

THE PRELUDE: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" arranged by Charles Callahan

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

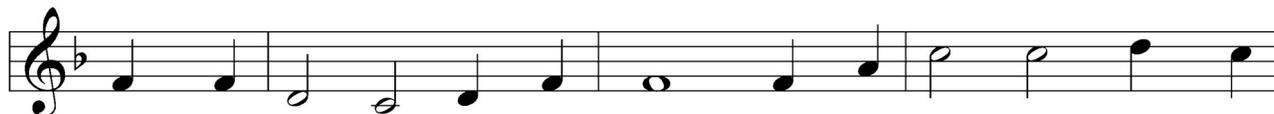
OPENING SONG: 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

**But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

**INTROIT: Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5; antiphon: v. 7**

I will praise you with an upright heart, **when I learn your just and righteous decrees.**

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless, **who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies, **who seek him with their whole heart.**

You have commanded your precepts **to be kept diligently.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast **in keeping your statutes!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will praise you with an upright heart, **when I learn your just and righteous decrees.**

**SONG OF PRAISE: "We Shall Not Be Moved: Psalm 1"**

- 1. How blessed are the ones who never walk Within the place where wicked scoffers talk.**
- 2. Our joy is in the statues of the Lord, And night and day we ponder on the Word.**
- 3. The wicked stall not stand the judgement day, But like the chaff they'll all be blown away. We're like a tree that's planted by the water. We shall not be moved!  
We shall not, we shall not be moved! We shall not, we shall not be moved!  
We're like a tree that's planted by the water. We shall not be moved!**
- 4. Sing glory be to God, the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, ever Thee in One.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

**C: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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:**

**1 Corinthians 15:1–20**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if able)*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE: “Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!”** (*sung once*)  
**Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**  
**Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**  
**Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!**  
**Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 6:17–26**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**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*) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

**Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.**

**I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way.**

**From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;**

**From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,**

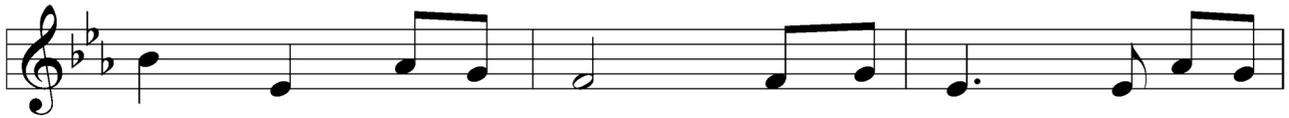
**Lord, I lift Your name on high. (*repeat*)**

Ending: Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I lift Your name on high.

SONG OF THE DAY: 932 "Jesus Sat with His Disciples"



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a  
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the  
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing



moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple  
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be  
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:  
ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.  
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;



"Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's  
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy  
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and  
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are  
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My



mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.  
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.  
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

SERMON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

SONG OF RESPONSE: "Blest Are They"

1. **Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God,  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, They shall be consoled.**

*Refrain:* **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.**

**Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

2. **Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.**

**Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. (Refrain)**

**3. Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.**

**Blest are they, the pure of heart, They shall see God! (Refrain)**

**4. Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.**

**Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)**

**5. Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.**

**Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. (Refrain)**

**OFFERTORY: 691 “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing” (vs. 1 & 4)**



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en  
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er  
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern  
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,  
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,  
and our goal; Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,  
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.  
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.  
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.  
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

**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, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Peggy Koen, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Dorothy Papenberg, John Preston, Jay Prigge, Darleen Scheffert, Lorna Schneider, Wanda Steele, Pam Stellhorn, Marcy Watters; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, 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  
+the Installation of Rev. Mark Winkelman on February 16th

### THE LORD'S PRAYER and CLOSING PRAYER:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in 7 peace and quietness; **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace. **C: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!  
 Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;  
 All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;  
 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

**POSTLUDE: “To Walk In God's Ways”**

*arranged by Lani Smith*

*Instrumentalists: Lindsey Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Brandon Nehrt, and Jonathan Hudak*

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***This Week With Our Lord, February 17-23, 2025***

**Monday, February 17-**

*No School & Office Closed – President’s Day Holiday*

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

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

**Tuesday, February 18-**

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Prairie du Rocher

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering

**Wednesday, February 19-**

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

5:30 p.m. Volleyball vs St. Libory (A & C only)

6:00 p.m. Mom’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 20-

5:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Steeleville

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

Friday, February 21-

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

5:00 p.m. B Team Volleyball Tournament @ RBL

Saturday, February 22-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Amelia Cheek

9:00 a.m. B Team Volleyball Tournament @ RBL

SUNDAY, February 23-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Aiden Kiefer

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Sydney Krick

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

Last week: Worship: **297**; Communion: **98**; Bible classes: **40**; Sunday School: **36**

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/9- General: \$33,995.94; School: \$165.00.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025:**

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2025 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one with your name(s) on it or have one that you do not intend to use, please call Cynthia in our office (282-2394) so she can adjust the list.

**EPISTLES:**

Paper copies of the February 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 March Epistle, please send an email to the office by February 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:**

+Flowers on the altar this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Installation of Rev. Mark Winkelman on February 16th.

+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.

**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION:**

All new members that were baptized, confirmed or transferred into our church within the last year will be recognized in between services on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Refreshments will be provided.

**ALUMNI NEWSLETTERS:**

There are Alumni Newsletters in the narthex if you would like one. A big thank you to Kathy Rowold for sharing her article on what St. John's Lutheran School has meant to her and her family! If anyone is interested in writing an article for the next newsletter which will be published this fall, please contact Kathy Liefer at 618-830-0481. Thank you.

### **INSTALLATION INVITATION:**

**Today** is a day to rejoice and celebrate that God has provided a Senior Pastor for St. John's Lutheran Church. Thank you to all members of the church, elders, church council, and staff who helped to work through the call process. You are cordially invited to the Installation Service of Rev. Mark Winkelman on February 16 at 3pm. Pastor Mark will be installed as the Senior Pastor here at St. John's. Following this service, we will be hosting a meal down at school in the old gym. This will start at 5:00pm. Table service, meats (fried chicken and ham), mashed potatoes and gravy, drinks (lemonade, coffee, and tea), and cookies will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for this "Lutheran Potluck" meal and help us welcome Pastor Mark and his family into our St. John's Family of Faith!

### **PARSONAGE HELP:**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the parsonage for Pastor Mark and his family. Various tasks including painting will be completed. Our board of elders and trustees will determine a date and time for this to happen. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the school office via email ([office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org)) or call 618-282-3873. We will add your name to the list and an elder or trustee will contact you with further details.

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

In celebration of Mary Gross' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26, please send a card to her at Oak Hill, 623 Hamacher St., Waterloo IL 62298. Mary was our dedicated School Secretary at St. John's Lutheran for 44 years.

### **UPDATES TO OUR NURSERY:**

The Nursery in the Fellowship Hall has gotten a face lift. Please feel free to use it with your child as you watch the service.

### **GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION:**

Girls on the Run registration is now open until February 23! Please register online at: <https://www.girlsontherunstlouis.org/>. Any questions please contact Abby Carter via email: [afc7703@gmail.com](mailto:afc7703@gmail.com).

### **THANK YOU:**

The following letter was received from LCFS to whom Christmas gifts were sent to benefit needy families: "Thank you for helping children at a very challenging time in their life. There are no words that adequately express our appreciation and gratitude. Your compassion, understanding, and commitment to helping others are genuine, touching and greatly appreciated. Please know that your thoughtfulness and abundance of gifts donated to the clients made Christmas a reality and will forever be remembered." *Wanda Rollins, Office Supervisor*

### **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](mailto:stjohnsseniorityouth@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS: 5 Women Needed**

The Women's Bible Class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and has started a new book by Deb Burma. We ordered extra books and need five more women. The cost is \$12.00.

### **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 19th 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 16th**. 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.

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

Only in 1 Corinthians 15:8 ("untimely born") do the Scriptures use a technical term for "abortion." Paul labeled himself like a miscarriage or one designated for intentional termination. But the Lord God intervened by reaching out with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Savior dying and rising makes abortion entirely unnecessary – and diametrically opposite to the Gospel message and community.

### **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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

2/17- Linda Hinrichs, Trudy Woolbright, Connor Jordan, Brewer Krick, Briggs Seibold; 2/18- Amber Piel, Lauren Mehring; 2/19- Keith Miller, Jennifer Brown, Luke Hartmann, Callie Todaro, Mason Voss, Kadence Koen; 2/20- Daniel Meier, Kaleb Matzenbacher, Nickolas Mehner; 2/21-

Patricia Wagner, Adam Wild; 2/22- Darla Cowell, Kelly Teets, Sarah Wetzel; 2/23- Douglas Sachtleben, Jennifer Falkenhain.

### **CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:**

**Date:** Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025; **Cost:** \$20 per person; **Deadline:** February 21, 2025

**Program:** “The Stained Glass Windows of Koburg Hall”; *Dr. Gerhard Bode, chairman of the Department of Historical Theology (Rescheduled from Sept. 18, 2024); 11:30 a.m.:*

Registration in Koburg Hall; **Noon:** Luncheon and business meeting; Adoption of new projects for 2025-26; Election of vice president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary; **Checks:** Make payable to Concordia Seminary Guild; Mail: 2076 Henley Woods, Arnold, MO 63010;

**Questions?** Call Mary Jane Autry at 314-578-9158

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “The Bread of Our Lives”**

Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35). 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.

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

**Luke 6:20–21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.”** The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you’re poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there’s an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

### **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](mailto: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, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2025-2026:** (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

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 Ron Liefer (618/282-3950)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 5: W/M Krick thru J. Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6: P. Malik thru L. Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru D. Schrader- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/282-8228)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – C. Zschiegner- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

**LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. You may be committed to supporting ministry but may have other charities in mind as well. In Matthew 25, Jesus said, “Whatever you do for one of the least of these you have done it for me.” Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain information about the right way to support organizations, discerning if they are consistent with your beliefs and practices. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

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

**Feel like dancing?** Join us on February 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. for a dance featuring a live DJ and neon lights. Admission is \$5. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Friends and families are welcome!

**COS Annual Fish & More Dinner** is Friday, March 7 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 5-12 are \$6, under 5 free. Eat-in or carry out, our gym is handicap accessible.

**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).

**High School Administrator** needed to begin July 1. Administrative certification not required. Call 618-853-7300.

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Vacancy Pastor Art Eichhorn 314/882-1983

Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741

Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

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

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

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

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

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

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

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade (*Homerom*) – Bill Becker

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homerom – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homerom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homerom: 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: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: *Brian Guebert*

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Rebekah Liefer

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Saturday*) Pastor Art Eichhorn (*Sunday*) Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (*8 a.m.*) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Lauren Mehring; (*8 a.m.*) Sydney Krick; (*10:30 a.m.*) Maya Macbeth

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn

(*10:30 a.m.*) Ron & Donna Burgdorf

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breann Muench

Flower Servers: Tiffany Stellhorn & Abby Stellhorn

Paraments: Carol Turner