

THE PRELUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arranged by Johann Pachelbel

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167 (please stand if you are able)

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

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

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

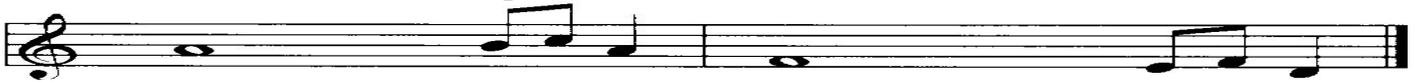
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 91: 9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16



When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

KYRIE: (page 168-169) (*we sing the responses*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer-cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "Clap Your Hands, All You People"

Primary Sunday School

Refrain: Clap your hands, all you people!

Shout to God with loud songs of praise!

Clap your hands all you people!

1. God is an awesome God, Sing your songs of highest praise.

Rejoice with psalms of joy; Worship all your days. (*Refrain*)

2. All nations ev'rywhere, sing your songs of highest praise.

The Lord of all the earth, Worship all your days. (*Refrain*)

Worship God throughout all your days.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

"When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

"And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Hebrews 12: 2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 10: 8b-13

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who

believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 173) *(sung)*

**Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for He is a gra-cious and
mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 4: 1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the

Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **Apostles’ Creed** *(page 175)*

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (please be seated)

(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 174)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. (please be seated)

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: “Do Lord!: Psalm 27”

Do Lord, Oh do Lord, Oh do re-mem-ber me! Do Lord, Oh do Lord, Oh do re-mem-ber me!

Do Lord, Oh do Lord, Oh do re-mem-ber me! Look a-way be-yond the blue!

You’re my light and my sal-va-tion, I won’t be a-fraid!

You’re the strong-hold of my life, by You all things were made.

Foes at-tack me, has-sle me, but I will nev-er fade, For I move in the strength of the Lord.

Do Lord, Oh do Lord, Oh do re-mem-ber me! Do Lord, Oh do Lord, Oh do re-mem-ber me!

Do Lord, Oh do Lord, Oh do re-mem-ber me! Look a-way be-yond the blue!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 424 “O Christ, You Walked the Road”



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.
3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

SERMON

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

OFFERTORY: (page 176) **What shall I ren-der to the Lord, for all His ben-e-fits to me?**

I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord’s Prayer, a Closing Prayer & Benediction.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

PREFACE: *(we speak the responses)* (page 177)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with 10 angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: (page 178) (sung)



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

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (page 178)

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer, the Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini: (pages 179-180)

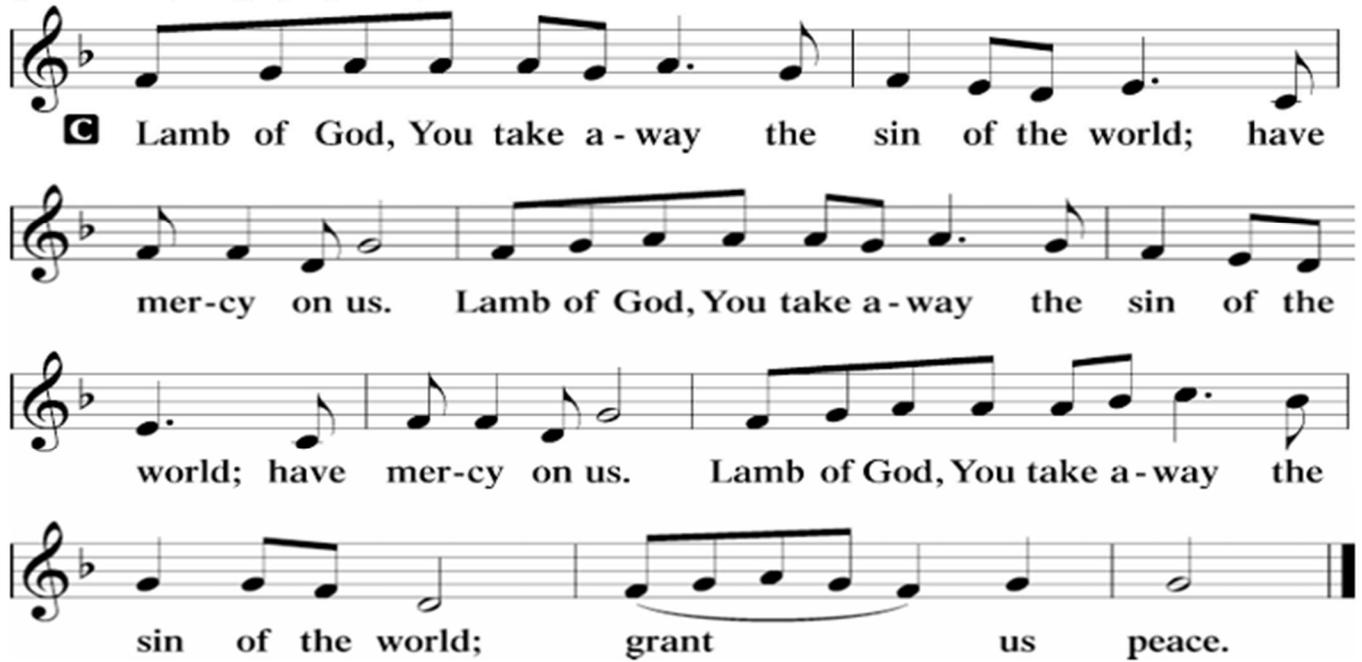
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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

C: (sung) A-men.

Agnus Dei: *(sung) (page 180)*



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"



- 1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
- 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
- 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
- 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

**5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.**

**Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.**

**6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.**

**I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.**

728 "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



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



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

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

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

(please stand if able) **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Nunc Dimittis" (page 182)**



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: (page 183)

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

BENEDICTION: (page 183)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C: (sung) A-men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(please remain standing if you are able)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fact - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



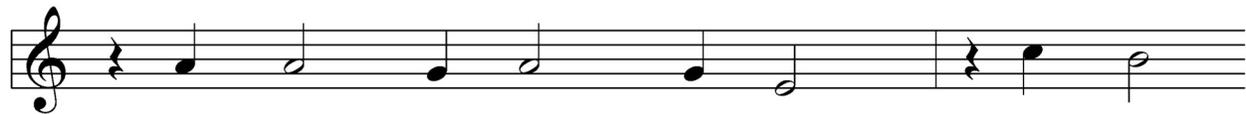
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

POSTLUDE: "The Rock of Salvation"

arranged by Franklin Ritter

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This Week With Our Lord, March 10-16, 2025

Monday, March 10-

- 6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room
- VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR begins

Tuesday, March 11- ***Spring Picture Day at School!***

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

- VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR

Wednesday, March 12-

- 7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class
- 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lent Service; Acolyte – Liam Kilpatrick
- 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. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Mom’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service; Acolyte – Carson Bowles

Thursday, March 13- *Pastor Mark Winkelman is out of office*

5:30 p.m. New Members Class in Library

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

7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR

Friday, March 14-

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

VB A Team OVC Tournament @ PDR

Saturday, March 15-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Addison Brier

5:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction at HCC

SUNDAY, March 16-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Sutton Jones

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Jackson Neff

12:00 p.m. Sonshine Visits Meeting in Fellowship Hall

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Last week: Worship: 324; Communion: 258; Bible classes: 31; Sunday School: 32

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/2- General: \$25,312.00; School: \$365.00; Debt Elimination: \$15,160.01.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the March edition of our congregation's newsletter are on the tables in the entryway. It is also posted on our website and had been sent by email to those for whom the office has an email address. *To ensure an article is in the April Epistle, please send an email to the office by March 24th.*

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:

Have you ever had an offering envelope ready to go but then it's forgotten at home? Or leave the checkbook or wallet in the car or at home? With all the distractions in our busy lives, let us help you have one less thing to worry about. Did you know that we do electronic funds transfer from your account to ours on a bi-weekly or monthly basis? It's a simple process! Complete the form with your contribution request and we'll do that for you. Those can be changed at any time, that works best for you, just contact the office with any changes. Feel free to pick up a form in church or school office. Once completed you may email cynwilson@stjohnsredbud.org or drop off to our Church Secretary office.

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.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

During this season of Lent, we hold services on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening service will be preceded with a Lenten supper (Spaghetti, garlic bread and lettuce salad) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Senior Youth will assist with bringing desserts & serving these meals. The Free-Will offering will go towards their National Youth Group Gathering this July.

SONSHINE:

Sonshine Visits Meeting, **Sunday, March 16th at 12 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments to be served.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS:

Students are singing THIS Sunday, March 9th in the 10:30am service. They will sing “Clap Your Hands, All You People.” The children will be called to the front when it is time to sing and will return to their original seats following the conclusion of the song. We look forward to this wonderful example of the Gospel!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for February- Pre-K3: Dallin Liefer, Kullen Liefer; Pre-K4: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer; Kindergarten: Demi Grohmann, Eliza Schrader; First Grade: Bentley Valentine; Second Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Third Grade: Kolton Liefer; Fifth Grade: Henry Schnepel, Cassidy Palm; Sixth Grade: Natalie Kassing; Seventh Grade: Jozlynn Palm; Eighth Grade: Carson Bowles; High School: Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Karson Liefer. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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 Sunday morning service ONLY. Training 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.

CHICKEN DINNER:

St. John's Lutheran Church in Baldwin are having their Annual Chicken Dinner THIS SUNDAY, March 9th. Serving times will be from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Dine-in or carry-outs will be available (Only ½ chicken dinners with sides available as carry-outs). The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, drinks and desserts. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children (4-12), and under 4 are free.

2025 PTL DINNER AUCTION: *You don't want to miss this!! Get your tickets now!*

The 15th annual PTL Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the Hecker Community Center. This year's theme is “Let the Games Begin!” Contact our office to purchase tickets! Tickets: \$45 per person (dinner, dessert and select drinks). Once again, \$250 Cougar Cash drawing for bringing new attendees.

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:

A skate party will be held on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) from 5-7pm at Skate City in Belleville. Admission is \$7/person with a \$5 skate rental charge. \$5 meal deals will be available. The skate park will NOT be open to the public that evening and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Senior Youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer. Invite your friends and family for a fun evening - all ages welcome!

BIG RICK'S MEATS & EATS – HARM'S BENEFIT:

On March 22nd in our school parking lot from 11am to 2pm. Menu: smoked turkey, pulled pork, pit beans, & cheesy hashbrown casserole. Cash, card and venmo are accepted. Contact Jacob at 618-719-8031 for more information.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

St. John's 1st Grade, Kindergarten and Preschool is hosting a Family Fun Night. The books, games, snacks and activities will be out of sight! Preschool and kindergarten aged children and their families are invited. We hope everyone who comes to school on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. will be excited. The fun for the night was inspired by Dr. Seuss. The characters from his books will be on the loose. Volunteers are needed to help make this night a success! If you are willing to help please contact Mrs. Schmitz at 618-317-5452 or through Fast Direct. This event does count as service hours for 7th & 8th grade students!

NEARBY LENTEN FISH FRY:

+ St Peter UCC in Red Bud will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 14th & 28th from 4-7pm. Indoor Dining & Indoor Pick-Up Only. Call 618-282-2417 for carry outs. Cash or Check only.
+The class of 2027 will host an all-you-can eat Fish Fry Fundraiser at Ratzkeller on March 29th starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/person and include unlimited fried fish, sides, and draft beer. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, and the event is dine in only. Please contact any 6th grade family to purchase tickets or for more information.

HARMS BENEFIT BBQ:

A benefit BBQ to support former SJL student Brenden Harms will be held on Sunday, March 30th in the school parking lot beginning at 10:15am-Sold Out.

CALLING ALL COOKS:

On Saturday evenings Pastor Mark will be in town from 4:30-6:00 pm. After Saturday night 5pm services we are inviting families that are inclined to host a meal for Pastor Mark and his family. To sign up please call the office at 618-282-3873. You can cook a meal and eat in the Fellowship Hall, take Pastor and his family (three teenagers) out to a favorite local restaurant, or invite them to your home. This will provide a relaxed atmosphere and a chance to introduce yourselves to him and his family. It also helps him to not have to worry about supper after the church service. Pastor Mark has his kids every other weekend. The first weekend will be March 15 and then every other. You can message/call him directly at 815-499-1135 to finalize details. A sign-up Genius can also be utilized at <https://tinyurl.com/4uykzhpu>.

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) or call 618-282-3873. We will add your name to the list and an elder or trustee will contact you with further details.

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.

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.

FOURTH GRADE TEACHING POSITION:

St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud is looking for a 4th-grade homeroom teacher. We invite interested applicants to use this link, <https://forms.gle/C6VUxnZ671Qrdgo7A>, to learn more about the position and send in a resume for review. You may also email (office@stjohnsredbud.org) or call the office (618-282-3873) Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 for more information. We have competitive pay and a great benefits package which includes insurance for the employee and a pension. We look forward to the responses that come in and await the plans and people God has in store for St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

3/10- Greg Deien, Andrew Langrehr, Riley Foster, Cameron Eden; 3/11- Mitch Eden, Tammy Moll, Timothy Donjon; 3/12- Emily Harms, Landon Ruebusch; 3/13- LouAnn Liefer, David Kuhn, Katelin Uffelmann, Lyla Hess, Zandra Harless, Addison Breier, Miles Liefer; 3/14- Donald Fausz, Nolan Neumeyer, Blakelynn Grohmann, Jameson Nehrt, Mylee McDaniel; 3/15- Jeanie Voss, Rebecca Cooper, Andrew Quinn, Emma Fritsche, Demi Grohmann; 3/16- Carolyn Stellhorn, Derek Uffelmann, MaKayla Liefer, Eve Schwartzkopf.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"

Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24). Listen on KFUEO 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 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

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:

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; 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: Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Pearl Luttmann, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, Paul Schrieber, Carl Zschiegner, Helen Winkelmann.

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 planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Many seniors are

concerned about the high cost of nursing home care and believe their only estate priority is protecting assets. But there are many other legal and financial issues that should be considered, including how to bless family with inheritance and support ministries that the Lord has laid on the heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can broaden your consideration. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or 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 kfu.org and wherever you get your podcasts. Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram. On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), we continue in the book of 1 Samuel, covering chapters 21-25. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m) as we conclude our study of Job and begin a new study on the book of Hebrews! Save the date! KFUO's annual Sharathon is April 3rd-5th, 2025. Start, sustain, or strengthen your partnership with us during this year's giving drive! To learn more, visit: kfu.org/sharathon.

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

DQ Fundraiser: The DQ in Chester is donating a portion of their sales to COS on Monday, March 10 from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Enjoy a meal and support Christ Our Savior at the same time!

COS Student Mission Trip: A group of our students are going on a mission service trip to Hendersonville, NC during their spring break. Please pray that they have safe and productive trip helping with hurricane cleanup.

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

Athletic Director is needed soon to start arranging the sports schedules for 2025-2026. Call school for details.

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.

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Senior Pastor Mark Winkelman 815/499-1135

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 (*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, 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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Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair: Kortney Moll
Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin
Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Rebekah Liefer

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (5 p.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Wiley Minemann; (8 a.m.) Clare Carnahan; (10:30 a.m.) Payton Liefer
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold
(10:30 a.m.) Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Jill Hanebutt & Martha Krick Paraments: Irma Birkner