

THE PRELUDE: "Built on the Rock" arranged by Edward Broughton

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 826 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, (and) call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*



2. Jesus cast out Mary's demons, He changed the woman at the well.  
He stopped Paul on the road to Damascus and to his knees that man fell.  
He saved the thief on the cross, In front of Romans and the crowds.  
It is finished, it is done, 'Cause Jesus died and rose again! We're heaven bound!

*Chorus (sing twice)*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.** P: Let us pray.  
C: **Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**THE FIRST READING:**

**Acts 20:28–35**

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL:**

**Ezekiel 34:11, 12b; Jeremiah 23:4a, b**

Behold, I will search for my sheep and will seek them out;

**I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered.**

I will set shepherds over them who will care for them,

**and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed.**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**Titus 1:1–9**

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or

insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 10:1–9**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 207)*

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

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

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

*(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 206)*

**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: "Go into the World"** (AGPS 101)

"Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations,

Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!

I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear;

I am the light, you the reflection ev'ry where.

Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations,

Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!"

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 856 "O Christ Who Called the Twelve"**



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

**SERMON:** (*Saturday*) “Security Concerns” Acts 20:17-35 (*Sunday*) Luke 10:1–9

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

**MILITARY:** Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL:** Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow

+those who mourn: family of Flo Zschiegner; died in the Lord on Thursday, January 23

+God’s guidance as the Voters’ have extended a call to Rev Mark Winkelman

+keep Rev Mark Winkelman and his family in our prayers as he deliberates our call

**OFFERTORY: 578 “Thy Strong Word”** (*vs 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!**

*The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Hymn.*

*(10:30a.m.)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

**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 208)*

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** *(page 208) (sung)*

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;  
Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and you justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

# The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei (*sung*)

1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way; O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way; Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

### 831 "How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard"



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard  
2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,  
3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,  
4 "Lord, here am I." Your fire im - part  
5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;  
Neigh - bers and friends and far - off lands,  
Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,  
To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;  
Spir - it of truth, in pow'r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,  
Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;  
Tell - ing of One who died for all,  
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,  
So shall they hear and find and prove

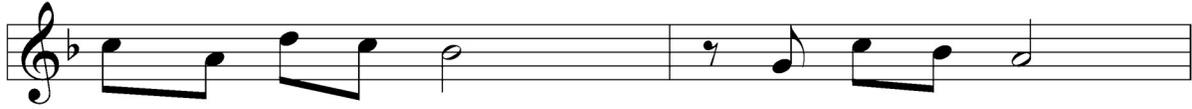


Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?  
Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.  
To bring a lost world home a - gain?  
And make a world for Christ my goal.  
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

## 629 "What Is This Bread"



<p>1 What is this bread?                  2 What is this wine?                  3 So who am I,                  4 Yet is God here?                  5 Is this for me?</p>	<p>Christ's bod - y                  The blood of                  That I should                  Oh, yes! By                  I am for -</p>
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<p>ris - en from the dead:                  Je - sus shed for mine;                  live and He should die                  Word and prom - ise clear,                  giv - en and set free!</p>	<p>This bread we break,                  The cup of grace                  Un - der the rod?                  In mouth and soul                  I do be - lieve</p>
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<p>This life we take,                  Brings His em - brace                  My God, my God,                  He makes us whole—                  That I re - ceive</p>	<p>Was crushed to pay for our re -                  Of life and love un - til I                  Why have You not for - sak - en                  Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this                  His ver - y bod - y and His</p>
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<p>lease.                  sing!                  me?                  meal.                  blood.</p>	<p>O taste and see—                  O taste and see—                  O taste and see—                  O taste and see—                  O taste and see—</p>	<p>the Lord is peace.                  the Lord is King.                  the Lord is free.                  the Lord is real.                  the Lord is good.</p>
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## 645 "Built On the Rock"



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



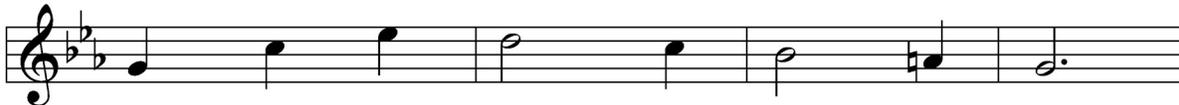
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

(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.)

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** “Song of Simeon” pages 211 (*please stand if you are able*)

**O Lord, now let Your ser-vant De-part in heav’n-ly peace,  
For I have seen the glo-ry Of Your re-deem-ing grace:  
A light to lead the Gen-tiles Un-to Your ho-ly hill,  
The glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-ra-el.  
All glo-ry to the Fa-ther, All glo-ry to the Son,  
All glo-ry to the Spir-it, For-ev-er Three in One;  
For as in the be-gin-ning, Is now, shall ev-er be,  
God’s tri-une name re-sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:**

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:** page 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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: Amen.**

*(please be seated)* **CLOSING HYMN: 837 “Lift High the Cross”**

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a -dore His sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
- 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
- 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



*Refrain*

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu’ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

**5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**

**6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

**THE POSTLUDE: "Lift High the Cross" arranged by John Eggert**

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***This Week With Our Lord, January 27 – February 2, 2025***

**Monday, January 27-**

*National Lutheran Schools Week – Comfy Cozy Day*

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

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

***Please turn in those Epistle articles for February!!***

**Tuesday, January 28-**

*National Lutheran Schools Week – TV Character or Decades Day*

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

10:05 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. VB vs Chester Grade School

BBB Regional begins

**Wednesday, January 29-**

*National Lutheran Schools Week – Jersey Day or Cougar Spirit Day*

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 Regionals

**Thursday, January 30-**

*National Lutheran Schools Week – Tourist / Hawaiian Day*

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

GBB SIJHSAA State

BBB Regionals

**Friday, January 31-**

*National Lutheran Schools Week – Class Color Day – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School*

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

12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting

VB B Team Tournament @PDR begins

BBB Regionals

Saturday, February 1-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Alexa Cheek

VB B Team Tournament @PDR

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SUNDAY, February 2-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Easton Ruebusch

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Maverick Cowell

BBB Regionals

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Last week: Worship: **350**; Communion: **150**; Bible classes: **37**; Sunday School: **42**

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/19- General: \$13,541.00; School: \$270.00; Debt Elimination: \$2,500.00.

**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 \$226,066.98. These combined totals come to \$258,075.20. 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.

**GIVING STATEMENTS:**

The 2024 giving statements have been mailed and you should be receiving them soon. Please notify the office if there are any discrepancies.

**THANK YOU:** A donation was made to the St. John's Altar Guild by Doris & Eugene Stamm in lieu of poinsettias at Christmas. Thank you!

**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.

**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](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org). Thank You.

### **CALL PROCESS UPDATE:**

After the voters' meeting on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, a call meeting was held. The Call Committee provided a ballot with 3 Pastoral candidates to the voters'. The ballot was approved by voters', voted on, and it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev Mark Winkelman. He will now prayerfully consider this call before bringing his final decision to our congregation.

### **NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICERS:**

Thank you to all who agreed to be nominated for offices this year! Those elected are: Chairman- Mike DeRousse; Vice-Chairman- Kevin Guebert; Treasurer- Eric Fritsche; Elders- Kirk Liefer, Gerald Hanebutt, Ron Liefer, Trustees- Jeremy Voss; Education- Jacob Arbeiter; Finance- Becky Biffar, Crystal Liefer, Christy Palm; Estate Fund- Nick Kassing; COSLHS Board- Vickie Heller, Rebekah Liefer. We thank those whose current term of service in office now has ended: Chairman- Kevin Liefer; Elders: Wil Krick, Kalin Liefer, Jeremy Stellhorn; Trustee: Byron Falkenhain; Education: Derek Uffelmann; Finance: Jill Gross, Melissa Henry; Estate- Brian Guebert; and COSLHS Board: Christina Gidley.

### **SECOND GRADE MISSION PROJECT:**

2nd grade is doing a mission project to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week and Valentine's Day! Since LIFE SUNDAY was January 19, we will be collecting baby items on a table in the school lobby and in the church fellowship hall! Please help us by donating to the babies and families that need our Christian love. We will be collecting until the end of February and then the items and money will be delivered to LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS. Wal Mart cards are also accepted. Thank you.

### **LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLES:**

Lutherans for Life will be distributing Life Network baby bottles at the end of the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service on January 19<sup>th</sup> in remembrance of Life Sunday. Please pick up a bottle, fill it with change and return it to the fellowship hall in the clear bins marked Life Network any time before Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to Life Network pregnancy care center with offices located in Red Bud and Waterloo. Thank you again for your years of support Life Network through their baby bottle fundraiser. Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366) for any questions or concerns.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERT & OPEN HOUSE:**

Come enjoy a *FREE* evening of fun on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** from 4-7 p.m.! There will be: Yummy soup, hot dogs, & dessert. A fun photo booth, Classroom tours, & A Christian Music Concert with Jennie Williamson from AriSon Records at 6 p.m.

### **MEN'S CLUB MEETING:**

The next Men's Club meeting is on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### **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. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm. Feel free to come and join us. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Nowak.

### **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 stjohnsenioryouth@gmail.com.

### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Flo Zschiegner who died in the Lord Thursday at the age of 86 years.

### **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.

### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

**1 Cor. 12:16** – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told”**

Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36). 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.

### **LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

The Apostle Paul involved Gentile Titus in Christian ministry to embody how the Gospel doesn't discriminate. So confinement to mother's womb will not disqualify anyone from worth: Jesus is Lord there, too (Psalm 71:6). And advanced age cannot undermine it either: He employs “elder” as an expression of respect (Titus 1:5-9). We dare not close the kingdom doors Almighty God has opened!

### **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 Zschiegner, Helen Winkelman.

### **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:**

1/27- Katherine Grohmann, Shawn DeRousse, Joshua DeRousse, Kaleb Barriger, Adam Kiefer, Grace Guebert; 1/28- Harper Kennedy; 1/29- Brooke Adams, Bethany Deien-Whelan, Dax Liefer, Brooks Liefer; 1/30- Cindy Steele, Chad Todaro, Cari Lucht, Gage Baldwin; 1/31- Charles Guebert, Linda Birkner, Travis Burmester, Sophia Liefer, Emily Bowles; 2/2- Lois Fuhrhop, Debra Liefer, Clint Crafton, Willa Henry.

### **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)

### **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. Maybe you are reaching the later part of earthly life and have no children. Is family inheritance still required, or expected? Might God have another plan for His resources in your life? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin discerning the right thing to do. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org).

### **KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts. Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram. We continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), looking at chapters 30-34. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), we are studying the book of Job. Join us as we pick up with chapter 7! Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (2/1 at 10:00 a.m.) as we

discuss confessional subscription in the ELCA with Rev. Dr. Mark Granquist. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

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

**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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Evansville Community (zip code 62242) to schedule an appointment.

**Smoked Ribs Fundraiser for Shooting Sports:** Support the trap and archery teams at *COS* by purchasing smoked ribs. Each side is \$25. Orders are due Feb. 3 and will be available for pick up Feb. 8 from 10-noon. Call to order.

**NASP Archery:** Our archery team will be playing in tournaments at Herrin on January 25 and February 8. Our next home tournament is February 15.

**Basketball:** Our basketball season is coming to a close with two away games. On January 30, we will be playing at First Baptist O'Fallon, at 6:00 p.m.

**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](http://www.coslhs.org).

**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.

**THIS 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 Lukomski, Retired.

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Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson  
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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  
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*Church Council*

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Saturday*) Pastor Art Eichhorn (*Sunday*) Pastor Mark Winkelmann  
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (*5 p.m.*) *Children's Message &* Lector: DCE Bill Becker  
Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Grant Florreich (*8 a.m.*) Finn Liefer; (*10:30 a.m.*) Ella Cowell  
Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (*8 a.m.*) Kalin & Kathy Liefer  
(*10:30 a.m.*) Ron & Diane Kunkelmann  
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
Flower Servers: Brenda vanBuren Paraments: Carol Turner