

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY *St. John's Lutheran Church*Red Bud, Illinois *Divine Service Four*, pages 203ff. January 27-28, 2024**PRELUDE:** "Son of God, Eternal Savior" *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr***THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.**OPENING HYMN: 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203 (*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: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 32



Many are the sorrows of the | wick-ed,

but love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | giv-en, whose sin is | cov-ered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in-| iq-ui-ty,

and in whose spirit there is | no de-keit.

I acknowledged my / sin to You,

and I did not cover my in-| iq-ui-ty.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD,"

and You forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone offer / prayer to You

at a time when You | may be found.

You preserve me from | trou-ble;

You surround me with shouts of de- | liv-er-ance.

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.

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but love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

KYRIE: (page 204) (*sung*) **Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord have mer-cy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: page 204

**To God on high be glo-ry And peace to all the earth;
 Good-will from God in heav-en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father, Your ho-ly name we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 To You, O sole-be-got-ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Sav-ior, You take our sins a-way.
 Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus; Re-ceive our heart-felt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 For You a-lone are ho-ly; You on-ly are the Lord. For-ev-er and for-ev-er,
 Be wor-shiped and a-dored; You with the Ho-ly Spir-it
 A-lone are Lord Most High, In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry.
 "A-men!" our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) "Set Free Within" (by David N. Johnson) *Choir*
 (10:30 a.m.) "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" *School Grades 3-8*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to My words that

he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL:

Praise the Lord, all nations! **Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

bring an offering, and come into His courts!

THE EPISTLE READING:

1st Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**Mark 1:21-28**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" and the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:** (*inside back cover of hymnal*)*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 207)***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.

(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 206)

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. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: (LSB 541)**

“A-way from us!” the de-mon cried When Christ, the Lord, drew near.
For e-vil can-not bear the Light Nor sin the Truth ap-pear.

O ris-en Christ, God’s liv-ing Word, To us, we pray, draw near.
Come, speak the truth that cleans-es sin With love that con-que-rs fear.

Then help us, Lord, to greet each day With hearts and wills made new
And, when You call us forth to serve, To rise and fol-low You.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

SERMON: “One God, One Lord and Love for Others” 1st Corinthians 8:1-13

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

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wil Guebert, Flo Zschiegner, Jim Guebert, Marie Voges, David Guebert, Paul Schrieber, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Gary Schwartzkopf, Sherry Winkelman, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Jack Kennedy; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Tyson Moonier, Dorothy Fulton, Rhonda Black, Mike Coffey, Isabella Despain, Joe Candler, Roleen Henke. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow.

+births: a daughter to Erick and Megan (Grohmann) Thien on January 25; a son to Evan and Kate Guebert on January 21

+ministry of Lutheran Schools as we end National Lutheran Schools Week

+our district mission partnership with the Dominican Republic seminary
 +for peace in the world and comfort for those who mourn and suffer violence
 +**those who mourn: family of Roleen Henke, mother of Cheryl Walker; died in Lord Friday**

OFFERTORY: (*LSB 786*)

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
 Use them Your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill.
 To-kens of love and pledg-es they shall be
 That our whole life is of-fered to Your will.
 Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;
 Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;
 Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows;
 To You with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.**

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray: **Our Father who art in...**

P: 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. **Amen.**

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "Luther's Morning Prayer" (arranged by John A. Behnke) *Choir*

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION: page 212

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

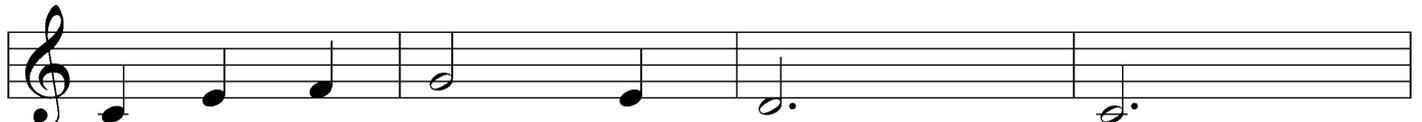
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

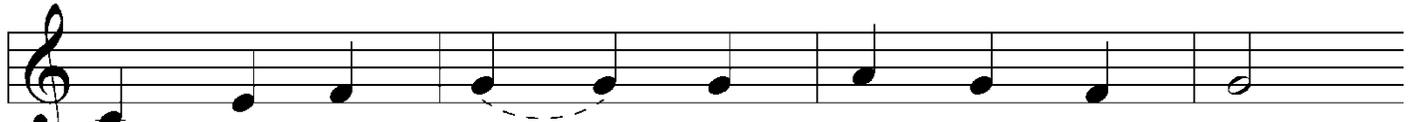
CLOSING HYMN: 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



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



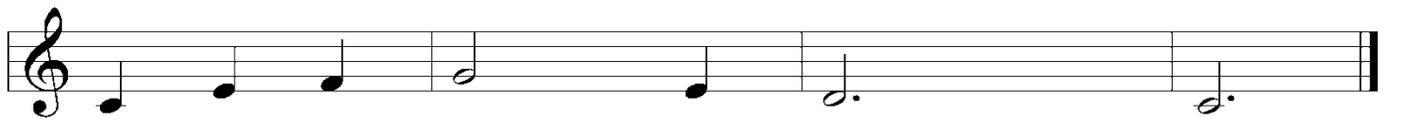
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



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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POSTLUDE: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" *arr. by Michael Burkhardt*

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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 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*.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

Preface

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
 Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and received the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 and The Pax Domini

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;

O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;

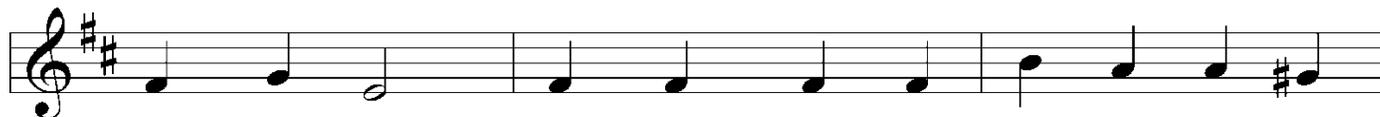
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

793 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”



1 Praise, my soul, the	King of heav - en;	To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His	grace and fa - vor	To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther-like He	tends and spares	us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us	to a - dore Him;	You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring;	Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress;	Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows;	In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face;	Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His	prais - es sing:	Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and	swift to bless:	Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from	all our foes.	Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in	time and space.	Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia!	Praise the	ev - er - last - ing	King.
al - le - lu - ia!	Glo - rious	in His	faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia!	Wide - ly	yet His	mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia!	Praise with	us the	God of grace.

637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

(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.)

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211 (*please stand*)

**O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav’n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:
A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,
The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.**

**All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,
All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;
For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,
God’s tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

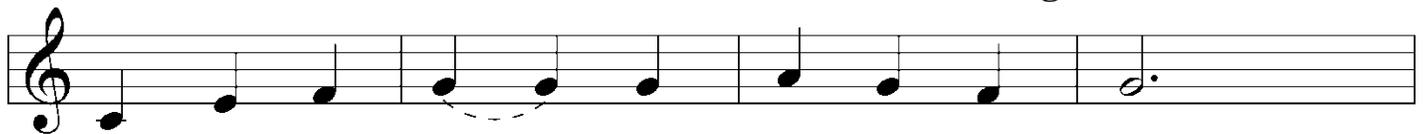
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P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

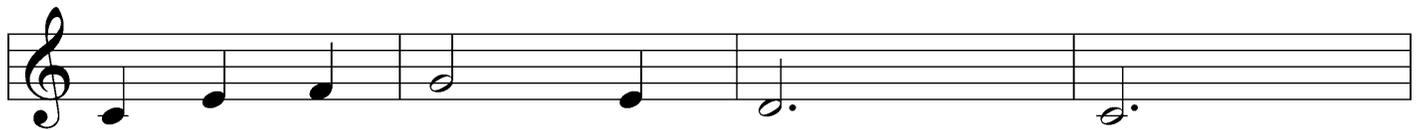
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 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 Righteousness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with patience the race,

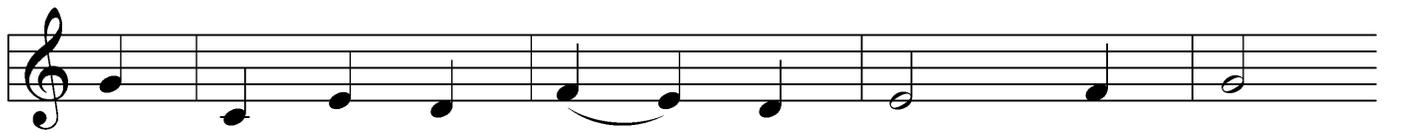


The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



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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POSTLUDE: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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This Week With Our Lord, January 28-February 4, 2024

SUNDAY, January 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Communion

Noon Senior Youth serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Annual Voters Assembly meeting

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, January 29-

1:30 p.m. Bible Bee in the school's old gym
 6:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in library
 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade parent meeting
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, January 30- Epistle articles due to pastor

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

Wednesday, January 31-

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

9 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel service at church

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

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

5:00 p.m. Volleyball at Chester Public School

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 1-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball (A & C) at St. John Lutheran in Chester

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

Friday, February 2- B Team Volleyball tournament at Rocher

9:00 a.m. All-School Chapel service in the new gym

Saturday, February 3-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Colton Albert

SUNDAY, February 4-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Clare Carnahan

6:0 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: NR; Communion: 163; Bible classes: Adults- 58; SS & Youth: 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)

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

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

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/21- General: \$11,109; School: \$50. *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)*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Forgiveness Is a Gift From Far Away"

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola says that forgiveness is a gift Christ won for us on a cross, thousands of miles away and two thousand years ago (Psalm 103:11-12). Listen on

KFUO 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.

SUPPORT FOR LIFE NETWORK:

Please bring baby items to help support Life Network of Southern Illinois! Tables are set up at school and church. This is a mission of 2nd Grade and Lutheran Schools Week this year. We are collecting throughout the month of January. Thank you!

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 New Heavens and the New Earth.” Mr. Palm’s class on Bible Survey will meet this Sunday in the school library.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don’t like to hear. But that’s just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus’ authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus’ authority is always connected to His love.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

+We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John’s member Sharon DeRousse who died in the Lord on January 19. She received her Christian funeral here on Friday. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

+We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John’s member Chad Grohmann who died in the Lord suddenly on January 20. He received his Christian funeral here on Saturday. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

POINSETTIA FLOWERS:

If you donated a poinsettia for our chancel and sanctuary’s decoration over the Christmas season, please feel free to take one home with you today. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Our mission project this year (10% of offerings) is benefitting 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!

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.

THANK YOU:

“Dear St. John’s members, I am so grateful for the support I have received from you to help me in furthering my Lutheran education at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. The care you have shown me has been a blessing in my life.” *In Christ, Christine Liefer*

SENIOR YOUTH LUNCHEON:

Our Senior Youth will serve a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday after our late service and before our Voters' Assembly meeting. They will welcome your free-will offering!

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be this Sunday, January 28 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be an election of officers and ministry board members. There will be a report on our financial results for 2023. Our Senior Youth will host a lunch in the Fellowship Hall beginning at noon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman:	Kevin Liefer	_____	
Vice-Chairman:	Mike DeRousse	_____	
Treasurer:	Eric Fritsche	_____	
Secretary:	Joan Ruwald	_____	
Elders:	(3) Stuart Langrehr	Mike Schnepel	Louis Stellhorn
	_____	_____	_____
Trustees: (2)	Curt Guebert	William Kuehn	
	Steve Uffelmann	Jeremy Voss	
Education: (2)	Chad Crafton	Travis Krick	
	Rachael Liefer	Angie Rahn	
Finance:	Christa Brundage	Staci Candler	Kim Mehring
(Vote 3)	Kody Schoenbeck	Sarah Wetzel	_____
Estate Fund	David Guebert	_____	
COSLHS Board:	Christina Gidley	Rebekah Liefer	

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The Senior Youth LIFE Committee working with Lutherans for Life, is developing care packages for the residents of Zoe's Home, an LCMS maternity home in Clinton, Missouri. We ask for donations of kitchen and bath linens, cleaning supplies, and kitchen utensils. Gift cards to Wal Mart or Amazon also are welcomed. The LIFE committee will assemble these care packages on January 28th after the Voter's meeting. You can bring your donations on that Sunday or leave them in the school office any time before that date. Please contact Jennifer Roscow with questions (text or call at 618-972-5366 or email at swillinoislutheransforlife@yahoo.com).

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An Adult Instruction Class has begun on Sundays at 6 p.m. in the school library 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. You still can join! Contact Pastor if you have or know of one who has an interest in this class.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: LCMS *Better Health* Sweet potatoes are high in fiber and beta-carotene which is converted into vitamin A to support vision.

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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/28- Harper Kennedy; 1/29- Bethany Whelan, Dax Liefer, Brooks Liefer; 1/30- Cindy Steele, Chad Todaro, Cari Lucht, Gage Baldwin; 1/31- Charles Guebert, Linda Birkner, Travis Burmester, Sophia Liefer, Emily Bowles; 2/2- Lois Fuhrhop, Debra Liefer, Clint Crafton, Willa Henry; 2/3- Robert Pratt, Diane Guebert, Faye Reinhardt, Carrie Beshoar. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Wil Guebert.

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, Paul Schrieber, Arlin and Helen Winkelman, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Pat Byer, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth Koester, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville are hosting a series of presentations on the Bible. This series features "The Seven Letters to the Churches in the Book of Revelation". Light refreshments will be served after each presentation. Sunday, January 28, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "the Letter to the Church in Thyatira," presented by Rev. Tony Troup. Tuesday, January 30, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "the Letter to the Church in Sardis," presented by Rev. Scott Hojnacki, Trinity Lutheran, Red Bud. Sunday, February 4, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "the Letter to the Church in Philadelphia," presented by Rev. Stephen Krenz, St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbia.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: www.lutheransforlife

Gospel-motivated voices have the privilege – and the responsibility – to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgment and condemnation (Deuteronomy 18:20). The Scriptures Page 6

and the Savior have graciously made clear – with "shalls" and "shall-nots" – His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones (1st Cor. 8:12).

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Responding to the Cliches of Pop American Christianity, The Epiphany Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise," An Update on an Attempt by Concordia University Texas to Reject the Governance & Oversight of the LCMS, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3–5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.

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

Mattress & Furniture Sale and Fundraiser: Red Bud Mattress Company will give a donation to *COS* for every item purchased from them in February. All you have to do is let them know that you want them to support *COS* when you buy your items.

***COS* Alumni Co-ed Basketball game:** February 2 @ 6:30 p.m. Join us in cheering for your favorite Soldiers!

***COS* Blood Drive:** *COS* is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on February 6th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Use your Red Cross App or go online to set up your appointment.

Track & Field Coach Needed: *COS* is looking for a coach for our Track and Field team this spring. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Smoked Ribs Fundraiser for Shooting Sports: Support the trap and archery teams at *COS* by purchasing smoked ribs. Each side is \$25. Orders are due February 5 and will be available for pick up Feb. 10. Call to order.

Banner Updates: Twenty years ago, our Association Churches created banners to hang in our gym. Some of the banners are showing their age. *COS* is encouraging our Association Congregations to create new banners to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary. Call school for details.

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 Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd
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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, Melissa Schilling,
 Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany
 Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston,
 Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements,
 Jill Wetzel

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse
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 Trustee Chair: Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert
 Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
 Organist/Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak; Lector: Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Sydney Kassing; (8 a.m.) Elle Sutton; (10:30 a.m.) Jackson Pensoneau
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Lisa Quinn & Christine Kellerhouse;
 (10:30 a.m.) Ken and Karen Wetzel

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
 Flower Server: Cindy Steele Paraments: Ella Hemmer