

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church

September 30-October 1, 2023 *Divine Service Two, page 167ff. Red Bud, Illinois*

PRELUDE: (5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) "How Can I Thank You, Lord" *arr. by Carl Schalk*
(8 a.m.) "Enter With Joy!" *Bell Choir*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 703 "How Can I Thank You" *(please stand for the last stanza)*



1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.

(please stand if you are able)

5 O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here And there with You abide. A-men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection & examination on God's Word.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 147

The LORD lifts up the hum-ble;	He casts the wicked to the ground.
Praise the LORD! Sing praises to our God;	a song of praise is fit-ting.
The LORD builds up Je- ru-sa-lem;	He gathers the outcasts of Is-ra-el.
He heals the broken- heart-ed	and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;	He gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abun- dant in power;	
	His understanding is beyond mea-sure.
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.
The LORD lifts up the hum-ble;	He casts the wicked to the ground.

KYRIE: pages 168-169 (*we sing the responses*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: A-men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is the Feast” pages 171-72

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C: (sung) Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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)

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) “Holy, Holy, Holy

Bell Choir

(10:30 a.m.) “Jubilate, Sing to God!” (by Dave and Jean Perry)

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine: the soul who sins shall die.

Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is My way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he

considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are My ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a *new heart* and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.” L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

He will command His angels concerning you **to guard you in all your ways.**
Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

THE EPISTLE READING:

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 173 *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 21:23-27

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these

things, and who gave You this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

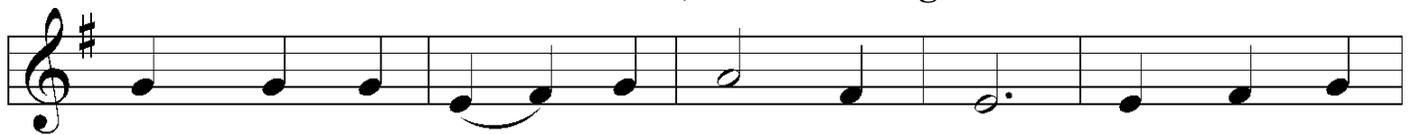
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Pledge*
In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

(*please be seated*) (10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** (“Ode to Joy”)

**As You lead, Lord, we will fol-low. May we nev-er go as-tray;
 Help us to be faith-ful ser-vants; Change our thought-less, sin-ful ways.
 Your love and mer-cy is our pow’r, Through Your Word and Spir-it shown.
 As You lead, Lord, we will fol-low As we make Your King-dom known.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 704 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow’r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

SERMON: “A Heart Transplant for Life” Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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

*(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, Randy Miller, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Ryan Valleroy, Emily (Buatte) Martin, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Gary Hayes, Caleb Caesar, Karen Stark, Isaac Luebkemann, Bob Grohmann. *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 Marvin Eckert, son-in-law of Alice DuClos

+thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Tyler and Megan (Miller) Henry

+blessings on the harvest and safety in the fields

+the mission ministry of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

OFFERTORY: (page 176)

**What shall I ren-der to the Lord, for all His ben-e-fits to me?
 I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,
 In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

(10:30 a.m.) 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.**

(please be seated) *Choral Benediction* "A Morning Prayer" (C.E. Wacker)

CLOSING HYMN: "Serve the Lord With Gladness"

(tune: LSB 662 "Onward Christian Soldiers")

**Serve the Lord with gladness! It is He alone
 Who re-deemed us sin-ners, Guides us as His own
 To en-joy the bless-ings Of His love and grace,
 Will at last in glo-ry Meet us face to face.
 Onward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
 Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness! He gave us command
 To proclaim His Gos-pel Now in ev'-ry land
 So that fel-low sin-ners May, like us, be blest,
 Lead-ing them to Je-sus, We can serve Him best.**

**Onward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Mas-ter, Work in His em-ploy.
As we build His king-dom An-gels, too, re-joice
Ov-er ev'-ry sin-ner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

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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. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

Preface (*spoken*)

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.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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*)

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our

Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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

Pastor: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (sung) A-men.**

Agnus Dei (sung)

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(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.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

(8 a.m.) **Anthem:** "Morning Meditation" *Bell Choir*

618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



1	I	come,	O	Sav -	ior,	to	Thy	ta -	ble,	For	weak	and
2	Thy	heart	is	filled	with	fer -	vent	yearn -	ing	That	sin -	ners
3	Un -	wor -	thy	though	I	am,	O	Sav -	ior,	Be -	cause	I
4	Wea -	ry	am	I	and	heav -	y	lad -	en;	With	sin	my
5	What	high -	er	gift	can	we	in -	her -	it?	It	is	faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

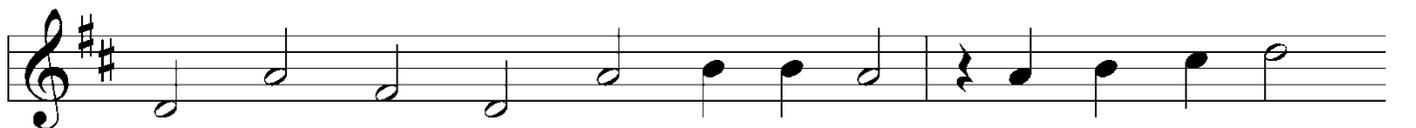
913 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Nunc Dimittis” page 182

(please stand if you are able)

(we sing) **Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev’ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDECTION: page 183

Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. **A-men**

CLOSING HYMN: “Serve the Lord With Gladness”

(tune: LSB 662 “Onward Christian Soldiers”)

**Serve the Lord with gladness! It is He alone
Who re-deemed us sin-ners, Guides us as His own
To en-joy the bless-ings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glo-ry Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

Serve the Lord with gladness! He gave us command

**To proclaim His Gos-pel Now in ev'-ry land
 So that fel-low sin-ners May, like us, be blest,
 Lead-ing them to Je-sus, We can serve Him best.
 Onward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
 Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy
 Than to serve the Mas-ter, Work in His em-ploy.
 As we build His king-dom An-gels, too, re-joice
 Ov-er ev'-ry sin-ner Brought to hear His voice.
 Onward, then, for Je-sus! Let this be our aim:
 Serve the Lord with glad-ness! Glor-i-fy His name.**

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This Week With Our Lord, October 1-8, 2023

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

Monday, October 2- *Pastors are at S. Illinois District Pastors' Conference*

Cross Country at Red Bud Athletic Association

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, October 3- *Pastors are at S. Illinois District Pastors' Conference*

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

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

Wednesday, October 4- *OVC Cross Country at Randolph County Lake*

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School confirmation 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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Chronicles)

Thursday, October 5- *Cougar Prowl Fun Run*

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Friday, October 6- *No School; District Teachers' Conference (Collinsville)*

Saturday, October 7-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Sutton Jones

SUNDAY, October 8-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Elle Sutton

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 gathers to assemble college care packages

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 316; Communion: 85; Adult/Youth Classes: 40 Sunday School: 44

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. 9/24- General: \$11,914.20; School: \$895. *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)*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...” Foolish Pharisees fear men more than they fear God. They miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. How foolish that is! Just think of all the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

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 synodical convention topic of “We Preach Christ Crucified.” Mr. Palm’s class on Bible Survey meets in the school library.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Way Through the Maze"

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy says that when life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out (Psalm 25:4-5). 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.

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Tyler and Megan (Miller) Henry with the gift of a daughter, Laney Twyla, born on Wednesday, September 20 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. She joins her older siblings, Whitley and Chase, at home. Thanks be to God for His gift in new life in the birth of a child!

CLASS OF 2024 FUNDRAISING BBQ THIS SUNDAY:

Our current 8th grade class is holding a BBQ and free-will bake sale in our school’s parking lot this Sunday from 11 a.m. to ????. The menu is pork steaks, brats, mac & cheese, potato salad and baked beans.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. They will begin a new study this week 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 Amos meets at 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, October 21 at 7 a.m. to study "Proverbs: God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

FAMILY OF FAITH FALL FELLOWSHIP:

Wednesday, October 11 will be St. John's annual Family of Faith Fall Fellowship from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. in the school's new gym. School students will sing, cheerleaders will perform and both boys' and girls' basketball teams will provide a preview of their seasons. In between will be presentations on next year's worship calendar, congregational spending plans and our school ministry. The 6th grade class will operate the concession stand that evening.

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:

Our October Event is a Pumpkin Carving Contest followed by a movie on the lawn on Saturday, October 14, 6 p.m., at St John's school pavilion. The pumpkin carving will start at 6 p.m. We'll light the pumpkins during the movie! The movie will begin around 7 p.m. or when it's dark enough to view. What to bring: pumpkin, carving kit, lawn chairs or blankets for movie, snacks, or drinks if you would like. I will supply popcorn and hot chocolate for the movie. Parents and siblings are welcome to stay as well! The movie will be PG or G. I'm thinking either Super Mario Bros or We Can Be Heros. Please RSVP (618/581-5928) by October 11 to give me an idea on how much popcorn, hot chocolate, and prizes I will need. If you're not able to get a pumpkin let me know. I can bring one for you. *Erin Kuehn*

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 this Sunday, October 1st we are singing 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS and PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Our mission project this year (10% of our offerings) will benefit a local project, the Musketeer Market & Royal Table. Both of these are operated through our local District 132 Schools that supply families with food, basic care needs, and supplies for making birthday cakes for the elementary children in our local community.

Perfect Attendance for September- 3 Year old: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Clarke Thien, Kolby Young; 4 Year old: Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Benjamin Langrehr, Eliza Schrader; Kindergarten: Huxton Grohmann and Bentley Valentine; First Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Second Grade: Blakelynn Grohmann and Kolton Liefer; Third Grade: Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer; Fourth Grade: Jackson Carnahan and Connor Liefer;

Fifth Grade: Natalie Kassing and Kade Young; Seventh Grade: Tessa Stenzel; Eighth Grade: Joey Biffar, Sydney Kassing, Colin Korando. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

8TH 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).

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 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 Luttmann, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/1- Michelle Hick, Joshua Johnson, Aubrey Piel, Ava Renner; 10/2- Kim Snyder, Erin Kuehn, Alison Schubert; 10/3- Irma Birkner, Lauriel Wingerter, Jessie Deterding, Grant Florreich, Witten Cheek, Hailey Schlueter; 10/4- Loretta Buss, Tom Voges, Makenzie Liefer, Olive Westcott; 10/5- David Guebert, Curtis Winkelman, Dawn Seibold, Darcy Muench; 10/6- Jeremy Walker, Nicholas VanEck, Kellye Mounts, Casey Carnahan. *Please call our office with corrections!*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

Due to a critical blood shortage, Red Bud High School National Honor Society is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on October 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone who donates will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org; or through Red Cross Blood app.

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:

+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.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health* "Stop Sneaky Snacks"

Pretzels are a refined-carb product that has no nutrients or health benefits. The shrinkage of dried fruit makes the sugar more concentrated.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, Begin studying the book of Hebrews on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue studying Joshua 12-15 and a special Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into Lutheran beliefs surrounding saints in the Augsburg Confession (10/7 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Life is full of milestone events that impact the gifts we plan from our estates. For most people, their first will or trust is focused mainly on family, providing guardianship or a minor trust in case something should happen before the children become adults. When those children transition to adults, that is a time that a new plan needs to be put in place, potentially including a greater emphasis on support of ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin to consolidate your new ideas into a plan. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

CASEY'S REWARDS:

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to St. John's school through the Casey's app. Thank you!

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

"Go Connect" is our 25th 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 25th anniversary theme contest were Ann Frank, 2nd place and Brianna Brake, 3rd place.

Volleyball will finish the season with a home match vs. a homeschool group on Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. Come cheer the Lady Soldiers!

Cross Country will run in the Red Bud meet on October 3 and the Pinckneyville meet on October 5.

Annual Dinner Auction: Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations or reservations for our dinner auction on Saturday, November 4. Reservations are \$35. It is helpful if all reservations and donations are received by October 16.

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

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

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

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Stephanie Surman, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Deanna Ward, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

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

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Colton Albert; (8 a.m.) Blaine Rohlfing; (10:30 a.m.) Molly Kuehn

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowold; (10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzal

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

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