

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*St. John's Lutheran Church*

July 13-14, 2024

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**Red Bud, Illinois**

**THE PRELUDE:** *(Sunday) "Munich" setting by Charles Callahan*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**

**OPENING HYMN: 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"**



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 167 *(please stand if you are able)*

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

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection 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 143**



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

Bring my soul out of | trou-ble!

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

Answer me, in Your | right-eous-ness!

Enter not into judgment with Your | ser-vant,

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

Let me hear in the morning of Your | stead-fast love, for in | You I trust.

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.

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

Bring my soul out of | trou-ble!

**KYRIE:** pages 168-169 (*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” pages 171-72**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C: (sung) Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

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

**C: O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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)**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:****Amos 7:7-15**

This is what the Lord God showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL:**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

**To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

**You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Mark 6:14-29**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I

beheaded, has been raised.” For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed** *(inside back cover of the hymnal)*  
*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles’ Creed (page 175)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 174)*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)*

*(please be seated) (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: 588 "Jesus Loves Me"**

**Je-sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi-ble tells me so.  
Lit-tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.**

*Refrain: Yes, Je-sus loves me ! Yes, Je-sus loves me!*

**Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.**

**Je-sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o-pen wide.  
He has washed a-way my sin, Lets His lit-tle child come in. *(refrain)***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

**SERMON:** "God Chose Us" Ephesians 1:3-14

*(please stand if you are able)* **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(see bulletin notes)*  
*(Each petition ends "Lord, in Your mercy" and we respond, "hear our prayer.")*

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**OFFERTORY:** (page 176)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

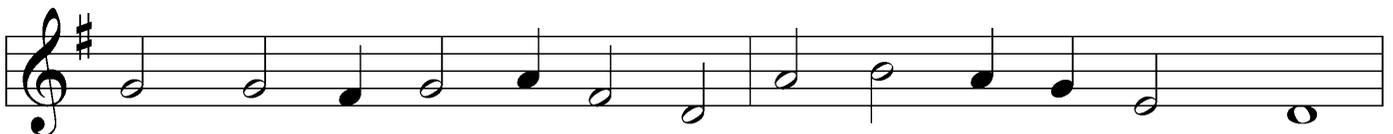
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**COLLECT and BENEDICTION:** page 183

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

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. **People: A-men.** (*please be seated*)

**CLOSING HYMN: 689 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"**



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
 3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
 My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
 Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead-fast-ness,  
 For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
 Him to the end con-fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 Give me Thy con-stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION:** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

**PREFACE:** (*we speak the responses*) page 177

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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*) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

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

### **Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

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

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

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** (*please be seated*)

**628 "Your Table I Approach"**



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;

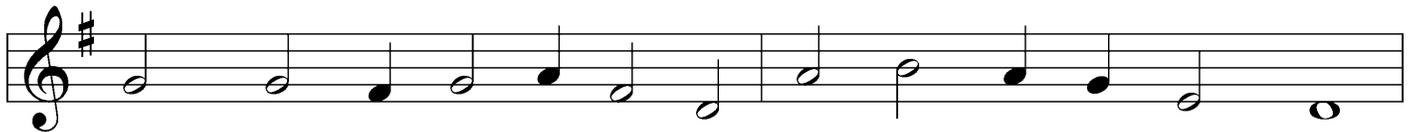


Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - pish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined  
 May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
 For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light. Public domain

### 746 "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.  
 2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;  
 3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour  
 4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?  
 No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.  
 Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r  
 This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;  
 Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,  
 Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come  
 This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.  
 They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.  
 Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom  
 And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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### 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
of His might All things are just and good and right:  
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory! Public domain

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;  
so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith,  
a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness,  
the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** "Nunc Dimittis" page 182 (*please stand if able*)  
(*we sing*) **Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been  
ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-  
pared in the sight of ev'ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions  
and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to  
the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,  
and will be for-ev-er. A-men.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENECTION:** page 183

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

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**C: A-men**

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Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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**THE POSTLUDE:** (*Sunday*) “Lob Gott Getrost Mit Singen” *setting by Matthew Machemer*

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***This Week With Our Lord, July 14-21, 2024***

**SUNDAY, July 14-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Classes (No Summer Sunday School)

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

Monday, July 15-

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, July 16-

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

Wednesday, July 17-

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Thursday, July 18-

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

Saturday, July 20-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Case Hess

SUNDAY, July 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Elle Sutton

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class (No Summer Sunday School)

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Brooke Wolter

Noon: Pastor and Cindy Nebel Farewell Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 271; Communion: 126; Bible classes: Adults- 20; SS: 1

*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. 7/7- General: \$12,811; School: \$340. *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).*

BORROWED FOR PAYROLL:

In order to cover our mid-June payroll, St. John's treasurer borrowed a second \$50,000 from the Estate Fund Committee. While offerings are on par with last year, our expenses at \$128,000 higher than last year at this time.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcomed Elliott Edward Schoenbeck into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism on Thursday, July 11. He is the son of Kody and Courtney (Nieweglowski) Schoenbeck. His baptismal sponsors are Joshua Nieweglowski, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, and Stephanie Oakley. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

EPISTLES:

Our congregation's monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been emailed to everyone for whom Pastor has an address.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’” In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because His activity toward us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Words of Grace Build Us Up”

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola says that the gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family (Acts 20:32). 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.

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.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. to study the Large Catechism with Pastor Nebel leading the topic on Holy Baptism this Sunday. Mr. Palm's class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday in the school library. Summer Sunday School will not meet this Sunday.

CALL ACCEPTANCE:

Pastor Nebel has accepted the divine call to teach at Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri. His last Sunday here at St. John's will be July 21. His last day in the office will be July 24. He will take July 25-31 as vacation.

PASTOR AND CINDY NEBEL APPRECIATION:

St. John's Lutheran Church and School has been blessed with seventeen years of faithful service and devotion from Pastor and Cindy Nebel. Cindy Nebel has served St. John's Lutheran School for ten years and Pastor Nebel has served as Senior Pastor for seventeen years. St. John's Lutheran Church and School will recognize Pastor and Cindy for their devoted service to St. John's on Sunday July 21 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to this potluck luncheon. Meat and dessert will be provided.

VOTERS MEETING:

Our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be Wednesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All confirmed members of St. John's age 18 and older are voting members.

OPENING FOR FOURTH GRADE TEACHER:

St. John's Lutheran School is looking for a 4th-grade homeroom teacher. Applicants can use the link, <https://forms.gle/C6VUxnZ671Qrdgo7A>, to learn more about the position and send

in a resume for review. You may also call the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 3:00 for more information. We have competitive pay and a great benefits package which includes insurance for the employee and a pension. We look forward to the responses that come in and await the plans and people God has in store for St. John's Lutheran School.

#### SUMMER SINGERS:

Do you like to sing? For the summer months I'm inviting anyone who's interested to take part in our "Summer Singers" group! You do not have to be a choir member to participate! We will sing again for the following worship services: Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8 a.m., and Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. On those mornings we will meet a half an hour before church to practice the song. The songs we sing will be simple, most likely unison, but we can add some part-singing if there is interest. Kids and youth are welcome to sing too!! Let me know if you are interested! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

#### MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES:

"Calling all students, youth, and adults who sing and/or play an instrument! I am looking for anyone who is interested in using your gifts of music to enhance our worship services by providing music before the services begin. I welcome everyone, from beginner to advanced! If you would like to play/sing in a different part of the service, that can be arranged also. If you are interested, please let me know!" *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

#### 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.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

7/14- Brenda Malott, Susan Harbaugh, Rachael Guebert, Waylynn Ebers; 7/15- Lori Colbert, Candace Sondag, Kenedee Crafton, Case Uffelmann; 7/16- Olivia Schmitz, Patty Schnepel, Devon Albert, Tim Liefer, Eric Guebert, Kristopher Liefer; 7/17- Austin Kiefer; 7/18- Patricia Liefer, Tina LaChance, Shelli Adams, Becky Biffar, Micah Moeller, Emery Hollis; 7/19- Ethan Fritsche, Natalie Korando, Savannah Horrell; 7/20- David Snyder. *Please call our office with 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-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Don Fausz, Mary Gross, Jean Menke & Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood:

Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers and Wil Guebert; Ruma R&R: Kenneth and Geraldine Koester, Arlin and Helen Winkelman.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, Paul Schrieber, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

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.

MIGHTY MITES FOR MISSIONS:

Loose change weighing you down? Unload those coins in the Evening Guild's LWML Mite Box located on the table in the narthex. All donations will be sent to LWML/SID to support the districts mission grants.

POSITION AVAILABLE:

The Southern Illinois District seeks an Administrative Assistant to support the District President. This full-time position, Monday to Friday, includes comprehensive health care and retirement benefits. The ideal candidate should possess strong verbal, writing, and interpersonal skills. The role involves various tasks such as computer work, email correspondence, phone calls, texting, form completion, filing, and office organization. Knowledge of Filemaker Pro is an advantage. Interested individuals are to reach out to President Timothy Scharr at [sidlcmspres@gmail.com](mailto:sidlcmspres@gmail.com) by submitting their resume and inquiries.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2024: (Chairman, Jeremy Stellhorn)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis Stellhorn (618/623-8495)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman- Elder Jeremy Stellhorn (618/910-9205)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Wil Krick (618/282-3660)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Kalin Liefer (618/792-8277)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (7/20 at 10 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Scopes Monkey Trial, Liturgy as Discipleship, Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand, A Tree and Its Fruit, The Destiny of the Righteous in the Book of Psalms and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, TuneIn, Google Home, Apple HomePod or a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Choice does matter when it comes to surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses. But it is the Heavenly Father's choice that makes the difference (Ephesians 1:4-5). He summoned every life even before our circumstances, and He sustains each one even when we don't find the circumstances ideal. Likewise, the Lord God's delight for adoption invites us to advocate and engage in welcoming orphans.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

To create the appropriate estate plan requires the use of your personal attorney. However, for some, that prospect creates anxiety. Many worry about the cost of using an attorney. But keep in mind, you are seeking out professional advice governing many dollars. It is a good thing to pay for this professional advice to avoid difficulties in the future. To avoid spending unnecessary time with your attorney incurring higher than necessary expenses, being organized is essential. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you with this. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information or to start your plan.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+Joan Voges offers us music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection for a donation to our school ministry. Copies are on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has CD music available on the table in the Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to St. John's debt reduction.

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

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

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and July 20 from 7 a.m. to noon. Clean, saleable items may be brought to our gym anytime through July 15. Returning by popular demand is our COS Bake Sale! If you like to bake and

would be interested in helping *COS* at our Rummage Sale, you can bring in your delicious baked items on Thursday, July 18; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or 4-7 p.m.

Registration for 2024-2025 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. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Tuition for all students will be on a sliding scale. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org).

School Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

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

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*Church Council*

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Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Christina Gidley

*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

(Saturday) Pianist: Mrs. Lynn Langrehr; (Sunday) Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Addy Schloemann; (8 a.m.) Blaine Rohlfing; (10:30 a.m.) Maya Macbeth

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele;

(10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert

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

Flower Servers: Rebekah and Christine Liefer Paraments: Irma Burgdorf