

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

508 Bloom Street, Red Bud, Illinois

**Rev. Mark A. Nebel, Senior Pastor   Rev. Brian L. Nowak, Associate Pastor**

*The Nativity of Our Lord*

*December 25, 2023*

*9 a.m.*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S! God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life. In our response to this great love of God, we join together to worship our Savior born for us in Bethlehem. We welcome our visitors with us. We pray that this service will add to the joy of your holiday season. Please worship with us again!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this sacrament is also a common confession of our Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table all those who are confirmed members of congregations of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The cups of white non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray are for those who would prefer this.

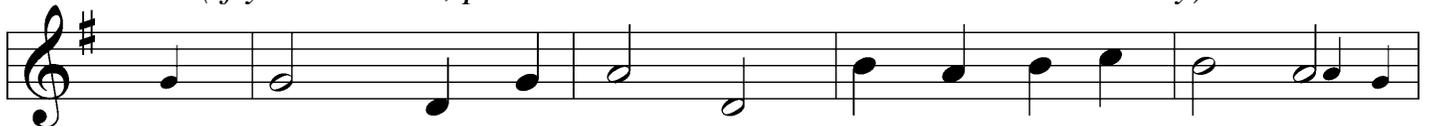
### THE FESTIVAL ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" *arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL announces the birth of our Savior and calls us to holy worship.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*(if you are able, please stand as the cross enters the sanctuary)*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him      Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther      Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther      Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

**Refrain: O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,  
 O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord!**

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### THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 98

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

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

**C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

P: The Lord has made His salvation known

**C: and revealed His righteousness to the nations.**

P: He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**C: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

**C: make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,**

P: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King,

**C: let the sea resound, and all that is in it, the world and all who live in it.**

P: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing for joy;

**C: let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.**

P: He will judge the world in righteousness

**C: and the peoples with equity.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT:

P: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O God, through the birth of Your only-begotten Son in human flesh, You offer us freedom from the sin that holds us in bondage. As we celebrate the festival of our Savior's first coming as the Babe of Bethlehem, we look with joy and sure confidence to that day when He will come again in glory and grant to the faithful eternal life; **C: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

ANTHEM: “One Little Star” (arranged by Martha Sobaje)

*Choir*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 62:10-12

Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘See your Savior comes! See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him.’” They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

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

THE EPISTLE READING: Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: 381 “Let Our Gladness Have No End”



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!  
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!  
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

**Refrain: On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us; Christ, His Son to save us.**

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THE GOSPEL READING:

*(please stand if able; read from the center of the sanctuary)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** *Luke 2:1-20 is read.*

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the Baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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

#### OUR CHRISTMAS CONFESSON OF FAITH:

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full**

of grace and truth. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known. Amen. (*please be seated*)

SERMON HYMN: 361 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.  
 So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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SERMON: "God's Time Has Come" Luke 2:6-7

- I. *It is a Simple Birth Announcement*
- II. *There Was No Room in Bethlehem*
- III. *Jesus Is a Humble Savior*
- IV. *Jesus Comes to Us in Humble Ways*
- V. *Jesus Comes For Humble People*
- VI. *God's Time Has Come*

OFFERTORY: (“God Loves Me Dearly, *LSB 392*)

**Je-sus, my Sav-ior, Him-self did of-fer; Je-sus, my Sav-ior, Paid all I owed.  
There-fore I’ll say a-gain: God loves me dear-ly, God loves me dear-ly,  
Loves e-ven me.**

**Now I will praise You, O Love E-ter-nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.  
There-fore I’ll say a-gain: God loves me dear-ly, God loves me dear-ly,  
Loves e-ven me.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: (*please stand if you are able*)

P: We join together in the confession of our sins.

**C: Eternal God, our Creator from old, we confess that we have done wrong in Your sight. We have lived for ourselves. We have ignored the troubles of others. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have not been faithful in our worship of You. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sins and free us from our selfishness so that we may follow Your will and obey Your commandments. This we ask through Christ our Lord.**

P: God shows His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Jesus was born in Bethlehem for us. Jesus lived under the law for us. Jesus underwent judgment for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus has risen! As a called and ordained servant of God’s Word, I declare to you, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

THE PREFACE:

P: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

**C: And may the Lord be with you also.**

P: Lift up your hearts to God in praise.

**C: To the Lord our hearts we raise.**

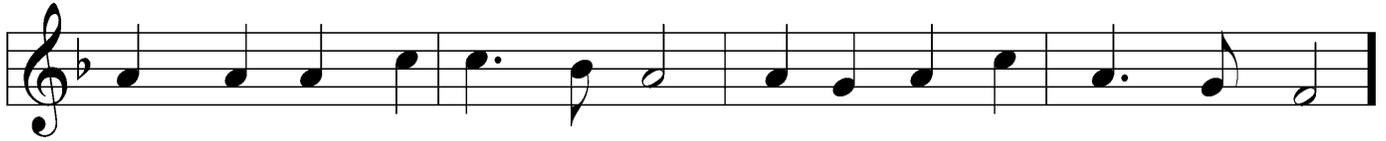
P: Let us offer praises true.

**C: It is fitting so to do. Gratefully we sing to the Lord, our King!**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son Jesus, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS: (*to the tune, “As With Gladness Men of Old”*)





And the moun-tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



*Refrain*  
 Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

373 "See amid the Winter's Snow"

**See a-mid the win-ter's snow, Born for us on earth be-low,  
 See, the gen-tle Lamb ap-pears, Prom-ised from e-ter-nal years.**

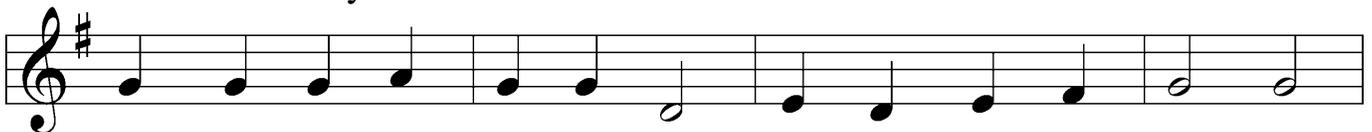
***Refrain* Hail, O ev-er-bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!  
 Sing through all Je-ru-sa-lem: "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"**

**Lo, with-in a sta-ble lies he who built the star-ry skies,  
 He, who, throned in height sub-lime, Sits a-mid the cher-u-bim. (*refrain*)**

**Sa-cred In-fant, all di-vine, What a ten-der love was Thine,  
 Thus to come from high-est bliss Down to such a world as this! (*refrain*)**

**Teach, O teach us, ho-ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,  
 Teach us to re-sem-ble Thee In Thy sweet hu-mil-i-ty. (*refrain*)**

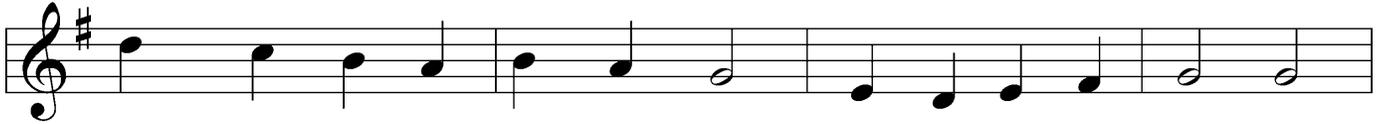
374 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

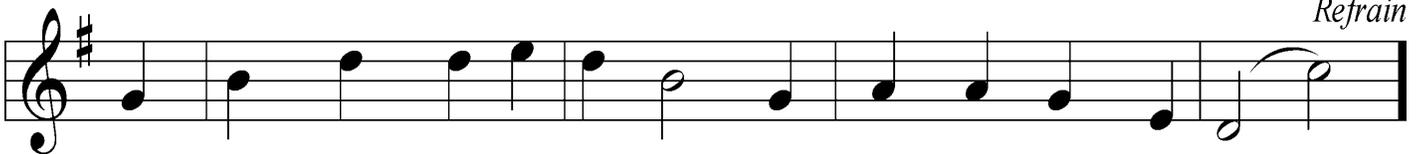
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### 388 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

**Refrain: Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;  
Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born!**



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

THE THANKSGIVING: (*please stand if able*)

(*tune: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*)

**Now let-test Thou Thy guest de-part  
With full as-sur-ance in his heart.  
For such com-mu-nion, Lord, with Thee**

**A new life may my off'-ring be.**

**When Thou shall in Thy glo-ry come  
to ga-ther all Thy peo-ple home,  
Then let me, as Thy heav'-nly guest,  
In an-thems praise Thee with the blest.**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

P: Christ is born! Glory to God in the highest! **C: Amen. Joy to the world!**

P: May the peace and joy of Christ's birth be yours to spread the good news of His salvation now and forevermore. **C: Amen. Joy to the world!**

P: The grace of the almighty God—the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C: Amen. Joy to the world!**

**THE CLOSING HYMN:** 387 “Joy to the World”

**POSTLUDE:** “Let Our Gladness Have No End” *arranged by Donald Busarow*

**SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Mark Nebel  
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak  
Lector: Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff  
Acolytes: DCE Bill Becker and Mr. Bryce Becker

**REMAINING SPECIAL HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday, December 31, 5 p.m., New Year's Eve Holy Communion  
Monday, January 1, 2024, 10 a.m. New Year's Day Matins Service

**A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!**

*From Pastor Mark and Cindy Nebel and their family; and  
From Pastor Brian and Heather Nowak and their family*

**This Week With Our Lord, December 24, 2023- January 2, 2024**

**SUNDAY, December 24-** *No morning worship, Sunday School or Bible class*

3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion; Acolyte: Carson Moll

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion; Acolyte: Addison Breier

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion/Candlelight: Acolytes: Sr. Youth

**Monday, December 25-** *Christ is Born! Glory to God in the highest!*

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service

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9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, December 26- Office Closed

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

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

Wednesday, December 27- 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship HallThursday, December 28- 9:00 a.m. Office Staff meetingFriday, December 29- 4-8 p.m. Faye Schwartzkopf visitation at churchSaturday, December 30-

10 a.m. Visitation; 11 a.m. Faye Schwartzkopf funeral

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

SUNDAY, December 31- No Sunday School or Bible classes today

10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte: Austin Stellhorn

5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service: Kade Liefer

Monday, January 1, 2024- Happy New Year!

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Matins Service: Acolyte: Payton Liefer

Tuesday, January 2- Office Closed

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

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meets in the Fellowship Hall

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Early Childhood Christmas Service (AM & PM): &

Worship: 337; Communion: 192; Adult/Youth Classes: 48; Sunday School: 44

*And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/17- General: \$28,567.33; School: \$897.19; Debt: \$23,001.27; Automatic Giving: \$5,515; Christmas Decorations: \$100. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7)*

ST. JOHN'S FINANCIAL FACTS: Compared to 2022 (through November)

Worship Offerings: \$37,374.66 lower; Total Income: \$73,283.08 lower

Expenses: \$152,566.77 higher; Remaining Expansion Debt: \$645,085.15

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Sunday School and Bible Classes will not meet this Sunday or next Sunday.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Community and Conversation"

Speaker: Dr. Michael Zeigler. This Christmas Eve, God wants to be found in the human community gathered in the name of Jesus and in the conversation connected with Him. 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.

WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Wednesday Women are on 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, January 6 at 7 a.m. to study “Proverbs: God’s Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living.”

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER:**

3-Year-old: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer, Clarke Thien, Colby Young, Clay Zeller; 4-Year-old: Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Benjamin Langrehr; Kindergarten: Kaly Young; First Grade: Jettson Grohmann, Ava Moll; Second Grade: Natalie Bowles, Ellie Stellhorn; Third Grade: Brewer Krick, Liam Langrehr; Fourth Grade: Jackson Carnahan; Fifth Grade: Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Abby Stellhorn, Kade Young; Sixth Grade: Jozlynn Palm; Seventh Grade: Carson Bowles, Clare Carnahan, Carson Moll; Eighth Grade: Sydney Kassing. Thank you for your participation in and your support of our Sunday School ministry!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024:**

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2024 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one with your names on it or have one that you do not intend to use, please call Leslie in our office (282-2394) so she can adjust the list.

**POSITION BECOMING AVAILABLE:**

The position of Pastoral Administrative Assistant will be open after the first of the year in our church/school office. Hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with holidays off. Salary and vacation are based on our District Salary Guidelines. For a job description and/or application, call our office at 282-2394.

**WARMING TREE:**

Your donation of new coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, underwear and blankets to our “Warming Tree” in the Fellowship Hall (or lobby at school) will be given to local families in need to help them stay warm this winter.

**UPCOMING SERVICES:** *No Sunday morning services or classes on the 24<sup>th</sup>!*

Sun 24 3 and 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion  
 Sun 24 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion & Candlelight  
 Mon 25 9 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion  
 Sat/Sun 30/31 \*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas (5 p.m. & 10 a.m.)  
 Sun 31 5 p.m. New Year’s Eve Holy Communion  
 Mon Jan. 1, 10 a.m. New Year’s Day Matins

**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:**

Pastor Nebel would like to begin an Adult Instruction Class in January to cover the basics of Christian Doctrine as taught in the Lutheran Church. This would be a good refresher course for those already confirmed or it could lead to communicant membership at St. John’s for those who so desire. Contact Pastor if you have or know of one who has an interest in this class. Day and time TBD.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

12/24- Camden Moll; 12/25- Wayne Mesnarich, Ken Ruwald, Laura DuFrenne; 12/26- Michael VanDorn, Christina Gidley; 12/27- Richard Liefer, Lynn Langrehr, Louis Stellhorn, Angela Cartee, Andrea Liefer, Bailey Montroy, Archer Mehring; 12/28- Brenda vanBuren,

Linda Koester, Addison Dilley, Bentley Valentine; 12/29- Kevin Miller; 12/30- Edward Wagner, Erin Cowell, Traci Proctor, Jordan Buch, Blake Uffelmann, Taylor Stellhorn. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

**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](mailto: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: Ken Ruwald, 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

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org), a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, enjoy the Twelve Days of Christmas with special Christmas music, Scripture, and greetings until January 6. Blessed Christmas! Christ is born!

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for supporting the ministry of *Christ Our Savior* in 2023. We are looking forward to a joy-filled and blessed ministry to families with you in 2024.

The COS Trivia Night and Silent Auction to support Post Prom and our mission trip will be Friday, January 19. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the trivia starts at 7:00. Adults \$15, students \$7 with up to eight people per table. Reserve your spot by filling out this form: <https://bit.ly/COSTrivia2024> or calling 618-853-7300.

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](http://www.coslhs.org).

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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel  
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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, Melissa Schilling,  
 Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany  
 Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston,  
 Deanna Ward, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz, Madison Trask

*Church Council*

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse  
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