Edward Broughton*

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***This Week With Our Lord, August 27-September 3, 2023***

**SUNDAY, August 27-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Noon Junior Youth to River Rapids Waterpark in Ste. Genevieve

**Monday, August 28-**

3:15 p.m. School faculty meeting

4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball away at Smithton

**Tuesday, August 29-**

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

4:30 p.m. Baseball and Softball away at Evansville

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

**Wednesday, August 30- *Cross Country meet at Chester***

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel service at church with Mr. Becker

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

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

3:30 p.m. Public School Junior Confirmation at school

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

**Thursday, August 31-**

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

6:00 p.m. Handbell polishing in the church balcony

**Friday, September 1- *No School; LESA Development Day***

**Saturday, September 2-**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Acolyte- Addy Schloemann

**SUNDAY, September 3-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Jacob Liefer

9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Carson Bowles

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 351; Communion: 155; Adult/Youth: 27; Sunday School: 50

*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. 8/20- General: \$11,268; School: \$165. *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)*

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!

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of St. John's member Floyd Wolter, whose Christian funeral we observed here on Tuesday. Thank you and our Christian sympathy to his family!

+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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Raising the Praise"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes says that every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3). 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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Romans 12:1 – "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." That's the order: God's mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God's mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God's service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church, and society.

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 summer's synodical convention.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The October-December issue of *Portals of Prayer*, our church body's daily devotional booklet, is available in the racks by the church's front door. Sonshine Visitation members can take ones from the people whom they visit.

**GOD’S GIFT OF LIFE:**

God has blessed Sarah Roy and Alex Rohrbach with the birth of their daughter, Haleigh Ann, on August 19 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

**MUM SALE FUNDRAISER:**

The Class of 2024 is selling mums for \$9 in bronze, red, purple, and yellow colors. Orders can be placed through any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and are due by Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> for Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> pick-up (2:30-7 p.m. in the school parking lot). Thank you!

**JUNIOR YOUTH (Grades 4-8) ACTIVITY:**

“Our August Event is Waterpark this Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from the school parking lot at noon and drive through Chester. The waterpark is open until 6 p.m. 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 group rate cost is ages 3-12 is \$10, and \$11 for those older. 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. I need to know if you want to come as a driver or you will just send your child. Thank you!!!” *Erin Kuehn*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday’s class on the Old Testament minor prophet Joel meets at 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, September 2 at 7 a.m. to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

**SECRET ANGELS:**

Secret Angels serve our 8<sup>th</sup> 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).

**ROOM PARENT NEEDED:**

Our PTL seeks room parent volunteers for 1st, 4th, & 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Responsibilities may include coordinating the class dinner auction project, collecting money for teacher appreciation gifts, assisting with holiday parties, and supporting the teacher in other tasks as needed. A majority of the efforts are done outside of school, so this volunteer opportunity is likely to fit into a variety of schedules. Please reach out to the school office, Lara Voss or

Chrystal Kiefer if you can support your child's class, teacher, and school in this way. Thank you!

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS MEETINGS:

Mark your calendars!! September 18 will be the night for 8th grade trip class meetings. 8th grade starts off at 6 p.m.; 7th grade is at 6:30 p.m.; 6th grade is at 7:00 p.m. and 5th grade is at 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the school cafeteria. Upcoming fundraising, trip plans, and other important items are on the agenda.

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Our annual golf tournament will be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at North County Country Club. As in the past the tournament will be a four-person scramble with a 9 a.m. start. If you are interested in playing, registration forms are available in the school office. The registration deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will benefit our school athletic department. If you have any questions, please contact Quent Stenzel at 618-282-4661.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Calling all students, youth, and adults who sing and/or play an instrument! I am looking for anyone who is interested in using your gifts of music to enhance our weekend worship services by providing pre-service music before the worship services begin. I welcome everyone, from beginner to advanced! If you would like to play/sing in a different part of the service, that can be arranged also. If you are interested, please let me know! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

8/27- Bob Carnahan, Ronnie Schleifer, Kelsie McDaniel, Ezra Stines; 8/28- Darlene Lohman, Ray Kaaz, Steve Hanebutt, Kourtney Meier, Austin Stellhorn, Aubrey Valleroy; 8/30- Wayne Donjon, Tracey Vallett; 8/31- James Schneider, Mitchell Fleming, Brady Hemmer; 9/1- Cheryl Walker, Chad Voss, Alex Quinn, Macie Brown, Ellie Stellhorn; 9/2- Kim Herriman, Nancy Horrell, Tammy Kueker, Doreen Schnepel, Kara Wagner, Macey Liefer, Carson Moll, Keegan Hudson, Amelia Cheek. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

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 CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

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

**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).

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

Confessing the Christ means advocating the sanctity of every human life. If Jesus is indeed the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16), then He also serves as Lord of life-and-death situations and decisions. May He whose Word has plundered us out of hell's gates grant our testimony to extend this same courage and compassion to everyone considering abortion or physician-assisted suicide.

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

**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. Aiming gifts at people or ministries with whom the Lord has engaged you regularly in life is the opportunity to make this gifting personal. If there has been a specific ministry for which you have volunteered, make a gift. If there is a specific family member who has special needs, make a gift. Then remember to pray for these specific things, thanking God for your involvement with them. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you articulate these purposes. Contact Scott Radden by email at [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org) or call his cell phone at 618-977-4049.

**FROM LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES:** Hawaii Wildfires

This is the deadliest United States wildfire in more than 100 years, as authorities work to identify the victims and sift through the burned communities of western Maui. 3,000+ homes, businesses, schools, government, and cultural centers are destroyed. An estimated 12,000 people are displaced, with people sleeping in shelters, vehicles, stores, on the street, or with family and friends. With businesses destroyed, there is a massive loss of jobs. The devastation is catastrophic, and there is a tremendous need for spiritual, emotional, and trauma care for everyone impacted and the first responders who are heroically dealing with the remaining wildfires, conducting search and rescue operations, and recovering lives lost. The greatest need is for financial donations to help the people of Maui. They do not have the ability to take in any more donations of items. If you are so moved by this disaster, please donate generously so that we can help survivors with this unfathomable loss.

**FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS:**

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior in Freeburg is beginning its fall session of private lessons and group classes on September 1. Private lessons on a wide variety of instruments along with piano, organ, and voice are offered. Group classes for Music Theory

and Music History are a new addition this year. Mini Music Makers, a popular class, provides a group music experience for preschoolers and their caregivers. A second Mini Music Makers class is geared for children up to 8 years of age. For more information call Hannah at 618-353-3322 or go to [theacademyofmusic.org](http://theacademyofmusic.org).

**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 Leviticus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Acts 22-26 and a special Free Text Friday on Baptism on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study Church Ceremonies and Governance on Concord Matters (9/2 at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**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, 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.

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

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!

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit *COS*, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application.

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

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Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz  
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 Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy  
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 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: 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, Emma Wuertz

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak  
 Lectors (8 a.m.): Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Landon Ruebusch; (8 a.m.) Brooke Wolter; (10:30 a.m.) Norah Wagner  
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold; (10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzel  
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
 Flower Servers: Pam Miller and Kortney Moll Paraments: Virginia Moeller