

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost St. John's Lutheran Church Red Bud, Illinois
 September 16-17, 2023 *Divine Service Four*, pages 203ff. 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.

PRELUDE: (*Saturday*) "Thy Holy Wings" *Bell Choir*
 (*Sunday*) "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" *arr. by K.T. Kosche*
THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

**Where char-i-ty and love pre-vail There God is ev-er found;
 Brought here to-geth-er by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.**

**With grate-ful joy and ho-ly fear His char-i-ty we learn;
 Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in re-turn.**

**For-give we now each oth-er's faults As we our faults con-fess,
 And let us love each oth-er well In Chris-tian ho-li-ness.**

**Let strife a-mong us be un-known; Let all con-ten-tion cease;
 Be God's the glo-ry that we seek; Be ours His ho-ly peace.**

**Let us re-call that in our midst Dwells Christ, His on-ly Son;
 As mem-bers of His bo-dy joined We are in Him made one.**

**For love ex-cludes no race or clan That names the Sav-ior's name;
 His fam-i-ly em-brac-es all Whose Fa-ther is the same.**

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.

ANTHEM: (*Saturday*) “Etude No. 1: Ring Out Your Praise”
 (*Sunday*) “May Love Be Ours, O Lord”

Bell Choir
Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your

brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.”

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

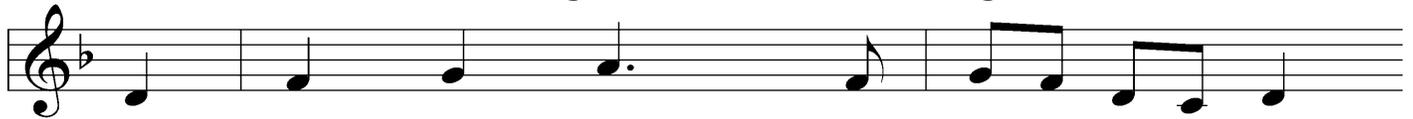
OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed *(page 206)*

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)*

HYMN OF THE DAY: 843 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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SERMON: “The Best Way to Get Even Is.....to Forgive” Genesis 50:15-21

(8 a.m.) The Rite of Confirmation pages 272ff.

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, Zac Carnahan, Ryan Valleroy, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Gary Hayes, Caleb Caesar, Karen Stark, Isaac Luebkekmann. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase 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.

+those who mourn: the family of Barb Ladwig who died in the Lord Tuesday

+those suffering: Maui, southeast USA, Morrocco, Libya, northeast USA

OFFERTORY: (*LSB 782*)

Gra-cious God, You send great bless-ings New each morn-ing all our days.

For Your mer-cies nev-er end-ing, For Your love we of-fer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un-num-bered claim,

Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings may bring glo-ry to Your name.

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 receive 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*)

(Saturday) **Anthem:** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" *Bell Choir*
631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;

The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love. Public domain

697 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death"

**A-wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, And Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, its length and breadth, Its full-ness, depth, and height.**

**To us on earth He came to bring From sin and fear re-lease,
To give the Spir-it's u-ni-ty, The ver-y bond of peace.**

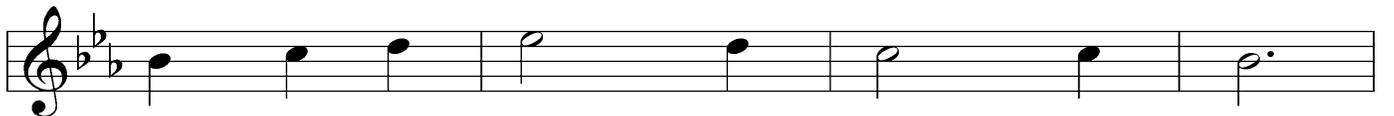
**Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that He might save;
With kind and gen-tle hearts for-give As God in Christ for-gave.**

**For us Christ lived, for us He died, And con-quer-ed in the strife;
A-wake, a-rise, go forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.**

844 "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.



And in each per - son may I see
 My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
 Make me to see the wrong I do
 Should I my - self the vic - tim be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
 Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
 Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.

5 With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
 That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

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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: 922 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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THE POSTLUDE: “A Little Fugue”*by David Schelat*

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This Week With Our Lord, September 17-24, 2023

SUNDAY, September 17-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

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

Monday, September 18-

6:00, 6:30, 7:00, & 7:30 p.m. Class meetings in the school cafeteria

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

Tuesday, September 19-

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

6:30 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 20-7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Conf. classes

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

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

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

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (2nd Chronicles)Thursday, September 21-

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

4:15 p.m. Softball at home

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, September 22- *Grandparents' Day at school*

11:20 a.m. Early dismissal from school

Saturday, September 23-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Liam Kilpatrick

SUNDAY, September 24-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Addy Schloemann

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Tessa Stenzel

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

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 from this summer's synodical convention. Mr. Palm's class on Bible Survey meets in the school library.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise"

Lutheran Hour Speaker [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) says that people praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem? (Psalm 103) 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: 338; Communion: 78; Adult/Youth Classes: 41 Sunday School: 49

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. 9/10- General: \$9,998.19; School: \$895; Automatic Giving: \$5,410. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9:7)*

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION:

In the 8 a.m. service we receive our Adult Instruction students Morgan Buch, Deborah Lewis, Lindsey Schumacher and Cathleen Uffelmann into our family of faith through the Rite of Confirmation. Please welcome them into our fellowship!

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Barbara (Schrader) Ladwig who died in the Lord on Tuesday. She will receive her Christian burial here at St. John's on Saturday the 23rd with visitation from 9 a.m. to noon followed by a noon funeral service and committal in our cemetery. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

CHOIR:

Choir has begun meeting on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the school music room! We will sing mostly at the early Sunday services but on Sunday, October 1st we will sing in the late service instead. Some special services we will sing at this year include Reformation (October 29th), Thanksgiving Day (9 a.m. November 23rd), and Christmas Day (9 a.m. service). Any new and returning members are welcome and appreciated!! We especially need more men!!

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. but this week they will be at the Lions Park Pavilion for a class picnic. They will begin a new study in early October using the book, "Unshakeable" by Donna Snow. It is available through CPH for about \$14. Call Janel at 618/977-1175 for more information. Wednesday's class on 2nd 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 23 at 7 a.m. to study "Proverbs: God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

8TH GRADE CLASS MEETINGS:

This Monday, September 18, is the evening for our 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.

EPISTLES:

The September edition of our congregation's monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to all those for whom Pastor has an address.

ROOM PARENT NEEDED:

Our PTL seeks room parent volunteers for the 7th grade. 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. Most work is done outside of school, so this volunteer opportunity will fit any schedule. Contact our school office, Lara Voss or Chrystal Kiefer if you can support this class, teacher, and school in this way. Thank you!

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).

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs in Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Waterloo Oak Hill: Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County Nursing Home: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht

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, Barb Korves, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Surprise pregnancy often comes with complications. Terminal diagnosis can involve suffering. Our God raised Jesus from the dead. He makes it His way to bring blessings out of burdens (Genesis 50:19-20). Are we in the place of God, to let abortion or assisted suicide judge (Romans 14:4) someone else's life as being hopeless? *The new Fall edition of LifeDate is in the entryway for you to take.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

9/17-Peggy Hanebutt, Lori Moses, Allison Tribo, Emme Deterding; 9/18- Barbara Homer, Danielle Shannon, Clint Schaefer; 9/19- Dale Burmester, Nicole Bumann, Shamus Korves; 9/20- Phyllis Notter, Jessica Jackson, Adam Maes; 9/21- Dean Wiley, Steve Papenberg, Cody Liefer, Paige Moses; 9/22- Dorothy Heizer, Kristine Baldwin, Jonathan Koen, Daniel Stapleton; 9/23- Rodney Koester, Benjamin Guebert, Shane Hewitt. *Please call our office with corrections! Page 5*

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.

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*

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, begin the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), study The Cause of Sin in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/23 at 10:00 a.m.), and study Leviticus 18-22 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Research suggests that fiber may protect the brain from dementia. Researchers monitored 3,700 healthy adults ages 40 to 64 for two decades to see which ones developed dementia.

The study revealed that people who consumed the most daily fiber had the lowest rates of dementia. The reverse was also true—those who ate the least amount of fiber had the highest rates.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 170th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:

Sunday, September 24, 10 a.m. worship with Rev. Timothy Scharr as guest preacher; 11:30 a.m. Q&A with Seminarian Caleb Wehling; 12:30 p.m. Catered meal served. Email at holycros@htc.net; call 618/458-6680.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in the grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment. Ministries start. Sometimes they complete their mission and cease to exist. You know in your heart that the Lord wants you to support ministry through your estate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you see how to build flexibility to address the future which you can't see today. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

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.

LIFE NETWORK TRIVIA NIGHT:

Life Network of Southern Illinois will hold a Trivia Night on Saturday, September 30 at Waterloo High School Cafeteria. Doors open at 5 p.m. Trivia starts at 6 p.m. Maximum of 10 per table, \$150. Bring food/non-alcoholic drinks. Soda/water will be sold. Call 618/939-4224 to reserve.

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 to be held on Saturday, November 4. If you would like to help with the planning or make a donation, please contact the school. Reservations are \$35 and are due by October 16.

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

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

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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, Emma Wuertz

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Lector (10:30 a.m.): DCE Bill Becker
Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Ella Cowell; (8 a.m.) Brooke Wolter; (10:30 a.m.) Molly Kuehn
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (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: Cindy Ebers and Lisa Quinn Paraments: Carol Turner