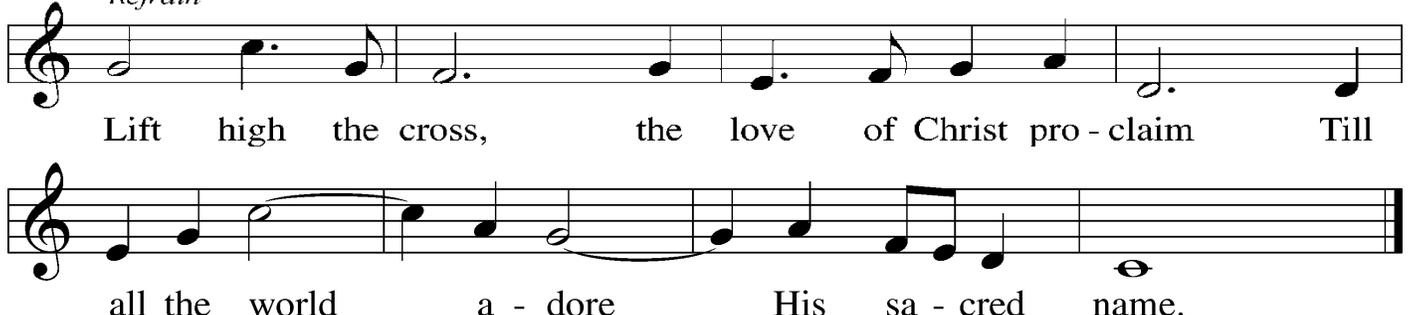
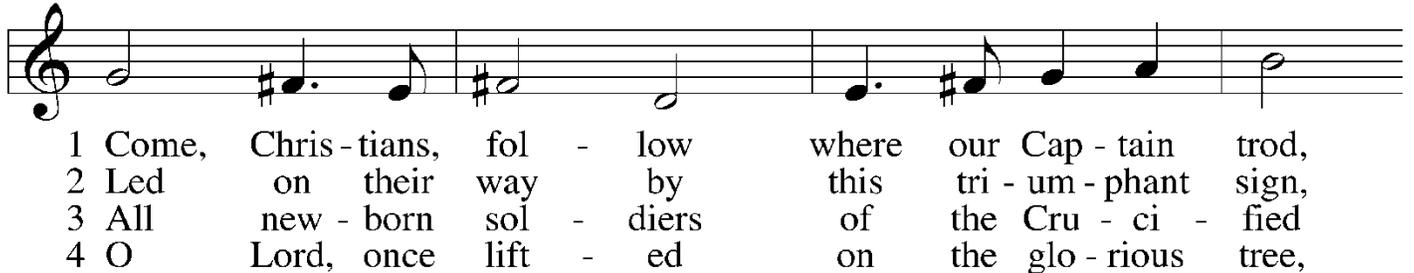


**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *St. John's Lutheran Church***Red Bud, Illinois *Divine Service Four*, pages 203ff. September 2-3, 2023**PRELUDE: "Lift High the Cross" arranged by John Eggert****THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 837 "Lift High the Cross"**

*Refrain*

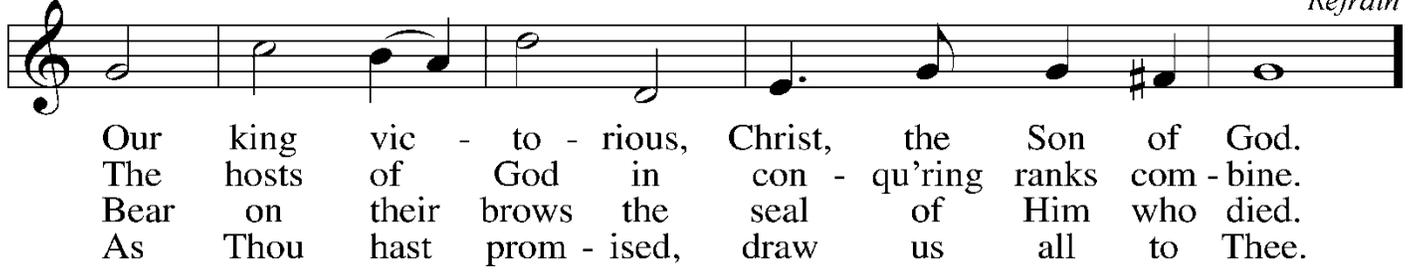


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death  
and hell. *Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
*Refrain*

**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



**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, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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:**

**Jeremiah 15:15-21**

O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore, thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before Me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

**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 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be haughty but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you,

there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

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.*) **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*)

(*10:30 a.m.*) **Apostles' Creed** (*page 206*)

**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.**

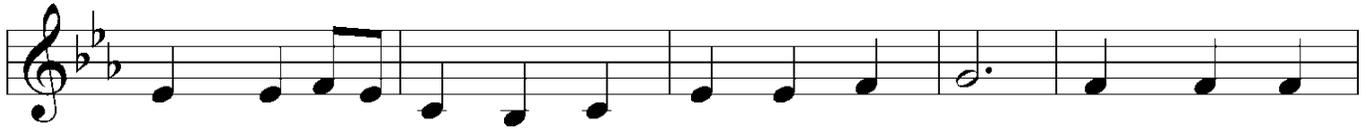
**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.*) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: 861 "Christ Be My Leader"**



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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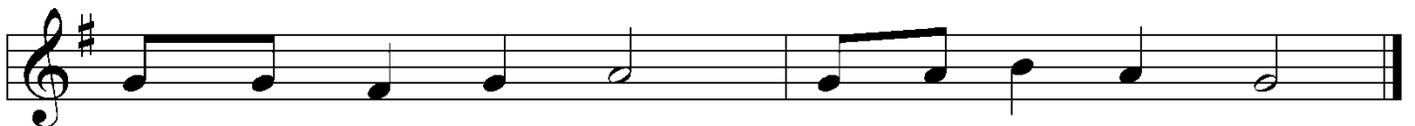
## HYMN OF THE DAY: 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the  
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
 fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
 come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
 For through man - ya woe To our home we go.  
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

**SERMON:** “Follow Our Leader: Killed, Raised and Coming in His Kingdom”  
Matthew 16:21-28

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*please stand if you are able*)

(*Each petition ends, “Lord, in Your mercy,” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”*)

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+those suffering from and assisting with the recovery from Hurricane Idalia

+those who mourn; family of Sharron Burgdorf, wife of Ken Burgdorf

**OFFERTORY:** (*LSB 708*)

**Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne’er from me de-part,**

**In this long life of la-bor. Lord, grant that I in ev-‘ry place**

**May glo-ri-fy Thy lav-ish grace And help and serve my neigh-bor.**

**And should my heart for sor-row break, My trust in Thee can noth-ing shake.**

**Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my cross and fol-low Thee.**

**Lord Je-sus Christ, my prayer at-tend, my pray-er at-tend,**

**And I will praise Thee with-out end.**

*The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer and a Closing Prayer.*

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

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

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

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

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

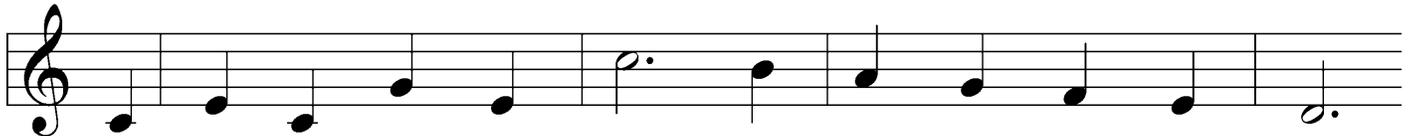
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P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 921 “On What Has Now Been Sown”**



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

**THE POSTLUDE: “On What Has Now Been Sown”** *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

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WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

(5 p.m. & 8 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**

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*)

**760 “What God Ordains Is Always Good”**

**What God or-dains is al-ways good: His will is just and ho-ly.  
As He di-rects my life for me, I fol-low meek and low-ly.  
My God in-deed In ev-‘ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
To Him, then, I will yield me.**

**What God or-dains is al-ways good: He nev-er will de-ceive me;  
He leads me in His righ-teous way, And nev-er will He leave me.  
I take con-tent What He has sent; His hand that sends me sadness  
Will turn my tears to glad-ness.**

**What God or-dains is al-ways good: His lov-ing thought at-tends me;  
No poi-son can be in the cup That my phy-si-cian sends me.  
My God is true; Each morn-ing new I trust His grace un-end-ing,  
My life to Him com-mend-ing.**

**What God or-dains is al-ways good: He is my friend and Fa-ther;  
He suf-fers naught to do me harm Though man-y storms may gath-er.**

Now I may know Both joy and woe; Some-day I shall see clear-ly  
That He has loved me dear-ly.

What God or-dains is al-ways good: Though I the cup am drink-ing  
Which sa-vors now of bit-ter-ness, I take it with-out shrink-ing.  
For af-ter grief God gives re-lief, My heart with com-fort fill-ing  
And all my sor-row still-ing.

What God or-dains is al-ways good: This truth re-mains un-shak-en.  
Though sor-row, need, or death be mine, I shall not be for-sak-en.  
I fear no harm, For with His arm He shall em-brace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

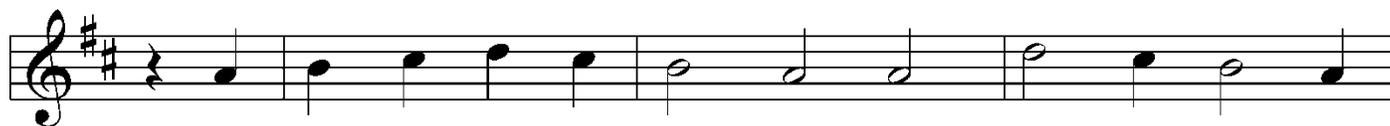
### 688 “Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
soul’s sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”

- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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**540 "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"** (*stand for last stanza, "A-men"*)



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

*(please stand for the last stanza if you are able, sing "A-men")*

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally. A-men.

(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

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**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: 921 “On What Has Now Been Sown”



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

### THE POSTLUDE: “On What Has Now Been Sown” *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

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### *This Week With Our Lord, September 3-10, 2023*

#### SUNDAY, September 3-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, September 4- *Labor Day! No School; Office Closed*

#### Tuesday, September 5-

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Steeleville

4:15 p.m. Baseball at St. Mary's; Softball at TSJ-Nashville

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

#### Wednesday, September 6-

7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Public School Conf. classes

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel Service at church

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
 4:15 p.m. Baseball (B) at PDR; Softball at RBAA vs. Chester  
 6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles)

Thursday, September 7-

7:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joel)  
 9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
 4:15 p.m. Baseball & Softball at home vs. Coulterville  
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, September 8- Cross Country at Lincoln Park

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service at church  
 1:00 p.m. Civil War Day at school

*Baseball at Trinity-Edwardsville tournament*

Saturday, September 9- Softball A tourney at Red Bud Catholic

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the FH (Proverbs)  
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Kade Liefer

SUNDAY, September 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Brian Liefer  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Clare Carnahan  
 Noon Senior Youth gathering in church basement hangout

ALL AGES BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Everyone is invited into the Fellowship Hall this Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. for an intergenerational Sunday School.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 309; Communion: 95; Adult/Youth: 45; Sunday School: 55

*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. 8/27- General: \$20,367; School: \$395. Automatic Giving: \$2,620. *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)*

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.

PASTOR & CINDY Nebel will be gone Sunday afternoon thru Monday night.

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.

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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don’t know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God’s kingdom.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Entryway"

Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that the Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence (Psalm 26:8). 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.

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.

JUNIOR YOUTH (Grades 4-8) ACTIVITY:

Eckert's Bonfire and Fun Farm, 2719 Eckert Orchard Lane, Millstadt

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 9 p.m.

Meet in the school parking lot at 5 p.m. If you would prefer to meet us there that is fine too! Admission is \$10 if you buy tickets online ahead of time. I will include the link if you want to do it on your own (choosing the date of 9/15) or if you want to give me the money, I can purchase the tickets online at <https://millstadt.eckerts.com/#/event-details/millstadt-farm-admission-tickets-2023>. We will be at bonfire site #6 – I will bring hot dogs, chips, and smore fixings. Included is a petting zoo, carnival rides, pig races, corn trail, wagon train, and haunted hayride. *Erin Kuehn*

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. 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 9 at 7 a.m. to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

ROOM PARENT NEEDED:

Our PTL seeks room parent volunteers for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 this 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.

CHOIR:

Choir will begin again on Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

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).

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 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 Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

THANK YOU:

“Thank you for supporting Concordia Seminary’s Food Bank. We are truly blessed by your generosity. We pray that God will continue to bless the ministry He has entrusted to you. Everyone here is grateful to have God’s people praying for and supporting us every step of the way to be faithful shepherds in Christ’s Church!” *Graham and Hannah Jenkins; Matthew and Amy Goltl*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

9/3- Marilyn Oettle, Danny Moll, Savannah Cowell, Makennah Harless, Dallas Doeding; 9/4- John Wiatr, Jordyn Mulherin, Lena Heller; 9/5- Helen Winkelman, Mildred Liefer, Peggy Guebert, Kevin Guebert, Morgann Grohmann, Claudia Watters; 9/6- Betty Fausz; 9/7- Steven Tindall, Corey Ratcliff, Jack Crafton; 9/8- Janel Maes, Case Hess, Lillian Meyer, Hadlee Crafton; 9/9- Donna Wetzell, Gerald Hanebutt, Nicholas Guebert. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

**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!

**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.

**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, finish the book of Acts and begin 1<sup>st</sup> Peter on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), study Leviticus 7-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and hear the 3rd episode in our Leadership series with Rev. Jamison Hardy on The Coffee Hour (9/6 at 9 a.m.). Programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**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. Call 618/939-4224 to reserve.

**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).

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

Our bodies and lives are on loan from God. He creates us in His image, redeems us with His Son, and calls us by His name (Jeremiah 15:16) from fertilization to forever. He does not abandon us in our frailties and mistakes. Shall we not extend this Gospel also to neighbors facing surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis? *The new Fall edition of LifeDate is in the entryway for you to take.*

**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**

Cross Country will run in the Marissa meet at the Rec Area on Sept. 5 at 5:00 p.m.

COS Trap Team will participate in shoots at the WSRC in Sparta on Sept. 9 and 10.

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 (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

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Lector (*Sunday*): Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Maya Macbeth; (*8 a.m.*) Jacob Liefer; (*10:30 a.m.*) Carson Bowles Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Christine Kellerhouse and Lisa Quinn; (*10:30 a.m.*) Ron

and Donna Burgdorf

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers and Lisa Quinn Paraments: Carol Turner