

THE PRELUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arranged by Gottfried Walther

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 797 "Praise the Almighty" (please stand for the last stanza, if you are able)



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 Δ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



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

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.

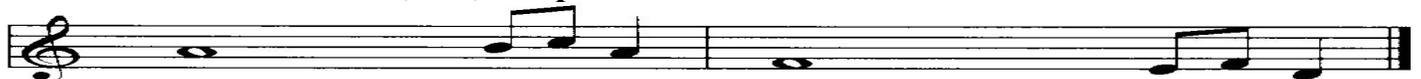
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 28: 1-2, 6-7; antiphon v. 8



The Lord is the strength of his | people;* he is the saving refuge of his a - | nointed.
 To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
Blessèd | be the Lord!* For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
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.
The Lord is the strength of his | people;* he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

KYRIE: (page 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 171-172)

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, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and
grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)**

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “Shine, Jesus Shine”

Grades 3-8 Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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 2: 1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:**Mark 7: 24-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter. **C: (sung) Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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)

(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. (please be seated)

(5 p.m. & 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)*

(8 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: "Open Our Eyes" (AGPS 195, sung once)

O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je-sus
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
O-pen our ears, Lord, Help us to lis-ten.
O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je-sus.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

SERMON: (*Saturday*) "I Hear, and I Speak" Mark 7: 31-37 (*Sunday*) Mark 7: 24-37

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: Mary Gross, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Julie Ratz, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, Beth Kilpatrick, Riley Foster, Ashlynn Crafton, Nancy Langrehr, Peggy Koen, Nancy Liefer; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Gerald Hitzemann, Tyson Moonier, Mary Gibson, Ted Stellhorn, Richard VanBuren, Ron Pflueger, Bruce Quinn Sr, Cletus Henry. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+the 70th wedding anniversary of Omer and Neva Liefer on September 5th
+God's guidance of our pastoral vacancy and for our call process

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 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Benediction.

(5 p.m. & 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.**

P: 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 10 angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: (page 178) (sung)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (page 178)

P: 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: (pages 179-180)

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: (sung) (page 180)

☐ 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)

570 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy

 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my

 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a

 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

749 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad To heal the sin - sick soul.

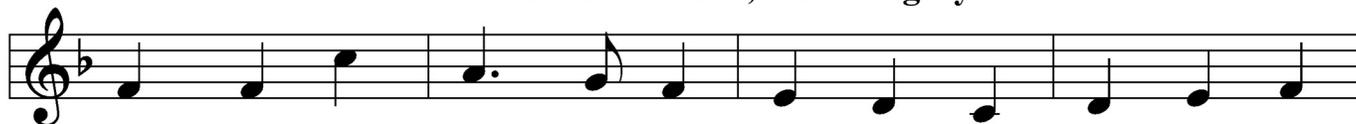


1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;

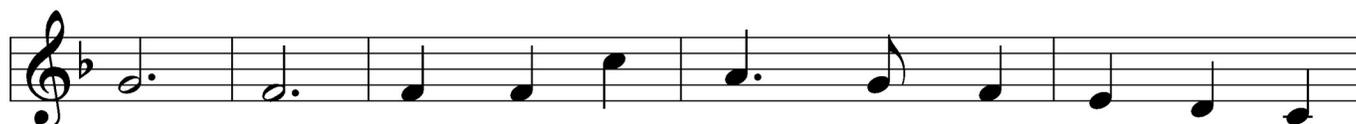


But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.
 And if you lack for knowl - edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - mighty - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

(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:** "Nunc Dimittis" (page 182)

(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 & BENEDICTION: *(page 183)*

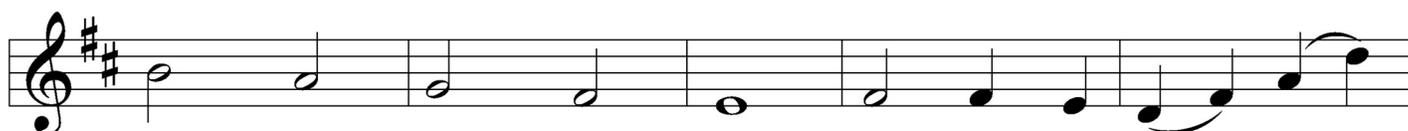
P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus 14 Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: 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) A-men.**

(please be seated) **CLOSING HYMN: 832 “Jesus Shall Reign”**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc-
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris-'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

POSTLUDE: “To God Be the Glory” *arranged by Edward Broughton*

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This Week With Our Lord, September 8-15, 2024

SUNDAY, September 8-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Easton Ruebusch
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Carson Moll
10:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Choirs Sing
12:00 p.m. Senior Youth Meeting

Monday, September 9-

3:15 p.m. School Faculty Meeting
4:30 p.m. BB/SB vs TSJ
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, September 10-

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 @ PDR
7:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in the library

Wednesday, September 11-

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel – Mrs. Valleroy & 3rd Grade
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. BB/SB @ St. James
6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
Cross Country @ Shooting Complex

Thursday, September 12-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church
6:30 p.m. Men's Club BBQ at Lions Club Park
7:00 p.m. PTL Meeting

Friday, September 13-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel – Mrs. Miller & 1st Grade
1:00 p.m. Civil War Day at School

Saturday, September 14-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Max Voss
RBC B-Team Tournament
SB "A" Tournament @ RBC

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 312; Communion: 139; Bible classes: 37; No Sunday School

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. 9/1- General: \$13,656.00; School: \$270.00; Debt Elimination: \$155.00. *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).*

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.**

EPISTLES:

September Epistle paper copies were on the tables in the entryway last weekend. Epistle is also on our website and has been emailed to those for whom We have been given an address.

Please notify the office for any additional copies or to be added to our email listing.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 6:24 – “**You cannot serve God and money.**” In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our stewardship — well, you have to go back a few verses to verse 19 to get the whole thing: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Read Matt. 5:19–34 again this week at home and consider your generosity to the Lord's work in light of what Jesus says.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: " Conditioned by the Unconditional"

God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish. (Genesis 25:23). 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:

+Flowers on the altar this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 70th wedding anniversary of Omer and Neva Liefer on September 5th. Thank you! Congratulations!

+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 AND CHOIR:

Choir is always looking for more singers! We will be starting on **Monday, September 9th** at 7PM in the school music room. Choir mostly sings at the 8:00 AM Sunday services but on Sunday, December 22nd we will sing at the 10:30 service instead. Some of the special services we will be singing at this year include Reformation (October 27th), Thanksgiving Day (9AM, November 28th), and Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25th, 9AM service). Any new and returning members are welcome and appreciated!!

Bell choir will have regular practice on **Thursday, Sept. 12th** at 6PM at church. 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

MEN'S CLUB BBQ:

Men's Club will meet on **September 12th** at 6:30p.m. at Lion's Club Park for our annual BBQ meal. Meeting & Fellowship to follow.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST:

Men's Bible Breakfast will resume on **Saturday, September 14th** at 7am in the fellowship hall. Bill Becker will be making pancakes and bacon. 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 if you have in the past and bring a friend or just show up.

BENEFIT BBQ

Benefit BBQ for Beth Kilpatrick medical expenses on **Sunday, September 15th** at the school. Starting at 10:15 a.m. -???? We will be serving BBQ pork steaks, brats, mac & cheese, potato salad, baked beans and slaw. Free will offering bake sale.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

9/8- Dennis Kruse, Janel Maes, Stanley Mueth, Case Hess, Lillian Meyer, Dallin Liefer, Hadlee Crafton; 9/9- Donna Wetzel, Gerald Hanebutt, Rebecca Kaaz, Nicholas Guebert; 9/10- Kenneth Booker, Maria Wiatr-Aucoin, Connor Guebert, Trenton Cox; 9/11- Don Schrader, Jared Heller, Amanda Falkenhain, Michael Ratcliff, Holden Wagner, Maggie Kuehn; 9/12- Patricia Byer, Kevin Liefer, Michael DeRousse, Leslie Wolter, Carter Mehring; 9/13- Teresa Unnerstall-Porter, Elsie Liefer; 9/14- Gary Schwartzkopf, Kenneth Williams, Scott Voss, Brittany Schaefer, Crewe Wagner. *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. Ideally, if you have children, you will share with them your plans, both for use of inheritance as well as your heart for creating a ministry gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can give you the material to facilitate these conversations, or sometimes, even facilitate the conversation. To find out how important this step is, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

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 KFUO AM850, Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), begin a study of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and tune in for a discussion of Christ's return for judgment on Concord Matters (9/14 at 11:00 a.m.). Remember to save the date for KFUO's 100th Anniversary 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.

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

DQ Fundraiser: The DQ in Chester is donating a portion of their sales to *COS* on **Monday, September 9** from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Enjoy a meal and support *Christ Our Savior* at the same time!

Cross Country: Our Cross Country runners will be participating in the Marissa meet on **Tuesday, September 10**.

Volleyball: We will be playing Dupo JV on **Wednesday, September 11** at 6:00 p.m. at Dupo.

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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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 Niewegowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Diane Everding

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse

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

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 Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Charlie Muench; (8 a.m.) Easton Ruebusch; (10:30 a.m.) Carson Moll

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele

(10:30 a.m.) Ken & Karen Wetzel

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

Flower Servers: Betty Schmitz Paraments: Ella Hemmer