

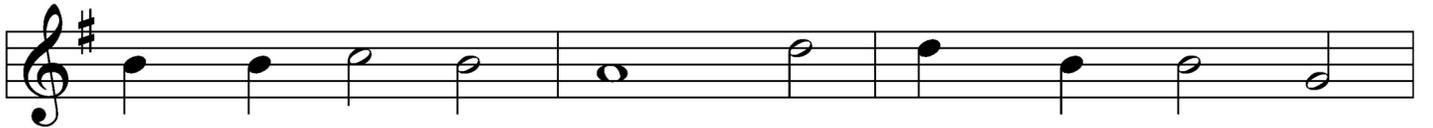
THE PRELUDE: "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" arranged by Jonathan Kohrs

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 528 "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185 (*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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

INTROIT: Psalm 31: 14-16; antiphon: v. 24



Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*

all you who wait | for the Lord!

But I trust in you, | O Lord;*

I say, "You | are my God."

My times are | in your hand;*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

Make your face shine on your | servant;*

save me in your | steadfast love!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*

all you who wait | for the Lord!

KYRIE: pages 186 (*sung*)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: pages 187-189

P: Glory be to God on high: **C: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

(8:00 a.m.) ANTHEM: "Alleluia"

Grades K-2 Choir

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 50: 4-10

4The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

5The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

6I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

7But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

8He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

9Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

10Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness

and has no light
trust in the name of the Lord
and rely on his God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Psalm 34: 9, 19, alt.

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

THE EPISTLE READING:

James 3: 1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA:** page 190 *(sung)* **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 9: 14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. **C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to

destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” 25And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” 26And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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

(5 p.m.) Apostles’ Creed (page 192)

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)*

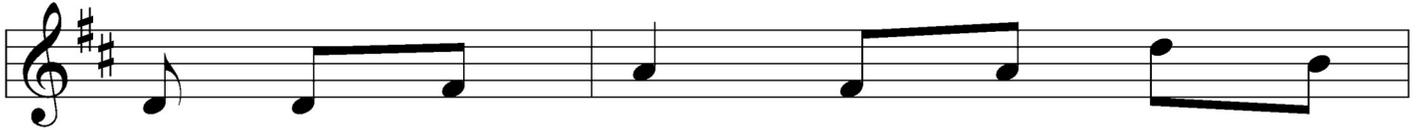
(8 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 191)

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.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: "God Loves Me Dearly"** (392, vs. 1-3)



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

Refrain



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

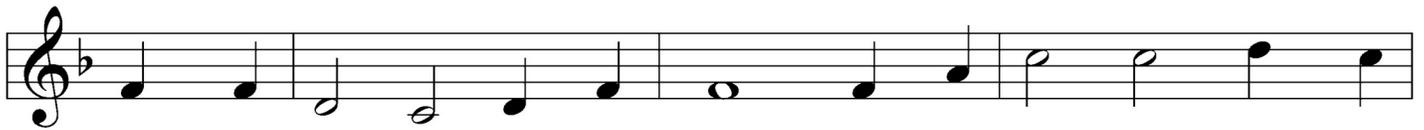
HYMN OF THE DAY: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON: (*Saturday*) "Jesus, our Savior, Is Able" Mark 9: 14-29 (*Sunday*) Isaiah 50: 4-10

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

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

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 +God's guidance of our pastoral vacancy and for our call process

OFFERTORY: *(pages 192-193)*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

The 5 p.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Hymn.

(8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

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 194)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(Sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *(Sung)* **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: *(page 195) (sung)*

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry. Ho-san-na,
ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed in He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Pastor prays the prayer; congregation sings the Doxology)*

...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI:

P: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sung)* **A-men.**

Agnus Dei: *(sung) (page 198)*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. (please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

846 "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



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



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



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

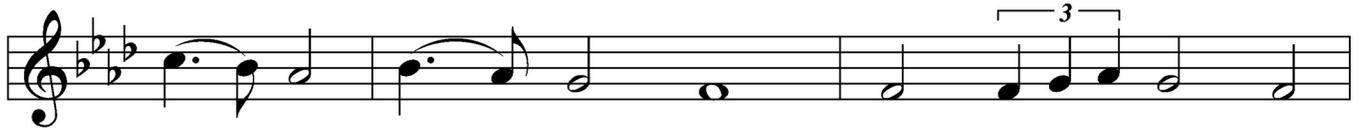


ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
 bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
 pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.
 choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an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

578 "Thy Strong Word" *(please be stand for last stanza)*



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



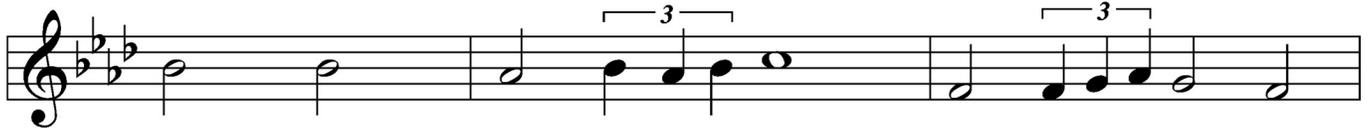
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

**5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!**



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joi - ce in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

POSTLUDE: "God Is Our Refuge and Strength"

by Robert J. Powell

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This Week With Our Lord, September 15-22, 2024

SUNDAY, September 15-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Brayden McCarthy

8:00 a.m. Grades K-2 Choirs Sing

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Ella Cowell

10:15 a.m. BBQ & Bake Sale for Beth Kilpatrick

Monday, September 16-

4:15 p.m. BB/SB vs Valmeyer – BB 8th Grade Night

7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 17-

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

4:15 p.m. BB/SB @ RBES

BB/SB Regional Meeting

Cross Country @ Foley Park

Wednesday, September 18-

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel – Laura Montgomery

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
4:15 p.m. SB @ New Athens
6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 19-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, September 20-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel – Mrs. Liefer & 2nd Grade
BB Regionals Begin

Saturday, September 21-

9:00 a.m. St John's 32nd Annual Golf Tournament @ NCCC
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Sutton Jones
Cross Country @ Edwardsville

SUNDAY, September 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte- Lucas Summers
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Brooke Wolter

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: **403**; Communion: **168**; Bible classes: **34**; Sunday School: **63**

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. 9/8- General: \$29,333.00; School: \$190.00; Debt Elimination: \$5,000.00. *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).*

NEW MEMBERS CLASS:

We are looking to start a new members class soon. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact Pastor Nowak or the church office.

ATTENTION PLEASE:

At the July Voter's it was voted on and approved to increase the amount the St. John's treasurer can request to **borrow** from the Estate Fund Committee. It was approved to increase the amount from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Currently, we have borrowed all \$200,000 that is available. Again, these funds are borrowed, **NOT AS A GIFT**, but as a loan that needs to be repaid. These funds were borrowed due to the increase in expenses so we could **make payroll**. We are looking at ways to solve this issue. **St John's needs your help to secure our future as a church and school.**

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Ephesians 3:14–15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We don’t call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers — it’s the other way around: God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. He is the real and true Father: kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Bent Necks and a Better Brother"

The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people--people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks--but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us. (Genesis 27:35-36). 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 will be led by Pastor Mark Winkelman & will meet in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Mr. Palm’s class on the Angels and Demons will meet this Sunday in the School Library.

8TH GRADE TRIP TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY:

The current 8th grade class of 2025 has **6 spots available** for guests on their class trip. The dates of the trip are April 24-May 2, 2025. The following cities and various stops will be included: Williamstown, KY, Charlottesville, VA, Jamestown, VA, Williamsburg, VA, Mt. Vernon, VA, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, PA, Gettysburg, PA, Somerset, PA, and Dayton, OH. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your spot by Dec. 1 and will be added to the remaining balance owed. Several meals, all entrance fees, and hotel costs are included. An estimated per guest cost sharing a double room is \$1,400. An estimated single guest room will be \$1,700. If you are interested in joining us on this trip please let Mr. Bill Becker know at your earliest convenience at 618-282-2958.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD NEEDED:

The city of Red Bud is searching for a school crossing guard. This position requires two hours of work each school day. Interested individuals would begin immediately and serve for the remainder of the school year and possibly beyond. If interested, please reach out to City Hall at 618-282-2315.

OPENING FOR FOURTH GRADE TEACHER:

St. John's Lutheran School seeks 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.

BELL CHOIR: *Two Ringers Needed!!*

Bell Choir needs 2 more ringers this year: one to play G6 and A6 (small bells) and one to play F5 and G5 (medium bells). All you need is an ability to count and keep a steady beat. Reading music is NOT a requirement! Your notes will be marked for you if needed! If you are interested, please contact me! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It's that time of the year when I need you to forward your college aged members of St. John's Lutheran college addresses. The Sr Youth has agreed to assemble and send them a care package in October. Becker@stjohnsredbud.org 618-282-2958(text or leave a msg.)

BENEFIT BBQ

Join us **Sun. Sept. 15th** for a BBQ to benefit Beth Kilpatrick. A delicious meal of pork steaks, brats, slaw, mac & cheese, potato salad, and baked beans will be served from 10:15 am - sold out. A free will bake sale will also take place. Thank you in advance for your support of the Kilpatrick family!

MUM ORDER PICK-UP:

If you ordered mums from a 6th grade student, pick up will be **Wed. Sept. 18th** from 2:30-7pm in the school parking lot.

LIFE TRIVIA NIGHT:

Life Network of Southern Illinois is holding a Life Trivia Night at WHS Cafeteria on **Saturday, September 21st**, doors open at 5pm and start at 6pm. Bring your own snacks, Soda and water will be available for purchase. Reserve Today at 618-939-4224.

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Our 32nd annual golf tournament will be held on **Saturday, September 21st** at North County Country Club. As in the past the tournament will be a four-person scramble with a 9 a.m. start. If you are interested in playing, registration forms are available in the school office. The registration deadline is **September 15th**. All proceeds will benefit our school athletic fund. If you have any questions, please contact Quent Stenzel at 618-282-4661.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST:

In case you missed it Saturday morning... Men's Bible Breakfast will meet again on **Saturday, September 28th** at 7am in the fellowship hall. We will use (Dis)ordered: Lies about Human Nature and the Truth That Sets Us Free written by Rev. Christopher Esget. Cost will be \$14. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend.

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS DINNER:

St John's Lutheran Church of Bremen in Chester are having a chicken & dumplings dinner on **September 29th** from 11am to 1pm. Dine in or Carry out. \$12 Adults, \$5 Children ages 6-10, and ages 5 and under are free.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD BRUNCH:

Date: **Friday, Oct. 4, 2024**; Cost: **\$20 per person**

Program: Great Hymns of the Reformation: *9:35 a.m.:* Chapel with students; *10:30 a.m.:*

Registration in Koburg Hall; *11 a.m.:* Brunch

Ingathering: Food Bank shower Bring food items to Koburg Hall.

Menu: Veggie egg strata casserole, bacon, shredded potatoes, fruit salad and mini assorted Danish

RSVP Deadline: Sept. 20, 2024 - Mail Reservation with your check(s) made payable to: Concordia Seminary Guild, Attn: Mary Jane Autry, 2076 Henley Woods, Arnold, MO 63010 - Questions? Call 314-578-9158

COUGAR PROWL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

PTL is looking for business sponsors for our upcoming Cougar Prowl Fun Run on **October 10th!** In the past, these donations have allowed us to keep over 95% of the money raised at SJL. A \$250 sponsorship helps cover the cost of t-shirts, classroom rewards, and other supplies to make this a great event for all involved! Please let us know if your local business is interested in sponsoring this fun event! Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

9/15- Diana Burgdorf, Kyle Liefer, Blayton Sutton; 9/16- Alice Hick, Jody Stapleton, Joshua Horner; 9/17- Peggy Crafton-Hanebutt, Lori Moses, Allison Tribo, Emme Deterding; 9/18- Barbara Homer, Danielle Shannon, Clint Schaefer; 9/19- Dale Burmester, Nicole Bumann, Shamus Korves; 9/20- Phyllis Notter, Jessica Jackson, Adam Maes, Laney Henry; 9/21- Dean Wiley, Steven Papenberg, Cody Liefer, Paige Moses.

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 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: Mary Gross, Jean Menke & Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care-Waterloo: Martha Rohlfing; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers & Wil Guebert; Ruma R&R: Kenneth & Geraldine Koester.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, **Darleen Scheffert**, Paul Schrieber, Carl & Flo Zschiegner, Arlin & Helen Winkelman.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

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 - Carl/Flo Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

LCMS FOUNDATION:

The gift planning process of an estate plan requires multi-channel communication. If you are planning to make a gift to support ministry, it is a great idea to have a conversation with a ministry leader, maybe a pastor or lay leader who can help you make sure that your passion for ministry translates into practical support that will make a difference. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help set up that meeting, or even attend. To get started, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Promoting or even permitting abortion and physician-assisted suicide condemns precious human beings who are made in the likeness of God (James 3:9). Thanks be to God that in the good news of receiving every neighbor as gift and privilege, the Lord has given us a tongue to sustain with a word the one who is weary (Isaiah 50:4)!

SID CONVENTION NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN AND NEEDED:

Nominations are open for the offices to be elected by the Southern Illinois District Convention, February 20-22, 2025. Ordained and Commissioned members of the SID, and Lay members of an SID congregation may nominate individuals to the various offices to be elected, except for the offices of President and Vice-President. Our district needs faithful, qualified nominees who are willing to stand for election and serve if elected. Our district needs you to nominate those people of God. The nominations form is found at <https://sidlcms.org/nominations/>. The deadline for nominations is October 31, 2024. Please nominate early and often.

In Christ, Rev. Benjamin Ball, Chairman SID Commission of Nominations & Elections

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUE AM850, Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and join us for more stories of KFUE's 100-year history on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.). Remember to mark your calendars for KFUE Radio's Centennial Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m.! Tune in at kfuo.org or **RSVP for the in-person event at kfuo.org/rsvp by September 20.**

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

Girls Basketball Coach needed: We have 8 girls interested in playing basketball this year. If you know of someone who would be willing to coach our girls team, please contact Lisa Luebke. (We have a coach and enough interest to field a boys basketball team this year as well.)

Volleyball: We will be playing two home games this week. On **Monday, September 16** at 6:00 p.m. we will face a Homeschool VB team. **Thursday, September 19**, we will be playing *COS* Alumni at 6:00 p.m. Come cheer for the Soldiers!

Annual Dinner Auction: We are in the process of planning our annual dinner auction, which will be held on **Saturday, November 2**. We have started collecting items for the silent and live auction. If you would like to help us collect donations, please call the office.

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Vacancy Pastor Art Eichhorn 314/882-1983

Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741

Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz
First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer
Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy
Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel
Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens
Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel
Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan
Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss
Before/After School Care – Susan Luttmann
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, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Diane Everding, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse
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Elder Chair: Jeremy Stellhorn Parish Education Chair: Derek Uffelmann
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: (*Saturday*) Pastor Art Eichhorn (*Sunday*) Pastor Mark Winkelmann
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Children's Message/Lector (*5 p.m.*): DCE Bill Becker
Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Max Voss; (*8 a.m.*) Brayden McCarthy; (*10:30 a.m.*) Ella Cowell
Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (*8 a.m.*) Kalin & Kathy Liefer
(*10:30 a.m.*) Ron & Donna Burgdorf
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Betty Schmitz Paraments: Ella Hemmer