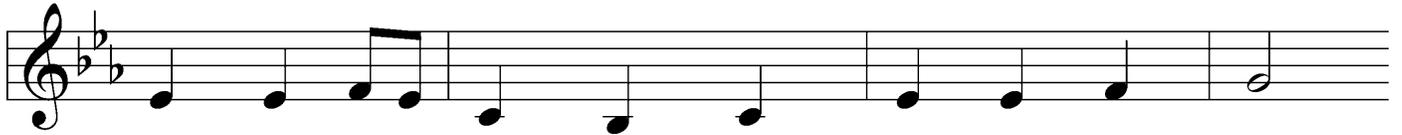


**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *St. John's Lutheran Church***September 23-24, 2023 *Divine Service Four*, pages 203ff. Red Bud, Illinois**PRELUDE: "Lord of All Hopefulness" *arr. by Benjamin M. Culli*****THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"**

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 203 (*please stand if you are able*)P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

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

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

### INTROIT: Psalm 116



**I will offer You the sacrifice of thanks- | giv-ing**

**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

**What shall I render | to the LORD**

**for all His bene- | fits to me?**

**I will lift up the cup of sal- | va-tion**

**and call on the name | of the LORD,**

**Precious in the sight | of the LORD**

**is the death | of His saints.**

**O LORD, I am Your | serv-ant;**

**You have | loosed my bonds.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

**and to the Holy | Spir-it;**

**as it was in the be- | gin-ning,**

**is now, and will be forever. | A-men.**

**I will offer You the sacrifice of thanks- | giv-ing**

**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

**KYRIE: (page 204) (sung)**

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

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: page 204**

**To God on high be glo-ry And peace to all the earth; Good-will from God in heav-en**

**Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father, Your ho-ly name**

**we sing—Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.**

**To You, O sole-be-got-ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Sav-ior,**

**You take our sins a-way. Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus; Re-ceive our heart-felt cry,**

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

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

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

**C:** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Isaiah 55:6–9**

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

**L:** 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:**

**Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30**

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

<sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I

cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: 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 20:1-16**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘*Call* the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the

scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

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

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** (*LSB 550*)

**I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side**

To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.  
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho-ly Lamb of God!  
 O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 827 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”**



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?  
 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;  
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,  
 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”  
 Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;  
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;  
 When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,  
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
 Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?  
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God’s Word so rich - ly yields.  
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.  
 Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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**SERMON:** “Jesus Calls Us to Full-Time Reward for Part-Time Work” Matthew 20:1-16

**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, Don Kueker, Ruth Hecht, Pat Malik, Rev. Russell Koen, Randy Miller, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Ryan Valleroy, Emily (Buatte) Martin, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:*

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+those who mourn: the family of Derek Stellhorn who died on Monday

+blessings on the harvest and safety in the fields

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COLLECT**

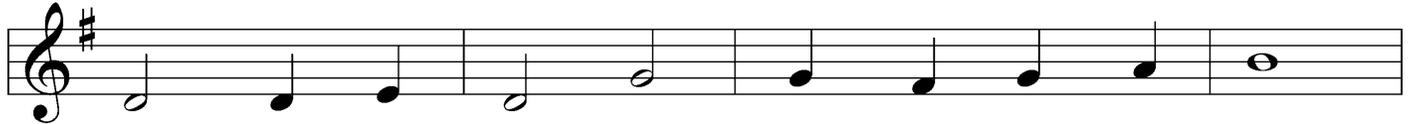
Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;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

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:** page 212

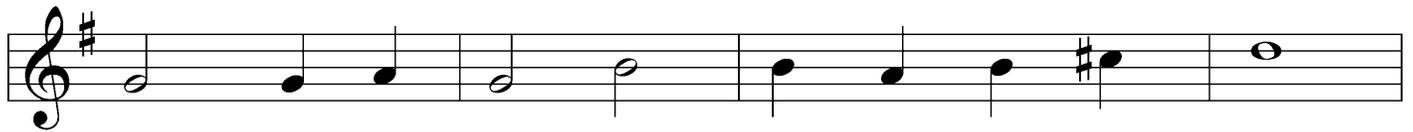
P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

*(please be seated)***CLOSING HYMN: 917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”**

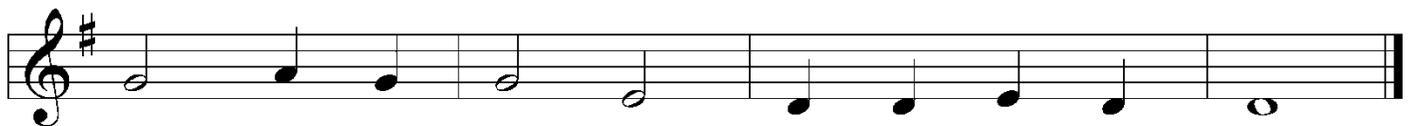
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

**THE POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Major”***by J.S. Bach*

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

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

### **Preface**

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

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

**Sanctus** (*sung*)

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

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

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

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of

His cross and 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*)

#### 821 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on -  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
 Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood." Public domain

**555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"** (*stand for the last stanza, "A-men"*)



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;  
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der  
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en  
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.  
 Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.  
 That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.  
 The task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,  
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.  
 He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
 Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,  
 Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.  
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,  
 For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;  
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.  
 Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,  
 And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;  
 But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.  
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,  
 No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;  
 And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.  
 For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply  
 The proof that faith is living.

*Please stand if you are able*

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessèd name we hallow. 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

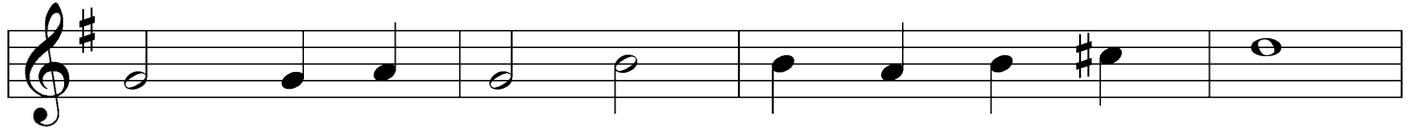
P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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: 917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”**



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

## THE POSTLUDE: "Fugue in G Major"

by J.S. Bach

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### *This Week With Our Lord, September 24-October 1, 2023*

SUNDAY, September 24-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Monday, Sept. 25- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Ed at Camp Wartburg

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 26- Cross Country at Waterloo

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

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Garden Place

Wednesday, September 27- Cross Country meet at Chester

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel service at church with Mr. Palm  
 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
 3:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Public School Confirmation classes  
 4:30 p.m. Acolyte training at church for Grades 6-8  
 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles)

Thursday, September 28-

7:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joel)  
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony  
 6:30 p.m. Crafting and Euchre at Lieferbrau

Friday, September 29-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service at church

Saturday, September 30-

5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, October 1-

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  
 11:00 a.m. to ??? Class of 2024 fundraising BBQ in the school parking lot

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 364; Communion: 197; Adult/Youth Classes: 47 Sunday School: 58

*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. 9/17- General: \$8,437.21; School: \$125. *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.

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.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John’s member Derek Stellhorn who died in the Lord on Monday. He received his Christian burial Saturday at Trinity in Prairie.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcomed Elsie Lorraine Eggemeyer into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in a family service on Saturday afternoon. She is the daughter of Samuel and Ashley (Kipp) Eggemeyer. Her baptismal sponsors are Ryan Kipp and Brittany Kumke. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “High Ground”

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that when the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? (Psalm 27). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

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*

ACOLYTE TRAINING:

Acolyte training is scheduled for this Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. We will meet at the church and have pizza and drinks in the Fellowship Hall. All St. John’s members in grades 6-8 are expected to attend. Students will sign up for the service time they attend with their families. The new Oct.-Dec acolyte schedule will come out next Thursday.

CRAFTING AND EUCHRE:

Joanna (Prigge) Ellner is having a crafting event on September 28 at Lieferbräu Brewery. This will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the party room across from the upstairs balcony steps. This is for those who already signed up for the event earlier this month. The guys wanting to play euchre can join me on the main level or outside weather permitting!

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

Abortion and euthanasia begrudge God’s generosity (Matthew 20:15) by regarding one life as less than another. Thank the Lord that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8), for none of

us deserves to survive! Yet He preserves and protects us still, just as much as our every neighbor. O Lord, make us bold to speak Your Word of Life without fear (Philippians 1:14)!  
*The new Fall edition of LifeDate is in the entryway for you to take.*

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP:**

Our class of 2024 has 12 spots for guests on their April 12-20, 2024 trip. They will visit Petersburg, Kentucky; Charlottesville, Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Mt. Vernon in Virginia; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and Somerset in Pennsylvania; and Dayton, Ohio. A \$500 deposit by Dec. 1 will hold your spot as a downpayment. Several meals, all entrance fees, and hotel costs are included. An estimated per guest cost sharing a double room is \$1,250. An estimated single guest room will be \$1,500. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please let Mr. Bill Becker know at your earliest convenience (618-282-2958).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

9/24- Gary Moeller, Kirk Liefer; 9/25- Christine Cox, Rachael Liefer, Lane Pollard; 9/26- Paul Mollet, Sondra Braun, Quinn Johson, Abigail Vallett, Easton Ruebusch; 9/27- Alice Duclos, Pam Stellhorn, Hannah Sievers, Addelyn Moll, June Russell; 9/28- Edward Luttman, Milton Weber, Carolyn Cooper, Eric Hartmann, Rebekah Liefer, Heidi Wetzel; 9/29- Dallin Liefer; 9/30- Karla Hernandez, Kory Liefer, Tripp Wagner. *Please call our office with corrections!*

**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.

**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; 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

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health* "Food For Your Mood"

Bananas help with the production of serotonin. This is a chemical needed for nerve cells and the brain to function. Oatmeal, eggs, chicken and peanuts can calm the brain and help both mood and sleep.

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*

ACTIVITIES IN OUR AREA:

+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.

+Holy Cross Lutheran in Renault 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service is this 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](mailto:holycros@htc.net); call 618/458-6680.

+Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo invites you to their annual Wurstmarkt & Country Store on Sunday, October 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with dine-in or carryout at \$15 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 & under. Enjoy pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, bread, and pie. The Country Store will have handmade quilts & pot holders, homemade food items, and much more! Fresh meat from Lehr's Meat Market in New Athens will be available to purchase on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9-12 and on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 11-2. To pre-order meat, please call 618-939-6480. Proceeds benefit Immanuel's Preschool and Stronghold Cambodia.

+Trinity Lutheran School in Prairie will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with dine-in at \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 4-12 and carry-outs for \$11. Sponsored by Thrivent Action Team.

+Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah will hold an Apologetics 101 conference on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how to defend the Christian faith from speakers Faith Spelbring, Rev. Joe Cox and Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton. The cost of \$10 will cover the lunch meal. Register at [Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org](mailto:Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org).

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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(weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Joshua 7-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) and dig into Good Works in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/30 at 10 a.m.). Find favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

#### ISSUES, ETC.:

LAW & GOSPEL SERIES... What does St. Paul mean when he writes about “rightly handling the word of truth?” Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville has an in-depth series with Rev. Will Weedon based on “The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel” by C.F.W. Walther. Listen to the entire series at [issuesetc.org/lawandgospel](http://issuesetc.org/lawandgospel).

#### 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.

#### 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. Worrying about change may serve as an obstacle, keeping you from putting an estate plan in place. Details of estate plans probably will over time. Yet the core values are something you can get in place today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden can help you think and pray about those decisions. Contact him at [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) or (618) 977-4049.

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

“Go Connect” is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme. Congratulations to Shannon Wallace for this theme. The “o” in connect is a picture of the earth. An illustration of the theme is on our website. The other winners in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme contest were Ann Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Brianna Brake, 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Volleyball will play at home vs. Christian Outreach on September 29 at 6:00 p.m.

COS Trap Shooting will participate in the shoot at WSRC at Sparta on Sept. 30.

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 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.

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

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

Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (10:30 a.m.): DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Liam Kilpatrick; (8 a.m.) Addy Schloemann; (10:30 a.m.) Tessa Stenzel

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele; (10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

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

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