

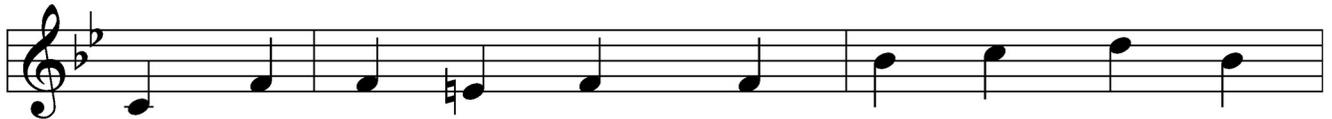
THE PRELUDE: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" arranged by Robert J. Powell

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"



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



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



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

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

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

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.

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Psalm 117: 1-2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 6: 1-11

1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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:

Luke 3: 15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

15As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

21Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **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)*

(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)*

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: 605 "Father Welcomes" (vs. 2-3)

2 In the water, in the Word,
 In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
 Shall be born again.

3 Let us daily die to sin;
 Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
 Live in the peace of God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 404 “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
 Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



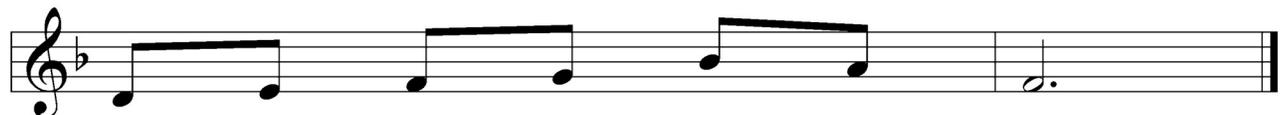
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
 Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the
 So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“Hear My Son, the One I love.”
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

SERMON: (Saturday) “Baptism: A Gift from a Loving God” Luke 3:15-22
 (Sunday) Luke 3:15-22

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: Ashlynn Crafton, Riley Foster, Wil Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Peggy Koen, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, John Preston, Jay Prigge, Darleen Scheffert, Wanda Steele, Pam Stellhorn, Marcy Watters, Flo Zschiegner; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Mary Gibson, Gerald Hitzemann, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett.

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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 continue with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer & Benediction.

(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)*
590 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O

Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;

A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I

dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"



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



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



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



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



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



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

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!

Our joy be all with music crowned,

Our voices gladly blending!

For Christ goes with us all the way—

Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!

Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!

Amen! Amen!

Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!

We are yearning

For the day of Your returning!

632 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

(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: *(page 183)*

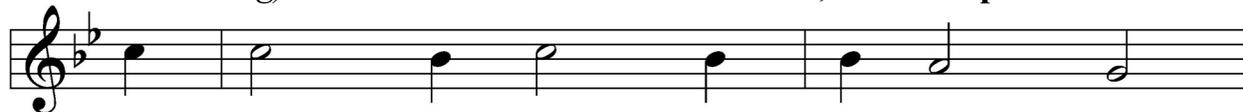
P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us

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.

BENEDICTION: (page 183)

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 remain standing) **CLOSING HYMN: 544 "O Love, How Deep"**



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

**5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.**

**6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

POSTLUDE: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” *arranged by Michael Burkhardt*
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This Week With Our Lord, January 13-19, 2025

Monday, January 13-

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mission Quilt Project Day
12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mission Quilt Project Day
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room
BBB OVC A Team Tournament @Steeleville begins

Tuesday, January 14-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
10:05 a.m. Office Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
BBB OVC A Team Tournament @Steeleville GBB Regional begins

Wednesday, January 15-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. 3rd through 8th Grade Chapel at Church
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. New Members Class in Library
6:00 p.m. Mom’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
BBB OVC A Team Tournament @Steeleville GBB Regionals

Thursday, January 16-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church
BBB OVC A Team Tournament @Steeleville
GBB Regionals

Friday, January 17-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School
GBB Regionals

Saturday, January 18-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Kellen Herriman
GBB Regionals

SUNDAY, January 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Carson Bowles

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Lucas Summers

10:30 a.m. Installation of Officers

GBB Regionals

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Last week: Worship: **92**; Communion: **83**; Bible classes: **n/a**; Sunday School: **n/a**

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/5- General: \$3,500.00; School: \$100.00.

DEBT ELIMINATION MONEY RAISED:

The Ducting out of Debt Challenge at school has raised a total of \$32,008.22. To date, the church has raised a total of \$223,406.98. These combined totals come to \$255,415.20. We have exceeded our goal to have \$150,000 matched. Thank you to those that have generously given to our Debt Elimination thus far. With those contributions, we were able to repay our \$200,000 loan back to the estate fund.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE:

On behalf of the Elders. If there is any reason to close the church due to inclement weather an email will be sent. The email address used will be the same ones used for the sending of the Weekly Bulletin. If you do not receive an email with the Weekly Bulletin, want to be added to the email address, or would like to update the email address we have on file, please send an email with your first and last name and email address to office@stjohnsredbud.org. Thank You.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the January edition of our congregation's newsletter are on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom the office has an email address. *To ensure an article is in the February Epistle, please send an email to the office by **January 27th**.*

MEAL BEFORE VOTERS' MEETING MENU:

The Senior Youth will be serving a free will offering lunch before Voters' meeting this Sunday at noon. The menu will consist of spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. Assorted desserts will be provided too. Lemonade, tea, and coffee will also be served.

VOTERS' & CALL MEETING:

Voters' Meeting will be held on this **Sunday, January 12th** at 1p.m. There will be a Call Meeting following the Voters' Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Vote for 1: Chairman: (1 year) Mike DeRousse
Vice-Chairman: (1 year) Kevin Guebert
Treasurer: (1 year) Eric Fritsche
Trustees: (3 years) Jeremy Voss, Mark Voss
Education: (3 years) Jacob Arbeiter, Kristopher Liefer, Kim Valentine
Estate Fund: (5 years) Nick Kassing

Vote for 2: COSLHS Board: (2 years) Vickie Heller, Rebekah Liefer

Vote for 3: Elders: (3 years) Kirk Liefer, Gerald Hanebutt,
Ron Liefer, Kenneth Wetzel
Finance: (3 years) Becky Biffar, Kim Breier, Beth Diewald,
Crystal Liefer, Christy Palm

MEN'S CLUB MEETING:

The next Men's Club meeting is on **February 13th**.

SECOND THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

We will be having a Holy Communion Service on the second Thursday of the Month. So, mark your calendars! Service will be held on Feb. 13th at 3:00 pm. Feel free to come and join us. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Nowak.

CUSTODIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for about 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Saturday evening service ONLY and/or Sunday morning services. Trained provided. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See Leonard Salger or Justin Palm.

YOUTH GATHERING:

Any high school youth interested in attending the youth gathering in New Orleans in July 2025, please contact Stephanie Liefer at 618-967-0804 or email at stjohnsseniorityouth@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for December- Pre-K3: Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohman, June Russell, Dallin Liefer; Pre-K4: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert; Kindergarten: Demi Grohmann, Ben Langrehr, Nolan Kassing; Second Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Fourth Grade: Amelia Langrehr; Sixth Grade: Natalie Kassing. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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 resume this Sunday, January 12th in the School Library.

FLOWERS IN 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.

THANK YOU:

Thank you so very much to all those who helped us at the parsonage on Saturday, November 23 to load our moving truck. We really appreciate their hard work which led to such a smooth move for us! God's blessings to the entire St. John's family of faith during this Christmas season. It was our privilege to have shared and served with you for the past 17 and a half years there. Our new address is 107 South Blitz Drive, Concordia, MO 64020. My email address is mnebel@splhs.org. Yours in Christ, Rev. Mark & Cindy Nebel

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “What's This Neighborhood Coming To?”

When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. (John 1:14). 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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

With the sacrament of Baptism, the Lord Jesus makes childbirth central to the Christian Gospel. The coming forth of new life always provides cause for celebration because the Savior has sanctified it. Human beings as helpless and dependent as gestating babies have His blessing: “You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22).

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.

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, & Darleen Scheffert; Ruma R&R: Kenneth & Geraldine Koester.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Kathryn Chunn, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, Paul Schrieber, Carl & Flo Zschiegner, Helen Winkelmann.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

1/13- Norma Preston, Nathan Salger; 1/14- Alan Schwegel, Liam Kilpatrick; 1/15- Doris Stamm, Jim Schluter, Grace Langrehr; 1/16- Nicholas Mounts, Samantha Kuehner; 1/17- Mary Guebert, Mary Sachtleben, Mark Thompson, Jeffrey Neff, Orin Koester; 1/18- Eunice Wiatr, Hailey Nichols; 1/19- Lois Mesnarich, Melissa Gramenz.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2024-2025: (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)

GREETING CARDS:

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.

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Putting an estate plan together presents many competing priorities around which to make decisions. Certainly, you wish to care for the family you love. Yet even families can present competing priorities. In your family, is there someone who has special needs such as long-term care or support through a disability? Inheritance doesn't have to be "fair". It does show God's grace and mercy. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin figuring this out. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org.

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, X, and Instagram. We continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) with chapters 19-24. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we wrap up John's first letter, and continue with 2nd and 3rd John. Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (1/18 at 10 a.m.) to learn about confessional

subscription. What is it, and why do our churches practice it? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

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

Cartoon Character Trivia Night: Friday, January 17, 2025 at *Christ Our Savior*. Trivia Night will benefit our prom and post-prom. A silent auction will support the 2025 mission trip. The doors open at 6:15 and trivia starts at 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, students \$10 with a limit of eight per table. Reserve your spot by calling 618-853-7300 or online at bit.ly/COSTrivia2025 Prizes will be given for the best costume and for the best decorated table.

Community Blood Drive: The American Red Cross will hold a community blood drive Tuesday, January 28 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the gymnasium at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Evansville Community (zip code 62242) to schedule an appointment.

Registration for 2025-2026 is open! If you know a high school student, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a meeting with our administrator, Mrs. Sherry Prange. Learn more about *COS* and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:

Date: Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, **Cost:** \$20 per person, **Deadline:** Jan. 24, 2025

Menu: Pork loin, white and wild rice, grilled asparagus, garden salad with ranch, balsamic and raspberry vinaigrette dressing on the side, dinner rolls and chocolate cake

Program: The Deaconess journey: Embracing service in ministry

Jessica Thompson, admissions officer for advanced & distance studies, & deaconess intern

11:30 a.m.: Registration in Koburg Hall, **Noon:** Luncheon, *Ingathering: Household and personal care items for the Food Bank*, **Questions?** 314-578-9158

Mail Reservations to: Mary Jane Autry, 2076 Henley Woods, Austin, MO 63010

2025 BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville are once again hosting a series of six presentations on the Bible. This year's Bible Presentations will give us a picture of Jesus Christ who is active with His Father and the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The sessions will draw upon different passages in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, primarily in the four Servant Songs of Isaiah which foretell the Ministry of Jesus in the Gospel accounts. Come join us to learn more about the eternal Son of God, sent to earth for our salvation! Light refreshments will be served after each presentation.

Sunday, January 19, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "Isaiah Sees the Glory of Jesus," presented by Rev. Terry Grebing, Retired.

Tuesday, January 21, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "The Servant of the Lord, Song 1," presented by Rev. Scott Hojnacki, Trinity Lutheran, Red Bud.

Sunday, January 26, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "The Servant of the Lord, Song 2," presented by Rev. Tony Troup, Retired.

Tuesday, January 28, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "The Servant of the Lord, Song 3," presented by Rev. Rodney Benkendorf, Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Sunday, February 2, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "The Servant of the Lord, Song 4," presented by Rev. Stephen Krenz, St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbia.

Tuesday, February 4, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "Jesus Reveals Himself as the Servant of the Lord," presented by Rev. John Lukowski, Retired.

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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade (*Homeroom*) – Bill Becker

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, 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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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: *(Saturday)* Pastor Art Eichhorn *(Sunday)* Pastor Mark Winkelman
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak *(8 a.m.)* Children's Message & Lector: DCE Bill Becker
Acolytes: *(5 p.m.)* Brody Rahn *(8 a.m.)* Jackson Pensoneau; *(10:30 a.m.)* Blaine Rohlfing
Greeters: *(5 p.m.)* Virginia & Mark Moeller; *(8 a.m.)* Clyde & Kathy Rowold
(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Donna Burgdorf
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Brenda vanBuren Paraments: Carol Turner