

EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD*St. John's Lutheran Church***January 6-7, 2024***Divine Service One, page 151ff.***Red Bud, Illinois****PRELUDE:** (Sat.) "God Loves Me Dearly" *Bell Choir;*(Sun.) "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" *arranged by R.J. Powell***THE RINGING of the bell calls us to holy worship.****OPENING HYMN: 399 "The Star Proclaims the King"***(please stand for the last stanza, "A-men")*

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151P 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 for 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 2



Behold My servant, whom | I up-hold, My chosen, in whom My | soul de-lights.
I will tell of the de-cree: The LORD | said to me,

“You are My Son; today I have be- | got-ten you.

I will make the nations your | her-i-tage,

and the ends of the earth your pos- | ses-sion.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | ves-sel.”

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear, and rejoice with | trem-bling,

for His wrath is quickly | kin-dled. Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in Him.

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.

Behold My servant, whom | I up-hold, My chosen, in whom My | soul de-lights.

KYRIE: (page 152) (*we sing the responses*)

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” (page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** (*sung*) And also with you. P: Let us pray.
C Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
 (*please be seated*)

ANTHEM: (*Sat.*) “What Child Is This?”

Bell Choir

(*8 a.m.*) “Run to the Manger Bed” (arranged by Robert C. Lau)

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

THE 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:**Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 156) *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**Mark 1:4-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: (sung) Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **Nicene Creed** (*page 158*)

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*)

(10:30 a.m.) **Apostles' Creed** (*page 159*)

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,

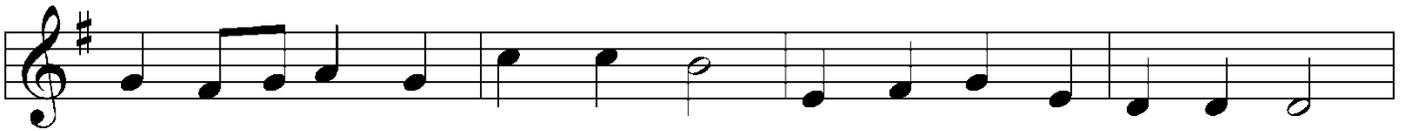
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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)*

(please be seated) (10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

I love to tell the sto-ry, of wise men from a-far,
 With gifts to hon-or Je-sus, As they fol-lowed Beth-le-hem's star.
 I love to tell their sto-ry, be-cause they came you see,
 To see their Lord and Sa-rior, and wor-ship Christ the King.
 I love to tell the sto-ry, 'twill be my theme in glo-ry
 To tell the Christ-mas sto-ry of Je-sus and His love.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 397 "As With Gladness Men of Old"



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

SERMON: “Let There Be Light” Genesis 1:3; Isaiah 60:1, 3 and 6b

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the
LORD.*

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: Edna Moeller, Lorine Reinhardt, Wil Guebert, Flo Zschiegner, Sharon DeRousse, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Sherry Winkelman, Gary Schwartzkopf, Jay Prigge, 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, Jeff Gulley. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+birth of a daughter to Tom and Brooke (Hartmann) Mehring on Dec. 20

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

OFFERTORY: pages 159-160

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

(The 10:30 a.m. service concludes here.)

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.

CLOSING COLLECT and BENEDICTION:

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 or 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.**

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** (*sung*) **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 367 Angels From the Realms of Glory” (*sing “A-men.”*)



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain:

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship; Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

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*.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

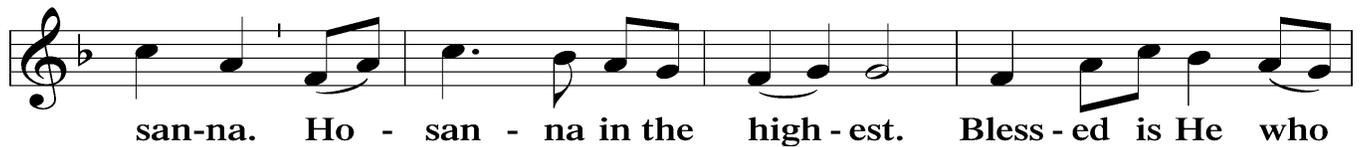
P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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**



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, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

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.

...**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** (*sung*) **A-men.**

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)
404 “Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered”

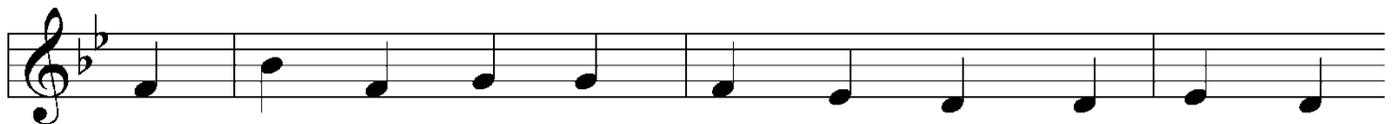
Je-sus, once with sin-ners num-bered, Had no blem-ish of His own;
 In the wa-ters of the Jor-dan His true worth and work were shown:
 Heav-en o-pened and the Spir-it There de-scend-ed like a dove.
 As the Fa-ther's voice re-sound-ed, "Hear My Son, the One I love."

John con-fessed Him as the Sav-ior—"Look, the sin-less Lamb of God!"
 Yet he dared not loose the san-dals Of the One God's love had shod.
 Oh, how fair the feet of Je-sus, Bring-ing news of peace to us,
 Christ, the her-ald of sal-va-tion, Preach-ing mer-cy from the cross:

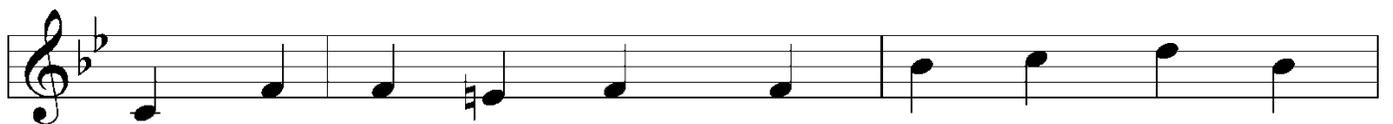
This the bap-tism that our Sav-ior Great-ly longed to un-der-go;
 This the crim-son cleans-ing need-ed So the world God's love might know;
 This the mis-sion of Mes-si-ah As He stepped from Jor-dan's stream,
 He, the cho-sen and a-noint-ed Son of God, sent to re-deem.

Je-sus, once with sin-ners num-bered, Full o-be-dience was Your path;
 You, by death, have con-se-crat-ed Wa-ter in this sav-ing bath:
 Dy-ing to the sin of Ad-am, Ris-ing to a life of grace;
 We are count-ed with the righ-teous, O-ver us the cross You trace.

405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
all our sin-ful selves em-mployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you
whole And then in death completes you.

- 6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

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(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.)

(*please stand if able*) **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** “Thank the Lord” page 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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

Benediction

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 (sung) A-men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 367 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (*sing “A-men.”*)

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain:

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship; Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

POSTLUDE: “Angels From the Realms of Glory” *arranged by Tim Shewmaker*

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This Week With Our Lord, January 7-14, 2024**SUNDAY, January 7-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Noon Senior Youth gathering in church basement hangout

2:00 p.m. Take down Christmas decorations at church

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

Monday, January 8-

6:00 p.m. Girls' A & B Basketball vs. Rocher (8th grade night)

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meets in the school library

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

7:15 p.m. Board of Education meets in the school library

Tuesday, January 9- *Girls' Basketball Regionals*

10 a.m. –3 p.m. Pastors at Circuit Pastors' Conference-Steeleville

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

6:00 p.m. Boys' A team in OVC tourney @ St. Mary's

Wednesday, January 10-

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

8:20 a.m. School Awards Assembly in the new gym

9:00 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

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

Thursday, January 11-

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

3:00 p.m. Holy Communion service at church

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

7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 12-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 13-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte: Addy Schloemann

6:00 p.m. 6th Grade Trivia Color Party in old gym

SUNDAY, January 14-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service: Acolyte: Aubrey Kiefer

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Acolyte: Lucas Summers

Noon Junior Youth to Perryville Rec Center

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

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: 182; Communion: 151; NYE: Worship 48; Communion: 43; NYD: 29

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

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/31- General: \$76,820.20; School: \$2,785; Debt: \$2,000. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Cor. 9:7)*

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.

SINGING IN WORSHIP:

Jan. 21, 8 a.m. School grades Kdg.-2; Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m. Grades 3-8

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “As We Forgive”

Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness—what it is and what it isn’t (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4). 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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Mark 1:7 – “And [John] preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’” John is right — Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

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!

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 support of our Sunday School ministry!

MEN’S CLUB gathers Thursday @ 7 pm in our Fellowship Hall to watch the Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study “Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency.”

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

Friday, January 12, will be a Family Fun Night at the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Lemonade and bottled water will be available. We will have some board games, cards, puzzles (you are welcome to bring a family favorite too), for a fun filled evening. Let’s start at 7 p.m. and end around 9 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in on the fun!

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:

Our January Junior Youth Group Event is next Sunday January 14th. We will meet at the school parking lot at noon to go to the Perryville Rec/Aquatic Center (800 City Park Drive, Perryville, MO). The rec center has a large pool with a slide, high diving boards, and a lily pad thing. There are also basketball courts and pickleball. A day pass is \$5 for all activities. we plan on leaving the rec center at 4 p.m. at the latest.

THANK YOU:

“Thank you so very much for remembering us at Christmas with your kind cards, delicious food and snacks and generous gifts. We praise God for your goodness and support! We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will bless you and keep you in His grace and mercy during this new year.” *In Jesus’ name, Pastor Mark and Cindy Nebel*

“Thank you for the generosity you have shown to our family during the holiday season. We thank God for our shared ministry in Jesus’ name.” *Pastor Brian and Heather Nowak and children*

“Dear school and church families of St. John’s, Thank you for my gifts of Cougar Wear from the school families and for the Christmas check from the congregation. Your generosity is appreciated! May you all have a blessed New Year!” *DCE Bill Becker*

“Our deepest thanks for the many cards, gifts, food, and hugs given us at Christmas. All of the faculty and staff appreciate your generous goodness. This “thank you” also includes the Christmas bonus given to us from the congregation. We are so blessed by all of your support!”

Principal Justin Palm and the teachers & staff of St. John’s Lutheran School

“Thanks for the beautiful poinsettia and goodie bag from the Elders. Thanks to the Junior Youth for the tied Christmas blanket and to the Sonshine group for the fruit basket and gift card. I appreciate your thoughtfulness” *Ken Ruwald*

“Thank you for the thoughtful gifts I received for Christmas. God bless you in this new year.” *Viola Muench*

“Thank you for the poinsettia and the bag of treats. It is so nice to be remembered like this.” *Omer and Neva Liefer*

“Thank you so much for remembering me with the nice Christmas gift bag and the pretty poinsettia. The gift bag was filled with so many useful things. Thank you so much! I wish you a new year filled with all of God’s blessings. May God bless all of my friends at St. John’s.” *Mary Gross*

“May you be blessed with glad tidings of great joy at Christmas and all year through. Thank you for remembering us! Blessings, *Carl and Flo Zschiegner*

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT FOR LIFE NETWORK:

Our annual fundraiser for Life Network of Southern Illinois begins this weekend. You may pick up a baby bottle in the entryway, fill it with loose change over the next month, and bring it back to church when it is full.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

Those who joined St. John’s family of faith in the year 2023 through baptism, transfer of membership or Adult Confirmation are invited to be recognized and celebrated at our New

Member Welcome on Sunday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall between worship services (9:30-10:15 a.m.). Baptism lambs will be distributed. Representatives from our congregational groups will share what their members do. Refreshments will be enjoyed!

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be on 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.

CASEY'S REWARDS:

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to St. John's school through the Casey's app. Thank you!

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 January 19 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 S. Illinois District Salary Guidelines. For a job description and/or application, call our office at 282-2394.

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.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An Adult Instruction Class will begin this Sunday 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. Contact Pastor Nebel if you have or know of one who has an interest in this class.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/7- Marie Voges; 1/8- Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer; 1/10- Jessica Schloemann, Cheyenne Windsor; 1/11- Lauren Koen, Madison Proctor, Cadin Voss, Everett Liefer; 1/13- Norma Preston, Nathan Salger. *Call our office with corrections!*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Ken Ruwald, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Bria-Columbia: Sharon DeRousse; 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, 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

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).

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions submitted via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

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.

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit COS, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application.

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 open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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, 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

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Eric Fritsche Board of Finance: Jill Gross

Elder Chair: Gerald Hanebutt Parish Education Chair: Devon Albert

Trustee Chair: Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert

Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Brynlee Liefer; (8 a.m.) Jacob Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Lilly Meyer

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele; (10:30 a.m.) Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

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

Flower Server: Cindy Steele Paraments: Ella Hemmer