

PRELUDE: (Saturday) "Once in Royal David's City" & "Coventry Carol" Bell Choir
(Sunday) "Prelude in D Minor" by JS Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 376 "Once in Royal David's City"



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151 (please stand if you are able)

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

C: Amen.

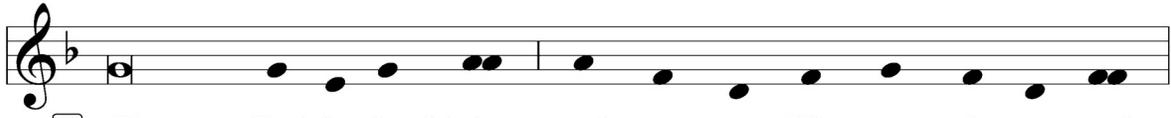
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

Silence to reflect on God's Word and self-examination.

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

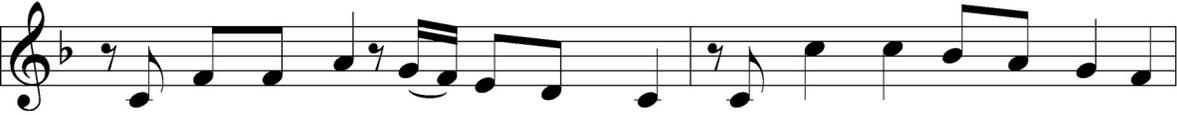
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

C: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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)

ANTHEM: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Bell Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

1 Kings 3:4-15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

THE EPISTLE READING:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his

grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 156) *(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 2:40-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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.) **Nicene Creed**

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.

(10:30 a.m.) Apostles' Creed

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.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: "To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"

1. To Your temple, Lord, I come, for it is my worship home.

This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.

2. I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child,

Abba, Father, give me grace, In Your courts Your love to trace.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 410 "Within the Father's House"



1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

**6 Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.**

SERMON: (*Saturday*) “The Son of the Father Means Business” Luke 2:40-52
(*Sunday*) Luke 2:40-52

OFFERTORY: pages 159-160

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.

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.

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 Sandy Stellhorn; died in the Lord on Tuesday, December 31
+God’s guidance of our pastoral vacancy and for our call process

(The 10:30 a.m. service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Hymn)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

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 confess our common Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface: page 160

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 161 (*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 161

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

Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini

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 163



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*)

523 "O Word of God Incarnate"



1 O Word of God in-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di-vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur-nished gold



O Truth un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift-ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be-fore the na-tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra-diance That from the hal-lowed page,
It is the chart and com-pass That, all life's voy-age through,
O teach Your wan-d'ring pil-grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

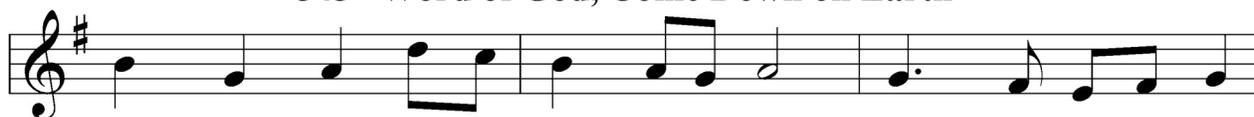


For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

(please stand if able) **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"** page 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus 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: 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com- ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

POSTLUDE: “Dance” *by J. Wayne Kerr*

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This Week With Our Lord, January 6-12, 2025

Monday, January 6-

No School – Christmas Break

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

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Tuesday, January 7-

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

10:05 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting

6:00 p.m. GBB vs New Athens (A Team Only) – 8th Grade Night

Wednesday, January 8-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

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 Fellowship Hall

BBB C Team Tournament begins @ Steeleville

BBB/GBB B Team Tournament begins @ Collinsville

Thursday, January 9-

3:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service

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

5:30 p.m. GBB @ Evansville (A Team Only)

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

7:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting

Friday, January 10-

8:30 a.m. All School Chapel – led by Pastor Krenz

BBB C Team Tournament @ Steeleville

BBB/GBB B Team Tournament @ Collinsville

Saturday, January 11-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Brody Rahn

BBB C Team Tournament @ Steeleville

BBB/GBB B Team Tournament @ Collinsville

SUNDAY, January 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Jackson Pensoneau

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Blaine Rohlfing

1:00 p.m. Voters' Meeting & Call Meeting following

BBB/GBB B Team Tournament @ Collinsville

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK & NEW YEARS SERVICES:

Last week: Worship: **250**; Communion: **151**; Bible classes: **18**; Sunday School: **22**

New Years Eve: Worship: **53**; Communion: **47**

New Years Day: Worship: **29**

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/29- General: \$25,123.00; School: \$720.00; Debt Elimination: \$45,834.90.

UPDATE ON DEBT ELIMINATION MONEY RAISED:

The Ducting out of Debt Challenge at school has raised a total of \$32,008.22. So far, the church has raised \$161,706.98 not including those contributions that have been given since last weekend's count. These combined totals come to \$193,715.20. Thank you to those that have generously given to our Debt Elimination thus far.

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**.*

VOTERS' & CALL MEETING:

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

MEN'S CLUB MEETING:

The Men's Club meeting on January 9th has been canceled. We will meet next on **February 13th**. Thanks. Stay warm and safe.

GARDEN PLACE WORSHIP SERVICES:

Due to the increase in illness at Garden Place, there will be no service in December. Worship services will resume on the fourth Tuesday in January. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

SENIOR YOUTH:

Our Senior Youth are also selling Advent scripture and prayer cards that follow our lectionary readings. They're \$5 for 20 cards and are available in the fellowship hall. Contact Stephanie Liefer for more information. 618-967-0804.

SECOND THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES ARE BACK:

We will be having a Holy Communion Service on the second Thursday of the Month. So, mark your calendars! Service will be held on **Jan. 9th**, and 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 on 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 2:40 – “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “In the Beginning Was Dialogue”

Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. (John 1:1). 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:

No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians' first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person “before the foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven's household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!

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 Winkelman.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

1/6- Andre Voges, Damon Trost, Dane Stellhorn, Emry Voss, Eli Liefer; 1/7- Marie Voges, Ronald Lewis; 1/8- Dekan Russell, Karleigh Liefer, Kade Liefer; 1/9- Jennifer Liefer-Koester; 1/10- Jessica Schloemann, Cheyenne Windsor; 1/11- Lauren Koen, Scott Nobbe, Justin Papenberg, Madison Proctor, Cadin Voss, Everett Liefer; 1/12- Marcy Rahn.

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)

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. As you consider gifts to family (inheritance), is their need immediate, or is it in the future for something like college education for children? Would you like to begin figuring out God's design for His gifts? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. 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. Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24th-January 6th. Regular programming will resume on January 7th.

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

Merry Christmas and God's Blessings to you and your family in the New Year!

Trivia Night: *Save the Date!* Our annual trivia night will be Friday, January 17, 2024.

Registration for second semester 2024-2025 is available! 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. Registration for 2025-2026 will begin in January.

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 Lukomski, Retired.

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

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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 – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

Before/After School Care – Susan Luttmann

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Diane Everding, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong

Church Council

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Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (Saturday) Pastor Art Eichhorn (Sunday) Pastor Mark Winkelman Organist: Mrs.

Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Children's Message & Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Sutton Jones (8 a.m.) Brynlee Liefer; (10:30 a.m.) Clare Carnahan

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

(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

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

Flower Servers: Brenda vanBuren Paraments: Carol Turner