

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Reformation Day
October 28-29, 2023

The Festival Order of Worship: A Catechism Service

“Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone”

PRELUDE: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *arranged by Johann Pachelbel*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

The Opening Hymn: 497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



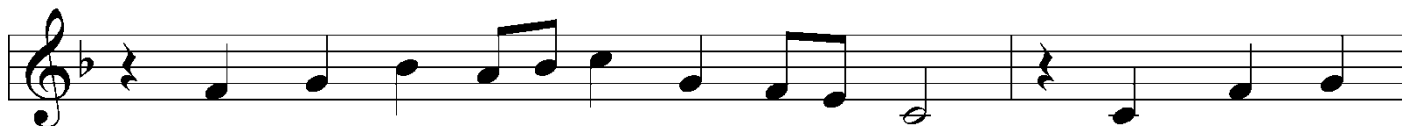
now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Our Confession and God's Absolution: (*please stand if you are able*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: What are the two parts of Confession?

C: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness.

P: This forgiveness that I, as pastor, speak comes from God Himself.

C: Not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: What sins should we confess?

C: Here before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer.

P: Which are these sins?

C: We must consider our place in life according to God's Ten Commandments.

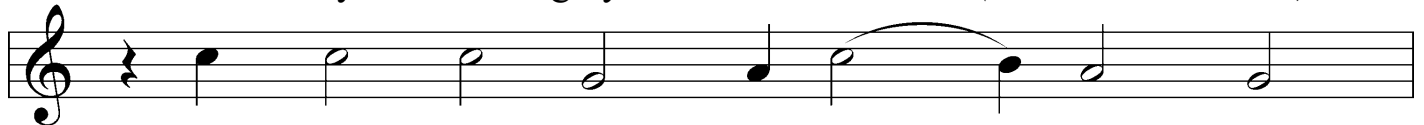
P: Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude or quarrelsome?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything or done any harm?

C: Yes, we confess that we have not lived as our holy God would have us live in His name.

P: By the special authority of the Office of the Keys which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, I forgive you as you repent of your sins and want to do better and this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself doing so in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (based on Psalm 46)

1	A	might	-	y	for	-	tr	ess	is	our	God,
2	With	might	of	ours	can	naught	be	done,			
3	Though	dev	-	ils	all	the	world	should	fill,		
4	The	Word	they	still	shall	let	re	-	main		



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



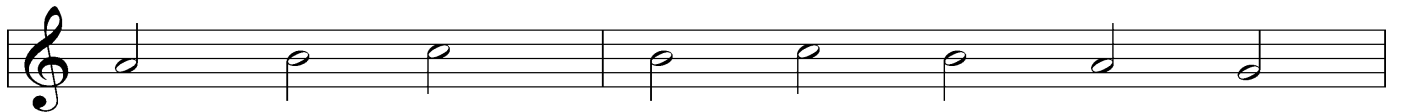
He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

The Collect of the Day: *(from Luther's Daily Prayers)*

(Saturday- Evening) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. *(please be seated)***

(Sunday- Morning) **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. *(please be seated)***

(8 a.m.) Anthem: "God Is Our Refuge" (by Allen Pote)

Choir

(10:30 a.m.) Anthem: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

School Grades 3-8

The First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I heard another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that

He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Meditation: “Grace Alone; Christ Alone”

(please stand if you are able) The Alleluia Verse: *LSB 505*

**Tri-une God, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev-er!
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for-ev-er.
 Keep us from the e-vil one; Up-hold our faith most ho-ly,
 And let us trust Thee sole-ly With hum-ble hearts and low-ly.
 Let us put God’s ar-mor on, With all true Chris-tians run-ning
 Our heav’n-ly race and shun-ning The dev-il’s wiles and cun-ning.
 A-men, a-men! This be done; So sing we, “Al-le-lu-ia!”**

The Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Our Confession of Faith: *The Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed and Meaning*

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.

P: What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious

blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

(please be seated)

The Hymn of the Day: 948 "All Glory Be to God Alone"



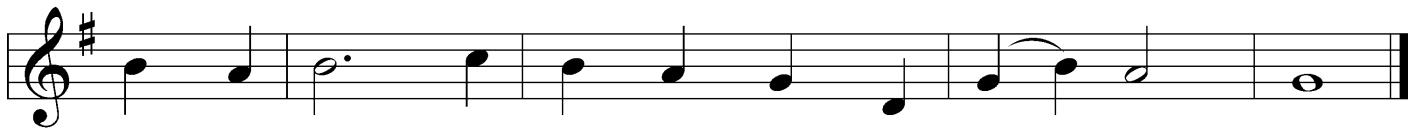
1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

5. You on-ly are the Ho-ly One And o-ver all are Lord a-lone.
 O Je-sus Christ, we glo-ri-fy You and the Spir-it, Lord Most High;
 With Him You ev-er-more shall be One in the Fa-ther's maj-es-ty.

Meditation: "Faith Alone; Christ Alone"

The Prayers of the Parish: *(see bulletin notes; please stand if you are able)*

The Lord's Prayer:

P: Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean?

C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children.

P: Hallowed be Thy name. What does this mean?

C: God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P: Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?

C: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean?

C: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

C: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

P: And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.

P: But deliver us from evil. What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

P: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. What does this mean?

C: This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so." (please be seated)

Meditation: “Scripture Alone; Christ Alone”

Offertory: (*LSB 955*) (*please stand if you are able*)

**Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.
Ga-ther a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all;
U-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now.
Grace our ta-ble with Your pres-ence, and give us
A fore-taste of the feast to come.**

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 confess our common 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 more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

The Sacrament of the Altar:

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. Where is this written?

P: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

P: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: That person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words, “for you” require all hearts to believe.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” *LSB 434*

**Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer,
Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer.
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o’er us:
Have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus! (*please be seated*)**

Distribution Hymns:

Anthem: (8 a.m.) “Children of the Heavenly Father” (by Carolina S. Berg) *Choir*
960 “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth - er two a - loft they soared; One to the oth - er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels



trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

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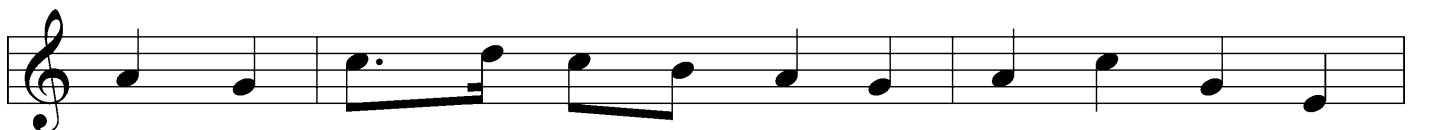
617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



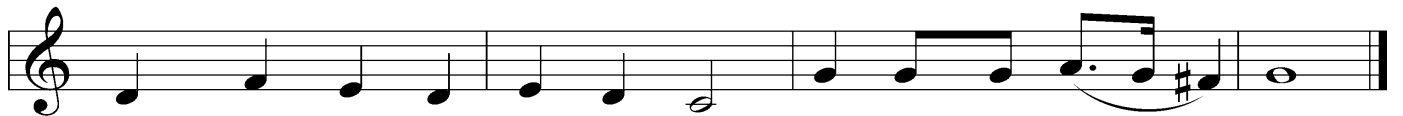
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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564 "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand" (*we stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men"*)



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
 3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
 "A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
 To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
 "A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near, Washed in that precious flood
 And enter the Most Holy Place By Jesus' blood.
 From hearts that are sincere, Let tongues our hope profess,
 And trust anew God's faithful grace That we confess.

(Please stand for the last stanza, we sing "A-men.")

6 All praise to Christ we bring, Our Lord who intercedes,
 Our great High Priest enthroned above Who knows our needs;
 And to the Father sing Our songs of thankful praise,
 Who with the Spirit reigns in love For endless days. A-men.

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May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

Post-Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Benedicamus and Benediction:

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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you (+) and give you peace.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

**In Christ a-lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, Firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
My Com-fort-er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ a-lone who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help-less Babe.
This gift of love and righ-teous-ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain.
Then burst-ing forth in glo-ri-ous day, Up from the grave He rose a-gain.
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Jesus com-mands my des-ti-ny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev-er pluck me from His hand.
Till He re-tur-ns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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The Postlude: "O Lord, We Praise Thee" *arranged by Heinrich Scheidemann*

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At the end of 1528 Dr. Martin Luther made a pastoral visitation of the congregations in his area of Germany, Electoral Saxony, that had come out of Roman Catholicism and were accepting the teachings of the Reformation. What Luther found was an ignorance of the basics of the Christian faith on the part of both the lay people and the pastors (former priests). The following year he published books of instruction to teach these basics to the pastors (Large Catechism) for use in their ministry and the lay people (Small Catechism) to use for Christian education in the home with their children.

The Small Catechism has four sections: The Six Chief Parts includes the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and the Sacrament of the Altar with Luther's explanations to each part. The second section has the Daily Prayers, before and after meals, with morning and evening prayers. The third section contains the Table of Duties, with Bible passages for each area of our life's God-given vocations. The fourth and final section is Christian Questions with their answers for those intending to go to Holy Communion. These few pages serve us still as a good review before we receive the Lord's Supper. The Small Catechism is printed for us on pages 321-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

Prayer of the Church

HEALING AND COMFORT: Flo Zschiegner, Darlene Lohman, David Guebert, Ruth Hecht, Pat Malik, Rev. Russell Koen, Julie Ratz, Sherry Winkelman, Brian Stellhorn, Jay Prigge, Marcy Watters, Zac Carnahan, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Roger Hartmann, Gary Hayes, Caleb Caesar, Karen Stark, Bob Grohmann, Linda Kaaz, Richard vanBuren. *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

+the ministry of Concordia El Reformador Seminary in Dominican Republic

+for peace in the Holy Land and comfort for those who mourn and suffer

This Week With Our Lord, October 29-November 4, 2023

SUNDAY, October 29- *Reformation Day (observed)*

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 with Holy Communion

Monday, October 30-

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in the school library

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

Tuesday, October 31- *Reformation Day!*

9:00 a.m. Reformation Chapel service led by 8th grade in school's old gym

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

5-7 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the new gym lobby

Wednesday, November 1- *All Saints Day!*

7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation classes

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

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

Thursday, November 2-

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' A and Boys' C teams basketball at St. Libory

Friday, November 3- C Team Basketball tournament here

11:20 a.m. Early school dismissal

12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting and epilepsy training

Saturday, November 4- C Team Basketball tournament here

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Mallory Arbeiter

6:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior LHS Dinner and Auction

SUNDAY, November 5- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

2:00 a.m. Time change; fall back to Standard Time

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 with Holy Communion

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 345; Communion: 140; Adult/Youth Classes: 41; Sunday School: 46

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. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

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.

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join together in the grace of giving. 10/22- General: \$9,566.20; School: \$240. *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

John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

PASTOR APPRECIATION BRUNCH:

This Sunday we will gather from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall in a show of appreciation for our pastors during this Pastor Appreciation Month. There will be breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, fruit and drinks provided to enjoy.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "What Are People Good For?"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that our family and friends are with us in life but they can't shield us from life and all its uncertainty. Where will you find security? (Psalm 46:1). 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.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women meet at 9:30 a.m. Their study is using the book and DVD, “Unshakeable” by Donna Snow. Call Janel at 618/977-1175 for more information. Wednesday’s class on 2nd Chronicles meets this week 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, November 4 at 7 a.m. to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

PASTOR HOLSTEIN’S FUNERAL LIVESTREAM:

The funeral service for St. John’s former pastor Rev. Robert Holstein will be held on Monday, October 30, at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West, Arizona at 11 a.m. local time. His daughter Lisa says that they are on Mountain Standard Time and that would be 1 p.m. our time. The internet link for this service is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pDVYwLROvo>

COMMUNITY COSTUME PARTY:

Join us on Reformation Day (aka Halloween), October 31, in the new gym lobby for trick-or-treating from 5-7 p.m. Our school and daycare staff as well as various local businesses will be handing out treats. Hot dogs also will be served. If you would like to set up a table, please contact Leslie in the Church Office at 618-282-2394. We look forward to this family friendly event!

VETERANS’ DAY PROGRAM:

The students, faculty and staff of St. John’s Lutheran School invite all veterans and auxiliary members belonging to our church and school families to our Veterans’ Day program on Friday, November 10 at 2 p.m. in the new gym of the school building. If you have a family member or friend who is a veteran, please stop by our office and pick up an invitation for them.

WURSTMARKT:

On Sunday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. our 70th annual Wurstmarkt will be served in our school’s old gym hosted by our Men’s Club and assisted by our youth groups. Buffet-style service will include pork sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, gravy, corn and green beans for either dine-in or carryout. There will be a Country Meat Store of pork sausage, liver sausage, summer sausage, chops, backbone and ribs. For advance meat orders call Judy Guebert at 618/979-2206 to leave a message. We need the contribution of your time, gifts of pies, or money to purchase pies. Potato peeling is in the school kitchen on the 11th at 9 a.m.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER:

The latest edition of St. John’s Lutheran School Alumni Newsletter is in paper copy in the entryway for those who did not receive one in the mail.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/29- Dorothy Papenberg, Dennis Zanders, Susie Mehring, Patricia Presley, Cindy Ebers; 10/30- Julie Ratz, Jody Winkelmann, Colton Albert; 10/31- Randy Koester, Connie Piller, Kevin Burgdorf, Lydia Wright; 11/1- Sharon Koester, Erica Mollet, Mason Liefer, Eli Hernandez; 11/2- Hailey Guebert; 11/3- Lorine Reinhardt, Virgil Liefer, Kevin Muench, Tara

Voss, Beth Diewald, Brenden Heller, Lucy Kuehn, Case Durbin; 11/4- Dorothy Byers, Darlene Liefer, Dustan Wagner, Randy Muench, Travis Henry, Olivia Candler. *Call with corrections!*

SCHOOL DROP-OFF PRIOR TO 7:45 A.M.

“Dear parents, we are having around 20 students dropped off at the school entrance before 7:45 a.m. I understand this may be necessary due to your schedules. However, I do want you to know that outside of Before School Care, we do not have anyone assigned to watch students in that area at that time. The students thus far have been very well-behaved and there have been no issues. We want you to be aware that unless students are enrolled in Before School Care they are not under our supervision and responsibility prior to 7:45 a.m.” *Mr. Justin Palm*

THANK YOU!

“Thank you all for your birthday blessings to me. Your outpouring of support and kindness has been overwhelming. I feel truly more appreciated than I deserve. I am glad you see value in my efforts here at St. John's and pray each and every day that the Lord uses me to accomplish the Great Commission He set forth in Matthew 28:19-20. May we all continue to work together to grow God's gift of St. John's Lutheran Church and School.” *Thank you, Mr. Justin Palm*

SENIOR YOUTH:

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Our mission project this year (10% of offerings) will benefit a local project, the Musketeer Market & Royal Table. 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. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP:

Our class of 2024 has 5 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). Page 5

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

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!

LUTHERAN COLLEGE FAIR:

On the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis on Saturday, November 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. meet with representatives from our Concordia universities and seminaries. Learn top tips from experts about funding and financial aid, eat some Chick-Fil-A and enter to win prizes throughout the day!

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. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Life is full of milestone events that impact the gifts we plan from our estates. Just as autumn sunshine shows lengthening shadows, so our lives begin to demonstrate aging. In the confidence of our faith, we face the finite length of days now, with confidence, knowing in Jesus that eternity lies in front of us. Yet when we sense that the later years of our lives will bring great changes, it is a good time to speak with personal representatives (executors), trustees or those who will execute our power of attorney documents, making sure they understand our wishes and pledging to carry them forward, in the faithful stewardship of God's things. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate these conversations. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: LCMS *Better Health* "A Little Goes a Long Way"

Higher levels of exercise are associated with lower rates of hospitalization for medical conditions such as diabetes or stroke.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Our Reformation heritage includes boldly and gladly confessing God's Word. The Scriptures speak frequently of taking care of children (1st Thessalonians 2:7) and standing up for a neighbor's life (Leviticus 19:16). Christians cannot promote or even permit putting people to death by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation. Love for our Father means love for each other!

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, blessed Reformation (observed)! Hear about Church Discipline on Free-Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (11/3 at 11:00 a.m.), study Hebrews 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) and have some fun with our first Pie Social on The Coffee Hour (11/2 at 9:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

ELDER ZONES FOR 2023: (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann- R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Wil Krick (618/282-3660)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – D. Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

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

We enjoyed our Family Fun Night on October 25. Our FFA organized the event with hot dogs and s'mores roasted in our fire pit. Children had fun with a rocket that shot into the air and spread candy on the ground, apple-bobbing, and other games. Christ Our Savior is a great place to go to school.

Our Annual Dinner Auction is coming Saturday, November 4. The doors open at 4 p.m. Dinner will start at 6 p.m. and the Live Auction at 7:15 p.m.

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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Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

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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Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

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

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: (Sunday) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff

Instrumentalists: (8 a.m.) David Snyder, Brandon Nehrt, Mark Ottoson

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Payton Liefer; (8 a.m.) Josie Portor; (10:30 a.m.) Austin Stellhorn

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

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

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