

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost St. John's Lutheran Church Red Bud, Illinois
 September 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" *arranged by Valerie Floeter*

THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.

OPENING SONG: 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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: *(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, 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 143

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! **I have fled to You for refuge!**

O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! **Answer me, in Your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with Your servant, **for no one living is righteous before You.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! **I have fled to You for refuge!**

SONG OF PRAISE: “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

**Perfect submission—Christ on the cross, For my salvation He suffered loss,
Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His
own. (refrain)**

**Knowing forgiveness, now I’m at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, trusting His love.
(refrain)**

**Vic-t’ry o’er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I’m saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise, be to God alone! (refrain)**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray. C: O God,
our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of
Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in
faith we may obtain; through 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:**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) **“Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord”**

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Text: Public domain

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.**

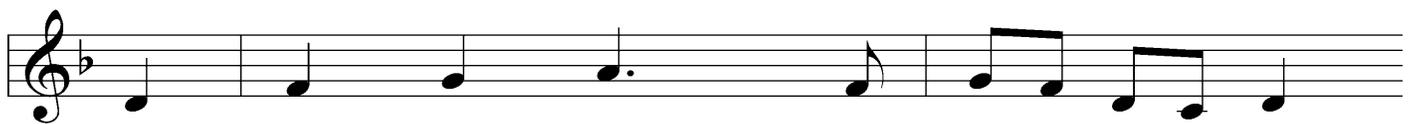
OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*inside back cover of hymnal*) **Apostles’ Creed****I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.****And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,****who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,****suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, 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) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: “Jesus in the Morning”**

**Je-sus, Je-sus, Je-sus in the morn-ing, Je-sus at the noon-time,
Je-sus, Je-sus, Je-sus when the sun goes down.**

**Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morn-ing, Love Him at the noon-time,
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.**

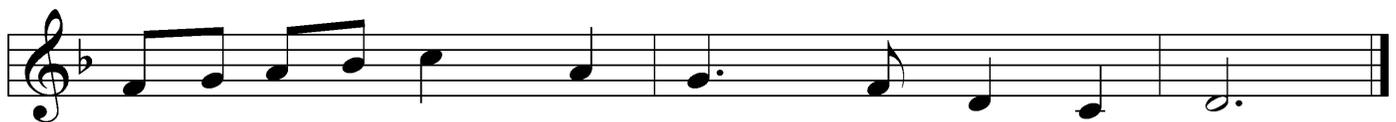
**Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morn-ing, Serve Him at the noon-time,
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down. Public Domain**

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

1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”
2 How can Your pa - 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**SONG OF RESPONSE: 706 “Love In Christ Is Strong and Living”**

1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ’s hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
 mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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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.**

**Heaven-ly Fa-ther, may our car-ing Bear the im-print of Your grace;
With the Son and Ho-ly Spir-it, Praise be Yours in ev-'ry place!
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. A-men.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER and CLOSING PRAYER:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray, **Our Father who art in**

P: 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; **C: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

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.**

(please be seated) **CLOSING SONG: 543 "What Wondrous Love Is This"**



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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THE POSTLUDE: "March"

by Michael Larkin

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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 KFUE 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 KFUE 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 holycross@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 Altenberg. 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
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 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 DCE Bill Becker
 Instrumentalists: Lindsey Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Jonathan Hudak
 Acolyte: Molly Kuehn Greeters: Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers and Lisa Quinn Paraments: Carol Turner