

*Last Sunday in the Church Year**St. John's Lutheran Church*

November 25-26, 2023

Divine Service Two, page 167ff.

Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" setting by R. C. Schultz

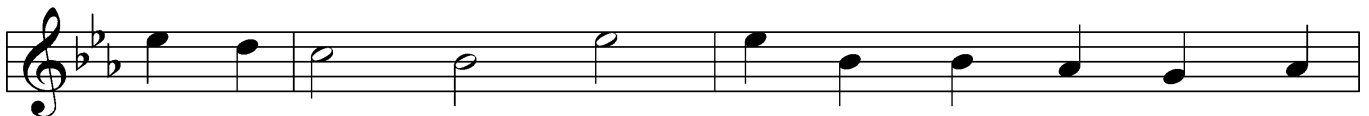
THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 670 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*(please stand for last stanza, "A-men")*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyr's
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

(10:30 a.m.) Holy Baptism, Page 268ff.

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 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 39



In keeping with His / pro-mise	we are looking / for-ward
to a new heaven and a new earth,	the home of righ-teous-ness.
O LORD, make me / know my end	and what is the measure of my days.
You made my days a few hand-breadths,	my lifetime is as nothing be- fore You.
And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?	My hope is in You.
Deliver me from all my trans- gres-sions.	Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
Hear my prayer and give ear / to my cry;	hold not Your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner / with You,	a guest, like all my fa-thers.
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.
In keeping with His / pro-mise	we are looking / for-ward
to a new heaven and a new earth,	the home of 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: Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the

mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

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 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under His feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

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 25:31-46**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’

“Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.****OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed** *(inside back cover of the hymnal)**(5 p.m. & 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*)**

(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.

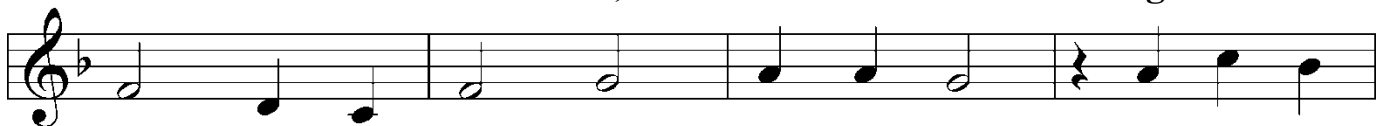
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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. (*please be seated*)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: (LSB 811)

**Oh, that I had a thou-sand voic-es To praise my God with thou-sand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord re-joices, Would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs
To all, wher-ev-er I might be, What great things God has done for me.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 812 "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"



1	Come,	let	us	join	our	cheer - ful	songs	With	an - gels
2	"Wor - thy	the	Lamb	that	died,"	they	cry,	"To	be
3	Je - sus	is	wor - thy	to	re - ceive	Hon - or	and		
4	Let	all	cre - a - tion	join	in	one	To	bless	the



round	the	throne;	Ten	thou - sand	thou - sand
alt - ed		thus!"	"Wor - thy	the	Lamb,"
pow'r	di - vine;		And	bles - ings	more
sa - cred	name		Of	Him	who
				sits	up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
 lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
 we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
 on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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SERMON: "Christ Raised, Christ Coming; Kingdom Delivered, Death Destroyed"
 1st Corinthians 15:20-28

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

+district's mission partnership with the seminary in the Dominican Republic

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 presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services conclude here.

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.**

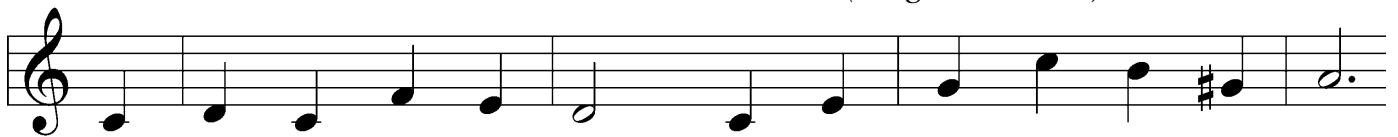
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
COLLECT**

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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 672 "Jerusalem the Golden" (sing "A-men")



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we 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*.

(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, 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)

811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the



God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -



joic - es, Would then pro-claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
 slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
 vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
 bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
 pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song
 Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng
 And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.

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673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
 Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
 And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
 pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
 an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love
 That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above. Public domain

634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
 sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery
 And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."

6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

(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*)

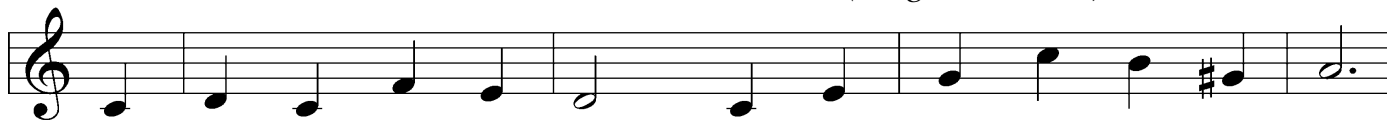
(*we sing*) **Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev’ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son 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: 672 “Jerusalem the Golden” (*sing “A-men”*)



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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THE POSTLUDE: “Ewing”

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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This Week With Our Lord, November 26-December 3, 2023

SUNDAY, November 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:25 a.m. Nursery-1st Grade Christmas Service practice at church

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes and Grades 2-8 Sunday School

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

Monday, November 27-

6:00 p.m. Boys’ basketball at home vs. St. Mary’s

6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers’ meeting in the school library

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

Tuesday, November 28-

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

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Garden Place

6:00 p.m. Girls’ basketball at home vs St. John, Chester

Wednesday, November 29- School Picture Re-take Day

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

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-5 Advent service in school’s old gym

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

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

Thursday, November 30-

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. Girls’ A & C basketball at home vs. Unity ESL

6:00 p.m. Boys’ basketball at Coulterville

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

Friday, December 1-

4:00 p.m. Senior Youth Life Committee gathers in Fellowship Hall

Basketball tournaments: Girls A @ Edwardsville; Boys C @ RBC

Saturday, December 2-

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

10:00 a.m. to noon Church Decorating for Christmas

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Brynlee Liefer

SUNDAY, December 3-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Carson Moll

9:25 a.m. Nursery-1st Grade Christmas Service practice at church

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes and Grades 2-8 Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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: 291; Communion: 129; Adult/Youth Classes: 49; 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: "Loving Mercy"

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy asks will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? He says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others (Matthew 25:34-40). 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.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/19- General: \$6,678; School: \$95; Lutheran Witness: \$25; Sunday School: \$200. *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 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Laney Twyla Henry into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late Sunday service. She is the daughter of Tyler and Megan (Miller)

Henry. Her baptismal sponsors are Tiffany Henry, Cole Gasset and Josh Cornstubble. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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 topic is “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 return this week at 9:30 a.m. using the book and DVD, “Unshakeable” by Donna Snow. They then will take a break until the new year. 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.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS will meet this Monday, November 27 at 6 p.m. in the school's library.

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 9:25 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!

WURSTMARKT THANK YOU:

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.

SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

The Senior Youth Life Committee, in conjunction with Lutherans for Life, will meet on December 1st at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to assemble baskets for Coalition for Life. Pizza will be served after we are done with the baskets. For more information, please call or text Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366).

CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

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

SONSHINE VISITATION:

Sonshine Visitation members will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 3 at 5 p.m. to plan Christmas gifts for those we visit.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

11/26- Willie Uffelmann; 11/27- Diane Stenzel, Nancy Jones, Sandra Mehner, Brayden McCarthy; 11/28- Karen Buch, Kenneth Wetzel, Brandon Hick, Cailee Strong, Brody Stellhorn, Jackson Neff, Hayden Schlimme; 11/29- Bunny Schnepel, Wayne Voss, Melonie Bollinger, Athena Wolfmeier, Elsie Uffelmann; 11/30- Randy Burgdorf, Ryan Valleroy, Addison Gunter, Hazel Veath; 12/1- Erin Cox, Eleanor Liefer; 12/2- Carmen Nichols, Rosemary Collins, Jill Gross, Derrick Voss, McKinley Florreich, Jacob Schrader. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

CLASS OF 2024 TRIP:

If you indicated you are wanting to attend the current Class of 2024 trip in April as a guest please make your deposit by Friday, December 1 payable to St. John's Lutheran Class of 2024. Final costs are still being figured out and I will have a firmer number in January/February. *DCE Bill Becker*

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*

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.

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)!

+Thank you for supporting the class of 2026 at the recent Craft Fair & Cafe held at school. Thanks also to the class parents and students for making the event another successful event!

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

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.

COOKIE WALK:

Immanuel Lutheran Church (522 S. Church St.) in Waterloo is hosting their Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose room. Choose your own cookies, a wide variety, for \$8 per pound. Gluten free and diabetic options available. First come, first serve. Other homemade candies and treats will also be available for purchase too. Any questions? Please call the office at 618-939-6480. Proceeds will benefit Immanuel's youth & preschool ministries.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Learning to acknowledge God's blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts. None of us deserve anything, except God's wrath and punishment for our sin. Instead, God has showered us with His grace and mercy in Jesus. We have received what we did not deserve. That will be true of distributions from your estate, whether to family or to ministry. Where do you believe God wants to highlight His grace through your management of His gifts? LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden can help. Contact him at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for information or to start your plan.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our

mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

ISSUES, ETC.:

You can listen to morning chapel from Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana live weekdays (9 a.m.) at issuesetc.org. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.

KFUO 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 Luebke to order. The snack sticks make a tasty stocking stuffer.

Student Council sponsored food drive: The COS Student Council is sponsoring a contest between our classes to gather snack items for the Ronald McDonald House at Cardinal Glennon and food items for a local food pantry. 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.

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

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse

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Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald Lector: Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Colton Albert; (8 a.m.) Joey Biffar; (10:30 a.m.) Sophia Zeiger

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;
(10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert

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

Flower Servers: Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Irma Birkner