

Twentieth-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church

November 18-19, 2023 (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) *Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

Red Bud, Illinois

THE PRELUDE: Basse et dessus de Trompette *by Louis Nicolas-Clerambault*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 511 "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
 news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
 pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
 come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
 des - ert For the one who brings God near.
 chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
 pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167 (*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 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 to reflect on God's Word and self-examination.

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 143



O LORD, give ear to my pleas for | mer-cy!

In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your | righ-teous-ness!

Enter not into judgment with Your | ser-vant,

for no one living is righteous be- | fore You.

I meditate on all that | You have done; I ponder the work | of Your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to You;

my soul thirsts for You like a | parched land.

Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God!

Let Your good Spirit lead me on | lev-el ground!

For Your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!

In Your righteousness bring my soul out of | trou-ble!

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.

O LORD, give ear to my pleas for | mer-cy!

In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your | righ-teous-ness!

KYRIE: pages 168-169

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:

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

C: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

(Sunday) ANTHEM: “Amazing Grace” (arranged by John Coates, Jr.) *Choir*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated His guests.

And on the day of the LORD’s sacrifice—“I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud.

“On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will He do ill.’

Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.”

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

THE EPISTLE READING:

1st Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus said) “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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.

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

5 But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
 God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,
 So that still Mind and will
 Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him. Public domain

SERMON: “Watch for Our Lord’s Savings in the Day Light Time” 1st Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

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

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+for our Lutheran schools: St. John’s Elementary and Christ Our Savior High

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

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 177ff.

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*.

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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*)

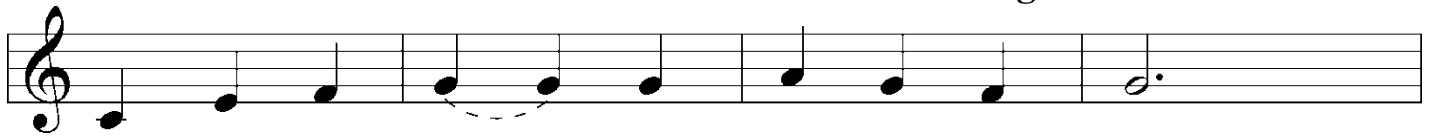
C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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

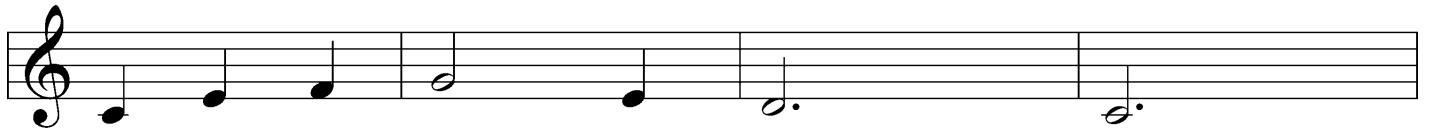
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

(*Sunday*) Anthem: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (arr. by Douglas E. Wagner) *Choir*
411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



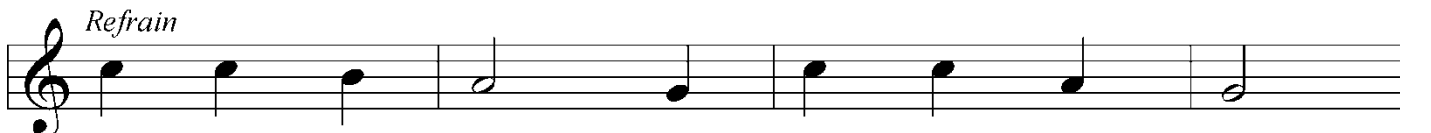
I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



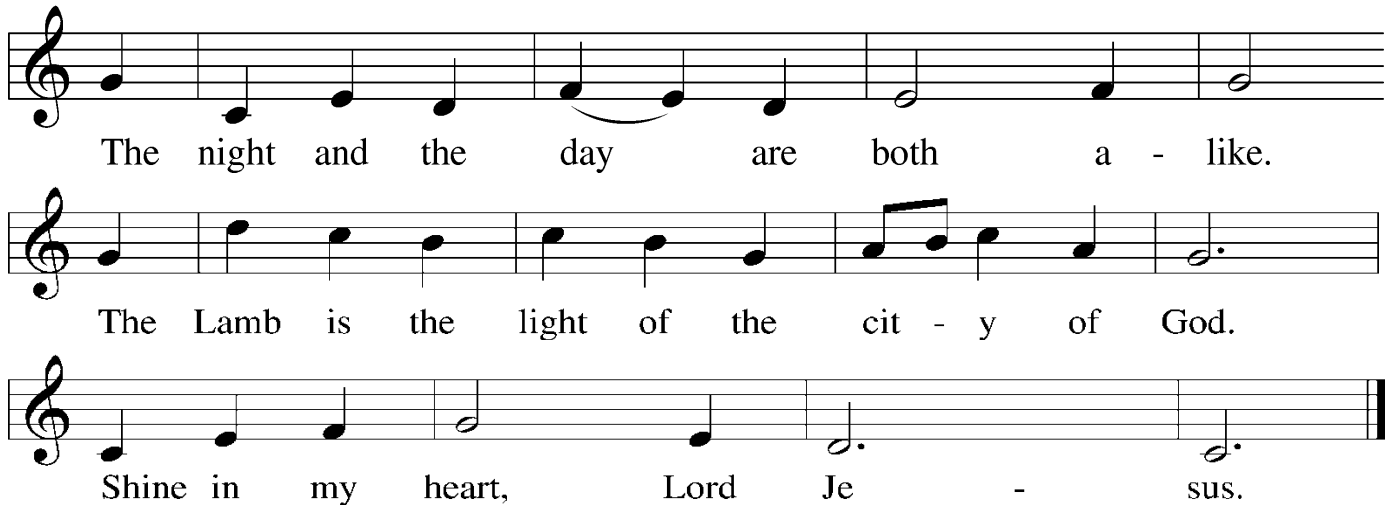
God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



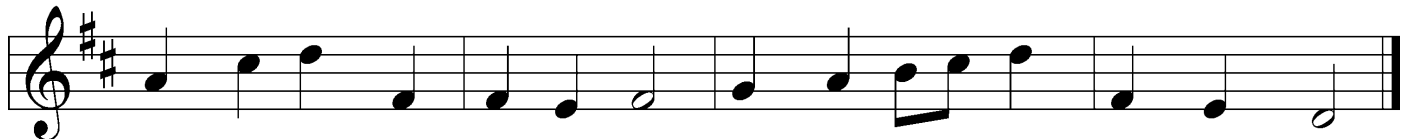
The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee. Public domain

508 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"



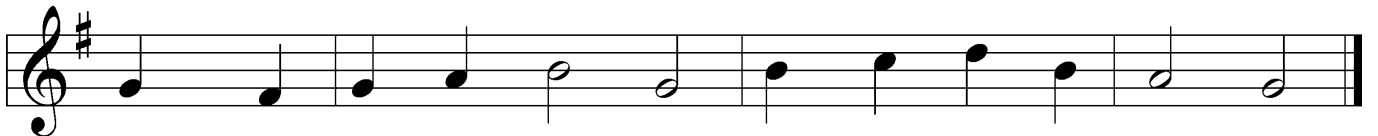
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

(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.)

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 & BENEDECTION: page 183

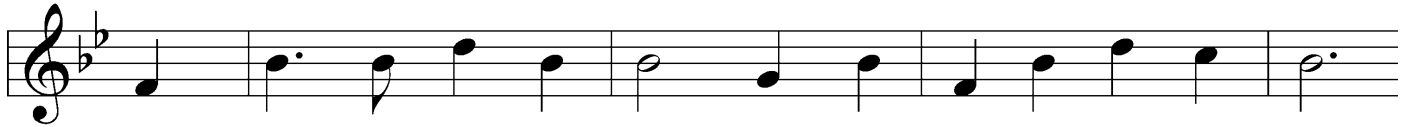
Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and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

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **A-men**

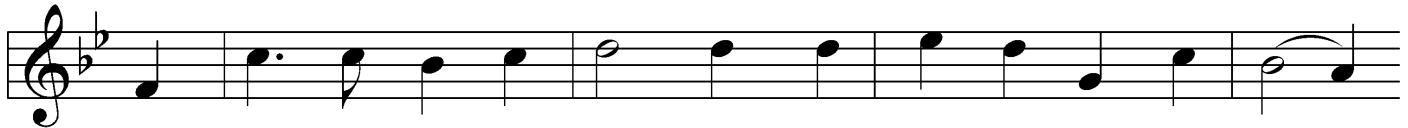
CLOSING HYMN: 660 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"



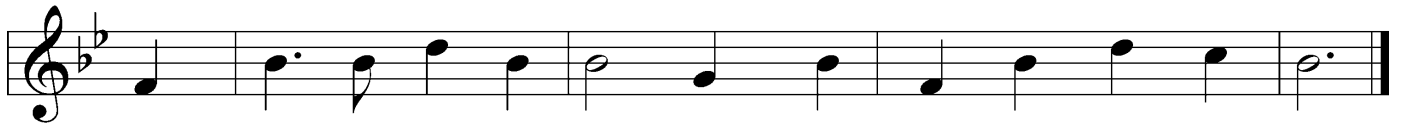
- 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
 Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus" *arranged by John A. Behnke*

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This Week With Our Lord, November 19-26, 2023

SUNDAY, November 19-

- 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 (Alternative)
- 11:30 a.m. Junior Youth: Operation Christmas Child boxes

Monday, November 20-

- 6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball at home vs. Steeleville Public
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, November 21-

- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball at Red Bud Catholic
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 22-

- 7:00 a.m. 8th Public School Confirmation
- 9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel service at church led by 5th grade

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

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service; Acolyte: Kade Liefer

Thursday, November 23- Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Communion Service; Acolyte: Max Voss

Friday, November 24- No school! Office Closed

Saturday, November 25-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Colton Albert

SUNDAY, November 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Joey Biffar

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Sophia Zeiger

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/12- General: \$8,113; School: \$240; Lutheran Witness: \$53; Missions: \$25; Christmas Decorations: \$50; Automatic Giving: \$5,410; School: \$150. *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)

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:

If you would like to renew, start, or cancel a subscription to our church's monthly magazine, *The Lutheran Witness*, please call our office by November 22. Each issue is full of news, teaching and inspiration. The cost for next year is \$26.50.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 303; Communion: 63; Adult/Youth Classes: 26; Sunday School: 45

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)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Until that Day"

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook says that no one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty (1st Thessalonians 5:1-11). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The first quarter of 2024 edition of our church body's daily devotional are available in the racks by the front doors of our church building. Sonshine Visitation members, please pick up a copy for those whom you visit.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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 video & discussion of “Big Questions/Biblical Answers.” This Sunday’s topics are “What Is the Purpose of Life?” and “Why Believe in a 6-Day Creation?” Mr. Palm’s class on Bible Survey will meet this Sunday in the school library.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women will not meet this week. They will return on Nov. 29 at 9:30 a.m. Their study is using the book and DVD, “Unshakeable” by Donna Snow. The Wednesday evening and Thursday morning classes are on break until the first week in January. Men’s Bible Breakfast next meets on Saturday, December 2 at 7 a.m. to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

EVENING GUILD GATHERING:

This Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. our Evening Guild will gather in the Fellowship Hall with devotions to be led by Cindy Steele. Program: “Women of the Bible.” Hostesses: Brenda Gilpatrick, Chairman, Janet Braun, and Gladys Brand. November mission project: Food drive for Musketeer Market.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

The 3-year-old through 1st grade Sunday School students will meet in the church sanctuary on Sundays November 26, December 3 and December 10 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. to practice for the Sunday, December 10th (6 p.m.) Christmas Service.

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!

THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

We will observe our National Day of Thanksgiving with Holy Communion services this Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 9 a.m. We will receive a door offering for our emergency assistance account at our local ComWell (aka Human Service Center). This is a great time for us to invite guests to join us in worship here at St. John’s.

CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

We need your help decorating the church building for the Christmas season at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 2. Pizza will be provided at noon.

ELDER BASKET DELIVERIES AND DONATIONS:

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas gifts for our homebound and shut-in members, please place your gift in an envelope marked “Elder Baskets” and put it into an offering plate at church or bring/send it to the church office. Deliveries will take place the morning of Saturday, December 9.

WURSTMARKT:

Thank you to everyone who worked, supported, participated in and attended last Sunday’s Men’s Club Wurstmarkt! Thank you to our 6th grade students and their parents for their help in the dining room. We served 600 people through the dining room and carry-outs. Our Men’s Club will use the proceeds to support Lutheran Christian mission ministry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

11/19- Darla Hollmann, Bryon Rahn, Taylor Giglotto, 11/20- Jonathan Ratz, William Kuehn; 11/21- Kalin Liefer, Melinda Kiefer, Terrill Deffenbaugh; 11/22- Chad Grohmann; 11/23- Terry Harms, Shane Seiber, Cyndi Liefer, Maybre Falkenhain; 11/24- Sydney Krick; 11/25- Grace Richards. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

JUNIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

St. John’s Junior Youth will fill shoeboxes on Sunday, November 19th for Operation Christmas Child in the Fellowship Hall after the late worship service. Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God’s immense love for the child. For many it’s their first gift ever! The Junior Youth would appreciate the help if anyone from the congregation would like to donate items to fill the shoeboxes! There is a display in the Fellowship Hall with information as well as a box into which you can put items. You also could drop off donations in the school office. Please have any donations in by November 15th. What’s needed: hygiene items, school supplies, crafts, activities, cold weather items, stuffed animals, soccer ball with pump, toys, etc... Ages of the children receiving the boxes will be anywhere from 2-14.

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*

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!

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in Community Coffee’s program, “Cash for Schools.” By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can

drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who worked, attended, or supported our various school class fundraisers (ribs, Lieferbrau event, concession stand, Show Me Dough fundraiser, and current bed sheet fundraiser)!

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

God created our bodies to move. Exercise keeps the body well-tuned. Exercise lowers inflammation, decreases fat tissue, and helps with hormone regulation and sleep. Exercise helps us feel less depressed, stressed and anxious.

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

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Learning to acknowledge God’s blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts. Few give from a sense of feeling deprived. Giving happens from responding to God’s abundance. How would you describe that abundance? How could you describe that abundance in a few sentences, including it in a Christian preamble in your will, or leaving behind a written Family Blessing. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started on this project. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Many around us despair because the world pressures them into the violence and fraud (Zephaniah 1:9) of viewing death as a solution to difficulty. In the sanctity of every human life, we have riches to spare (Matthew 25:15). Gospel hope and joy are not just for us to possess. Jesus brings us faith and life to proclaim and put into practice.

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 teachings include: The Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," Forgiving Those Who Sin Against Us, The Parable of the Ten Virgins, Transhumanism and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen at your convenience (issuesetc.org, LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider).

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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

FFA Fundraiser: The COS FFA is selling Stonie's Snack Sticks for \$1 each. They are available in a variety of flavors. Contact the school, a COS FFA member or Lisa Luebkekmann to order. The snack sticks make a tasty stocking stuffer.

Registration for Second Semester 2023-2024 is open! If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a private tour. Registration for 2024-2025 will start in January. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit COS, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application. School Hours: Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz
 First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer
 Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy
 Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel
 Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens
 Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan
 Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss
 School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm
 Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

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

Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker
 Instrumentalists: (10:30 a.m.) Lindsey Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Jonathan Hudak
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kellen Herriman; (8 a.m.) Carson Bowles; (10:30 a.m.) Amelia Cheek
 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: Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Irma Birkner