

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *St. John's Lutheran Church*Red Bud, Illinois *Divine Service Four*, pages 203ff. September 9-10, 2023**PRELUDE: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"** *arr. by J.W. Kerr***THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"**

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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(Saturday) Holy Baptism, page 268ff.**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: O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants,
 Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and,
 by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever
 you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the
 wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked
 to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will
 require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not
 turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your
 soul.” 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:

Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority
 except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever
 resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur
 judgment.

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of
 the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,
 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not
 bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's

wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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 18:1-20

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he

finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

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.) 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.

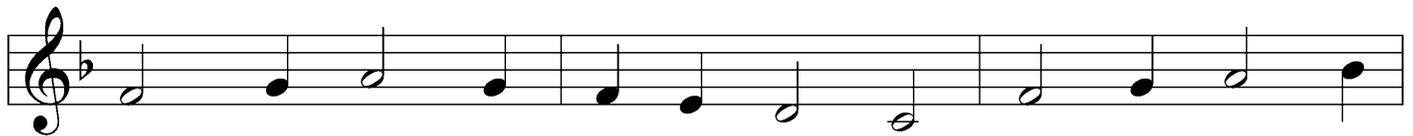
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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 540)*

**Christ, our good and faith-ful shep-herd, Watch-ing all your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheep-fold, Nev-er-fail-ing vig-il keep.
When we stray, Good Shep-herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shep-herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a-lone.**

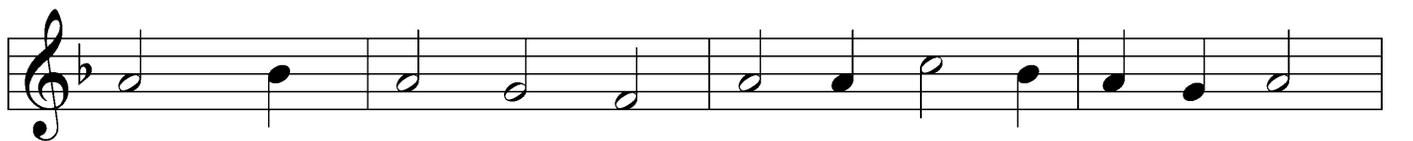
HYMN OF THE DAY: 692 "Praise to You and Adoration"



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

SERMON: “Searching for the Single Stray Sheep” Matthew 18:10-14

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Darlene Lohman, Ruth Hecht, Pat Malik, Rev. Russell Koen, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Ryan Valleroy, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Loxton Sutton; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Gary Hayes, Caleb Caesar, Karen Stark. *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 suffering from and assisting with the recovery from Hurricane Idalia
 +our district’s mission partnership with Concordia El Reformador Seminary
 +our Lutheran schools: St. John’s Elementary/Christ Our Savior High School

OFFERTORY: (*LSB 781*)

**We give Thee but Thine own, What-e’er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
 And lambs for whom our Shep-herd bled Are stray-ing from the fold.
 May we Thy bounties thus As stew-ards true re-ceive
 And glad-ly, as Thou bless-es us, to Thee our first-fruits give!**

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with (the Lord’s Prayer and) a Closing Prayer.

(*8 a.m. only*) 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: 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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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

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

- 1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

- 1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.**
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e’er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.**
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

- 5 **Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.**
- 6 **Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**
- 7 **Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

694 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine. Public domain

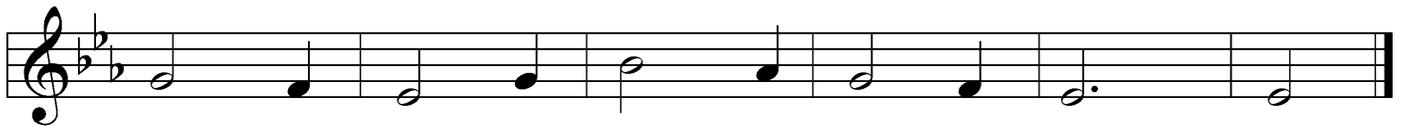
709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;
so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith,
a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of
holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211 (*please stand*)

O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav'n-ly peace,

For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:

A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,

The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
God's tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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This Week With Our Lord, September 10-17, 2023

SUNDAY, September 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

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

11 a.m. - ?? Senior Youth fundraising BBQ in the school parking lot

Monday, September 11-

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

Tuesday, September 12- *Cross Country at Shooting Complex*

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

4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball at home vs. RBES

6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League gathering in the school cafeteria

Wednesday, September 13-

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

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

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

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

4:00 p.m. Softball B vs. RBES; 6 p.m. Softball vs. RBC

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

Thursday, September 14- *Pastor Nebel at a meeting in Springfield*

4:30 p.m. Softball at Millstadt

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

7:00 p.m. Men’s Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 15- *Hawaiian Day for Maui support*

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

5-9 p.m. Junior Youth at Eckert’s Fun Farm in Millstadt

Saturday, September 16- *Cross Country at Edwardsville*

9:00 a.m. School Athletics Golf Fundraiser at NCCC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Ella Cowell

SUNDAY, September 17-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Brooke Wolter

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative); Acolyte- Molly Kuehn

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 305; Communion: 164; Adult/Youth/Sunday School: 59

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. 9/3- General: \$22,507. *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)*

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Emery Jane Hollis into the body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Zac and Brittany (Mehner) Hollis. Her baptismal sponsors are Nick Mehner and Tyler Hollis. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ our Lord!

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Not Just a Formality"

Lutheran Hour Speaker [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) says that after trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality (Psalm 32). 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.

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.

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.

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISING BARBEQUE:

Sunday from 11 a.m. to ?? in the school parking lot. Menu is pork steaks, brats, potato salad, mac/cheese and baked beans. The cost is \$11 a plate, \$8 a sandwich and \$1 for an extra side. There will be a free-will offering bake sale.

CHOIR:

Choir will begin again on Monday, Sept. 11th 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

JUNIOR YOUTH (Grades 4-8) ACTIVITY:

Eckert's Bonfire and Fun Farm, 2719 Eckert Orchard Lane, Millstadt Friday, September 15. 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 included 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. They will begin a new study in early October using the book, “Unshakeable” by Donna Snow. It is available through CPH for about \$14. Wednesday’s class on 2nd Chronicles meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday’s class on the Old Testament minor prophet Joel meets at 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, September 23 at 7 a.m. to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.” Page 4

MEN’S CLUB gathers this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to view the LHM Bible study series, “Nurturing the Faith.” Refreshments will be served.

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Our annual golf tournament will be held on Saturday, September 16th 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 10th. Proceeds benefit our school athletic program. Contact Quent Stenzel at 618-282-4661 w/ questions.

8TH 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.

EPISTLES:

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

ROOM PARENT NEEDED:

Our PTL seeks room parent volunteers for the 7th grade. Responsibilities may include coordinating the class dinner auction project, collecting money for teacher appreciation gifts, assisting with holiday parties, and supporting the teacher in other tasks as needed. Most work is done outside of school, so this volunteer opportunity will fit any schedule. Contact our school office, Lara Voss or Chrystal Kiefer if you can support this class, teacher, and school in this way. Thank you!

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs in Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Waterloo Oak Hill: Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County Nursing Home: Don Kueker; Columbia Garden Place: Barb Ladwig; 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

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Abortion doesn't just end unborn lives. It also breaks hearts with grief and guilt. The Lord commands us to warn our brothers and sisters about its sinfulness (Ezekiel 33:7-8). He also includes abortion in His forgiveness. He would have us apply His absolution as explicitly to this iniquity as to our own (Psalm 32:5).

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!:

9/10- Kenneth Booker, Maria Wiatr-Aucoin, Connor Guebert, Trenton Cox; 9/11- Don Schrader, Jared Heller, Amanda Falkenhain, Michael Ratcliff, Holden Wagner, Maggie Kuehn; 9/12- Patricia Byer, Kevin Liefer, Mike De Rousse, Leslie Wolter, Carter Mehring; 9/13- Teresa Porter, Elsie Liefer; 9/14- Gary Schwartzkopf, Ken Williams, Scott Voss, Brittany Schaefer, Crewe Wagner; 9/15- Diana Burgdorf, Kyle Liefer, Blayton Sutton; 9/16- Alice Hick, Jody Stapleton, Joshua Horner. *Please call our office with any 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.

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, study Leviticus 13-17 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study 1st Peter 4 thru 2nd Peter 3 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), and dig into Free Will in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/16 at 10 a.m.). Programs are on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS:

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior in Freeburg has begun its fall session of private lessons and group classes. 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 new this year. Mini Music Makers provides a group music experience for preschoolers and their caregivers. A second Mini Music Makers class is for children up to 8 years of age. For more information call Hannah at 618-353-3322 or go to theacademyofmusic.org.

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.

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 Sparta meet on September 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball will play two games this week, against a home school group at home on September 14 at 6 p.m. and against the COS Alumni on September 15 at 6 p.m.

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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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

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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.) Kade Liefer; (8 a.m.) Brian Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Clare Carnahan
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;
 (10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers and Lisa Quinn Paraments: Carol Turner