

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church

October 7-8, 2023

Divine Service Two, page 167ff.

Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" *arranged by Timothy Shaw*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
 fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
 that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
 glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
 Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
 Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
 All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
 Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
 last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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 and 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 118

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | He is good;

for His steadfast love endures for- | ev-er!

The stone that the builders re- | ject-ed

has become the | cor-ner-stone.

This is the LORD's | do-ing;

it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | He is good;

for His steadfast love endures for- | ev-er!

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: Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the

vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 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 21:33-46

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

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

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again, he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to Him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 174)

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.

(8 a.m.) *Apostles' Creed* (page 175)

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

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

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

(please be seated)

(8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

**In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my life Lord, Be glorified today.
In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my song Lord, Be glorified today.
In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In Your church Lord,
Be glorified today.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 644 "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

SERMON: (*Saturday*) "Fruits From the Firm Foundation" Matthew 21:42-46
 (*Sunday*) "God's Mercy" Matthew 21:33-46

(*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, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Ava Kern, Gary Hollmann, Roger Hartmann, Gary Hayes, Caleb Caesar, Karen Stark, Isaac Luebke, Bob Grohmann, Linda Kaaz. *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.

+blessings on the harvest and safety in the fields

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.

(8 a.m.) Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer, Benediction and Hymn 912

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.**

BENEDICTION: page 183

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: 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" (sing "A-men.")



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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 10:30 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.

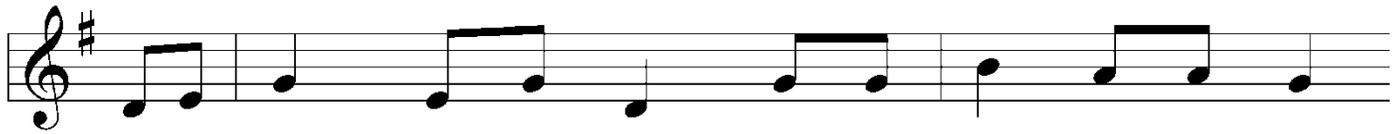
(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

728 "How Firm a Foundation"



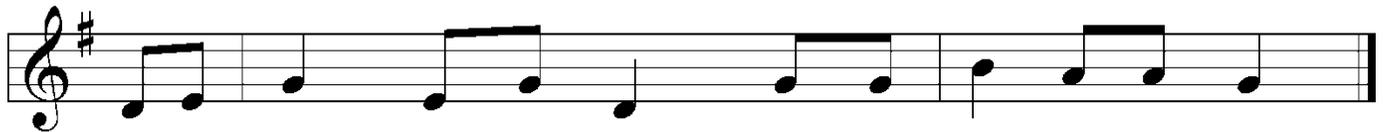
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
 My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
 Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne." Public domain

647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -
 2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -
 3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and
 4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True
 low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine
 trea - sure; Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross, To



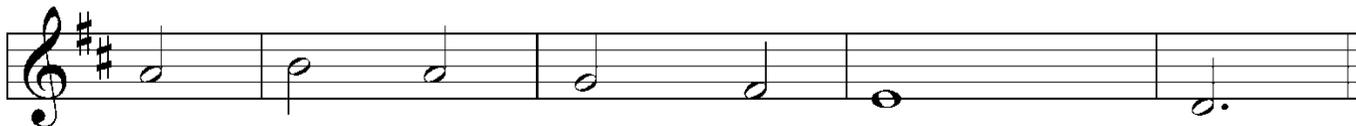
waits for Your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure,
 u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,
 on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,
 find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness



Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -
 And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -
 In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -
 In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -



cay And all things pass a - way.
 tain. Grant that they may re - main
 stroy And e - vils that an - noy.
 sake. Let us by grace par - take



O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
 Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave" (*sing "A-men."*)

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

(please stand for the last stanza)

6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!

To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! A-men.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Nunc Dimittis" page 182 (*please stand if 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 & BENECTION: 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: 912 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” (*sing “A-men.”*)



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

THE POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Minor”

by J.S. Bach

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This Week With Our Lord, October 8-15, 2023

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

Monday, October 9- Columbus Day! Office and School closed

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

7:00 p.m. Salary Study Committee meets in the school library

Tuesday, October 10- Fall Picture Day at school

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

6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Wednesday, October 11-

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

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

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

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

6:30-8:15 p.m. Family of Faith Fall Fellowship in the new gym

Thursday, October 12-

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

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

Friday, October 13- School Report Cards go home

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

Saturday, October 14-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Jozlynn Palm

6:00 p.m. Junior Youth Pumpkin Carving and Movie Night

SUNDAY, October 15-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Easton Ruebusch

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative); Wiley Minemann

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 296; Communion: 145; Adult/Youth Classes: 40 Sunday School: 43

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. 10/1- General: \$19,078; School: \$65; Automatic Giving: \$2,515; School: \$105. *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 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

This Sunday morning Pastor Nebel is the guest preacher at Hope Lutheran Church in Mt. Carmel for its “Homecoming Service.”

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker Pastor Keith Haberstock says that the 23rd Psalm describes the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful (Psalm 23). 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 Nowak leading the synodical convention topic of "We Preach Christ Crucified." Mr. Palm's class on Bible Survey meets in the school library.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Pastor Koen and his family in celebration of his 40th anniversary of ordination. "It is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News" (Romans 10:15). Thank you, congratulations and God's blessings to Pastor Koen!

+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.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. They have begun a new study using the book and DVD, "Unshakeable" by Donna Snow. This book is available through CPH for about \$14. Call Janel at 618/977-1175 for more information. Wednesday's class on 2nd Chronicles will not meet this week. 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.

MEN'S CLUB GATHERING:

This Thursday, October 12 our St. John's Men's Club will gather at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch the 3rd & 4th parts of "Nurturing The Faith: Identity" Bible study from Lutheran Hour Ministries. We also are planning our Wurstmarkt for this year (Nov. 12). Discussion and updates at the meeting.

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*

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will include a presentation on our 2024 Worship Calendar and Workplan for 2024.

CHOIR:

Choir has begun meeting on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the school music room! We will sing mostly at the early Sunday service. 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 8 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:

+Senior Youth (high school aged) is gathering at noon this Sunday in their church basement hangout to put together care packages for our college-aged members.

+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 Luttman, Edna Moeller, Viola Muench, Harold Thies

CONGRATULATIONS!:

The Homecoming Court for Red Bud High School this year included St. John's members Chase Lucht (King), Dustin Salger, Isaac Moll (candidates); and Lucas Schwartzkopf, Addy Piel, and Jack Crafton (attendants).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/8- Carol Stoll, Adam Guebert, Startina Heller, Felix Aubuchon; 10/9- Bart Miller, Matthew Burmester; 10/10- Charles LaChance; 10/11- Mary Ann Weber, Richard Roehrkaase, Wayne Schmitz, Paula Wiley, Laurie Wright, Garon Schnepel, Katie Harms, Reese Barden; 10/12- Omer Liefer, Betty Schmitz, Lenny Colbert, Doug Zschiegner, Ashley Eggemeyer, Elizabeth Russell; 10/13- Kevin Shevlin, Susan Shevlin, David Fuhrhop, Cole Stenzel, Max Diewald, Melayna Crafton; 10/14- Deitt Schneider, Rachel Miller, Amelia Moll. *Please call our office with corrections!*

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Life is full of milestone events that impact the gifts we plan from our estates. When grandchildren begin appearing in the family, we must consider whether we want to create specific gifts for them, or simply have their inheritance flow through the gifts that will come to their parents. When this consideration comes, it is also a good time to consider what gifts are planned to support ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden can help you review your intentions. Contact him at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org for info.

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Myths About Christopher Columbus, The Need for Masculine Men, Understanding Polygamy in Scripture, The Expulsion of the Canaanites and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

Pre-made smoothies, even if they contain some fruit juice, are packed with added sugar driving up the calorie count to equal that of a meal.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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CAREERS FOR CHRIST WEEKEND AT CONCORDIA-CHICAGO:

High school students interested in learning about professional church work careers can attend Concordia University-Chicago’s “Careers for Christ Weekend” from Friday, November 3 to noon on Sunday, November 5. The weekend will cost \$85. This includes all activities, materials, housing, meals, transportation during the event and a T-shirt. Register online at CUChicago.edu/C4C with an online form and a permission form. Registration deadline is October 21.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

The psalmist openly rejoices that Almighty God cherishes every human life He creates. “Let your hand be on ... the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself” (Psalm 80:17). The same Lord invites us to delight in receiving one another as gifts and privileges—no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Why settle for bloodshed when we can have justice (Isaiah 5:7)?

The new Fall edition of [LifeDate](#) is in the entryway for you to take.

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

Basketball Coach Needed: *COS* is looking for a basketball coach. Practices typically start in early November. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please ask them to contact our Athletic Director, Contact Lisa Luebke, 618-713-7125.

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

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: (*Sat.*) Pastor Mark Nebel; (*Sun.*) Pastor Brian Nowak

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

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

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Sutton Jones; (*8 a.m.*) Elle Sutton; (*10:30 a.m.*) Clare Carnahan

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Lisa Quinn and Christine Kellerhouse; (*10:30 a.m.*) Ron and Donna Burgdorf

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

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