

**PRELUDE:** "Voices Raised to You We Offer"

*arranged by Scott M. Hyslop*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**

**OPENING HYMN:**

"Voices Raised to You We Offer" (LSB 795)



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** **who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

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

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*



Hear this, all | peoples!\*

both | low and high,\*

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,\*

for the ransom of their life is | costly\*

This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;\*

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;\*

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,\*

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

Hear this, all | peoples!\*

both | low and high,\*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

rich and poor to- | gether!

or give to God the price | of his life,

and can nev- | er suffice.

yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

death shall be their | shepherd.

for he will re- | ceive me.

and to the Holy | Spirit;

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

rich and poor to- | gether!

### KYRIE:

(LSB 204)



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Gloria in Excelsis” (LSB 204)



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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: “Seek Ye First”

*Summer Singers*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God. And His righteousness, And all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
2. Man shall not live by bread alone. But by ev'ry word. That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.
3. Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia. *(repeat vs. 1)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING:

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

P: Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
 vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:**

*Romans 10:15b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**C: who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

P: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**C: and their words to the ends of the world.**

**EPISTLE:**

*Colossians 3:1-11*

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:***(LSB 205)*

**Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

**These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that**

**Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:***Luke 12:13-21*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:***(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.

(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

1. In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my life Lord, Be glorified today.
2. In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In my song Lord, Be glorified today.
3. In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified. In Your church Lord, Be glorified today.

(10:30 a.m.) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783)*



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,

It shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine own,

It shall be Thy royal throne.

6      Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## SERMON

### OFFERTORY:

*“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781, vs. 1-2)*



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

### 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: Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Mary Liefer, Norma Preston, Jay Prigge, Gary Schwartzkopf; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, Shirley Hartmann, Ruby Hering, Orville Heller, Gerald Hitzemann, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Oliver Scarbie, Sue Schreier, 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, Abbey Vallett; 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, Kaleb Barriger, 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  
+ John & Ella Hemmer's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

*The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer,  
a Closing Prayer, Benediction, and Hymn.*

**PREFACE:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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

**SANCTUS:**

(page 208)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

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



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

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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. A-men.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI:

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

**C:** A-men.

### AGNUS DEI:

(page 210)

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

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

“All Depends on Our Possessing” (LSB 732)



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

**5 Well He knows what best to grant me;**

**All the longing hopes that haunt me,**

**Joy and sorrow, have their day.**

**I shall doubt His wisdom never;**

**As God wills, so be it ever;**

**I commit to Him my way.**

**6 If my days on earth He lengthen,**

**God my weary soul will strengthen;**

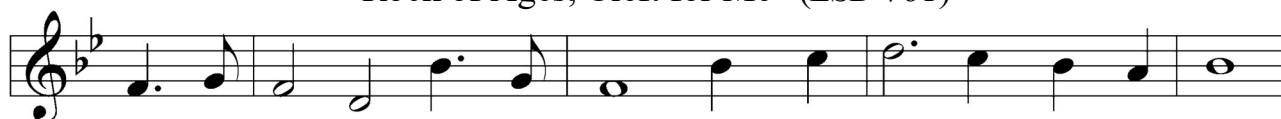
**All my trust in Him I place.**

**Earthly wealth is not abiding,**

**Like a stream away is gliding;**

**Safe I anchor in His grace.**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (LSB 761)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

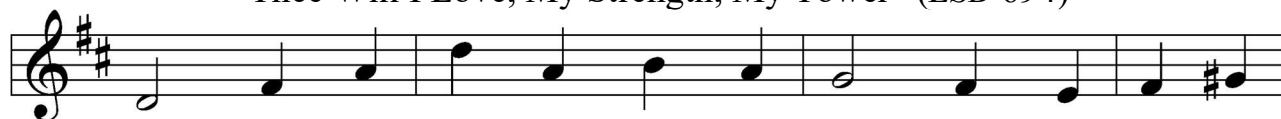


Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” (LSB 694)



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

“Song of Simeon” (*LSB* 211)



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:**

P: Let us pray.

P: 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.

## BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN:

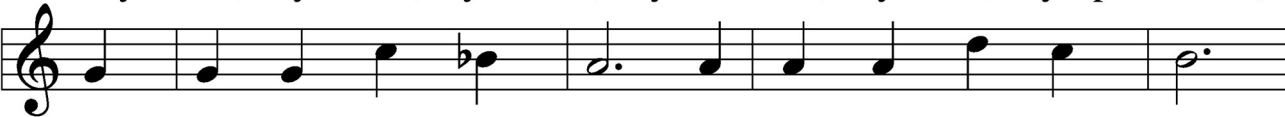
*“What Is the World to Me” (LSB 730)*



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

## POSTLUDE: “Afron”

*arranged by Wilbur Held*

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***This Week with Our Lord, August 3-10, 2025***

**SUNDAY, August 3-**

9:30 a.m. Summer Family Sunday School (All ages) in Fellowship Hall

**Monday, August 4-**

9:30 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All School Open House

7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Orientation

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

8:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, August 5- *Pastors' Circuit Meeting***

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

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting in Library

**Wednesday, August 6-**

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Membership Class & Catechism Study in Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, August 7- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off***

***Teacher's Spiritual Day of Renewal***

**Friday, August 8-**

**Saturday, August 9-**

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

**SUNDAY, August 10-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Brayden McCarthy

8:00 a.m. Teacher Rededication

9:30 a.m. Summer Family Sunday School (All ages) in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Brooke Wolter

5:00 p.m. Spreading the Word Informational Meeting in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Senior Youth Presentation and New Orleans Style Dinner

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

July 27: Worship: 274; Communion: 75; Summer Family Sunday School: 34

July 23: New Member/Catechism Study: *No class held due to Youth Gathering*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 7/27- General: \$11,732.00; School: \$195.00.

**GIVING STATEMENTS:**

The 2025 giving statements have been mailed and you should be receiving them soon. Please notify the office if there are any discrepancies.

**EPISTLES:**

Paper copies of the August edition of our congregation's newsletter are on the tables in the entryway. It is also posted 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 September Epistle, please send an email to the office by August 22<sup>nd</sup>!*

### **FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:**

- + The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for John & Ella Hemmer's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- + 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.

### **LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:**

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Colossians 1:15

### **BACK TO SCHOOL:**

Mark your calendars for the Open House at school on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. then Kindergarten Orientation at 7 p.m. and the First Day of School on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **SWEET CORN FUNDRAISER:**

St. John's Lutheran Class of 2028 are selling sweet corn at our school parking lot on August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. Time is on Saturday, 8/2, 10am-7pm, Sunday, 8/3, 10am-4pm, Monday, 8/4, 5pm-7pm. Cost is \$0.75 per ear of corn, \$6 for 12, or \$20 for 50. Cash or checks made payable to Class of 2028. We may have some more to sell the following weekend as well. Thank you for your support!

### **SENIOR YOUTH – NEW ORLEANS STYLE DINNER:**

We need an idea of the total number attending the August 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Youth presentation at 6pm. We are planning a New Orleans themed meal. Please indicate your total attending by RSVPing to Mr. Becker at call/text 618-282-2958 by Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### **FISH FRY BENEFIT:**

St. John's Lutheran in Sparta (1110 North Market Street) will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. to benefit Jen Falkenheim's medical expenses. Dine in or Carry Out! \$15 Dinner includes: fish, choice for two sides, homemade dessert, and a drink. Kids meals and fish sandwiches are available. Thank you for your support!

### **SONSHINE GROUP IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with visiting members of our congregation who are shut-in. You may set your own schedule for your visits, whether it is weekly or monthly, at The Garden Place or other care centers. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our church while sharing the love of Jesus with our members. The rewards are great as you create a lasting friendship with these dear members which not only brings joy to them, but also to your own heart! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kathy Liefer at 618-830-0481 or please attend our next meeting on Sunday, August 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

### **MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S:**

God bless us, His church, with fellow believers to be His physical hands-on earth. Lauri and I thank God for you & thank you for reaching out to us at the death of my mother. You have been a God given support for us. Praise be to God for His faithful servants! *Pastor & Lauri Koen*

### **PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION:**

Public School Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, August 20th. DCE Bill Becker will teach the Sixth-grade students in room 103. We will start at 3:15 and end by 4:00 p.m. If your child is involved in sports or other after-school activities I would be happy to accommodate an alternate time on Wednesday mornings. Students will need to bring \$10 for the chosen book, *God's Word for You*, and \$23 for Luther's Small Catechism that are available for purchase in the school's office. I have lockers available for them to be kept in my classroom. Memory work will be required. Pastor Nowak will teach the seventh-grade students in the Creative Learning Lab (room 302). We will start at 3:15 p.m. and end by 4:00 p.m. If your child is involved in sports or other after-school activities, I would be happy to accommodate an alternate time on Wednesday mornings from 7:00 am until 7:45 am. Contact Pastor Nowak to confirm which time your student will be attending class. If they do not already have it, students will need to bring \$23 for the 1991 edition of Luther's Small Catechism. This is available for purchase in the school's office. Memory work and Sermon reports will be required.

### **CEMETERY WORKDAY**

On Saturday, August 23, at 8am, work will be done at our cemetery to fill and level graves, seed new grass, remove old flowers and decorations in the grass around tombstones, and weed eat. Please remove in advance anything in the grass around the tombstones that you want to keep. Anything left in the grass will be disposed of. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with this work. Please bring work gloves, rakes, weed eaters, etc. Thank you!

### **ACOLYTE TRAINING:**

Acolyte Training will be held on Wednesday, August 27 beginning at 4:15 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Students will sign up for the service times that they prefer to attend with their family. We will go over expectations and directions. We should finish by 5p.m. No meal will be served. A new acolyte schedule will be ready by the Sept. 3 class times. If you are unable to acolyte on the date assigned it is your family's responsibility to find a replacement. Posting on the school/church's Facebook page usually is the best way to do this. Please notify the office of any changes that are made.

### **SUMMER FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Join us at our Intergenerational Sunday School on Sundays! It is held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30a.m. This class will be engaging and educational for ALL ages as we look at "What's in The Bible." There will be a weekly video, activities for our kids and a time of discussion for all. Hope to see you there! ~Pastor Mark

### **MEMBERSHIP CLASS & CATECHISM STUDY:**

All are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings in the Church Fellowship Hall 6pm for a walk through our catechism. This will lead to membership for those desiring to join the church, and for our members, it will strengthen your walk with God. We'll be using our new 2017 catechism; if you would like to order one it will be \$20 (or \$35 for a large print) and Pastor Mark will take orders during the first class. Hope to see many of you there!



### **PART-TIME JOB OPORTUNITY:**

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.

### **SPREADING THE WORD:**

Wow! The last several weeks we have heard Biblical texts and sermons about spreading the Good News that Jesus saved us from hell. We need You, our congregation, to help us spread the word! An informational meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will pass out pamphlets about our church and school on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see everyone there! Any questions, call Bruce at 618-521-0028.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

8/3- Jan Glasscock, Brian Meyer, Nicole Liefer, Alex Grohmann, Joshua Snyder, William Guebert; 8/4- Sharon Brown, Diane Muench, Kambri Moffitt, Konnor Stellhorn, Emmett Heller, Theo Sutton, Raelynn Stenzel; 8/5- Nancy Junge, Hollis Wolfmeier, Nolan Liefer, Kate Rippelmeyer, Elsie Eggemeyer; 8/6- Lou Ann Gerlach, Harold VanHoy, Ron Schweizer, Elizabeth Voges, Jamie Korando, Jennifer Preston, Cody Koch; 8/7- Vince Gunter, Lisa Millmann, Ryan Herriman, Kinley Bowles, Benjamin Langrehr, Leeam McDaniel; 8/8- Barbara Korves, Vickie Heller, Wayne Husemann, Greg Guebert, Mark Ruebusch, Elizabeth Cowell, Briana Becker; 8/9- Brittney Stines, Amber Mollet, Norah Wagner, Briggs Henry.

### **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:**

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; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Ruth Hecht, Paul Schrieber; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Kenneth & Geraldine Koester.

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:**

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Pearl Luttmann, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman; Waterloo: Gary Schwartzkopf.

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Barb Korves, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, 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 – Z- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

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

**Luke 12:15** – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

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

The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church’s business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor’s body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates. Am I giving things away or am I trying to control how things will be used? St Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 6, “For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.” In Christ we know that He gives us all the treasures of His Kingdom. That frees us from being entrapped by the things of this world, allowing us to give them freely to family or ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started on your plan. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Proclaim His Glory”**

Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47). 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.

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

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we're continuing our summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 89, 93, 99, 101, and 113. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. On Concord Matters this Saturday (8/9 at 10 a.m.), Pastor Finner will lead us through a study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. What should it look for us to honor our parents well? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:**

**Annual Rummage Sale:** Our annual rummage sale was a HUGE success! We appreciate you all so much!

**Contacting COS:** Effective August 1, COS will no longer have telephone service. If you need to contact us, you can send a private message to COS on our Facebook page.

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Senior Pastor Mark Winkelman 815/499-1135

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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

#### ***Faculty and Staff***

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Kristin Wolter

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Catrena Heck 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, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Diane Everding, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Ashlynn Crafton, Ally Hodges, Christine Liefer, Haley Ehler, and Reagan Birkner.

### Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert  
Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Eric Fritsche Board of Finance: Becky Biffar  
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: (*Sunday*) Pastor Mark Winkelman; (*Saturday*) Pastor Brian Nowak  
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker  
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Grayden Schloemann; (8 a.m.) Easton Ruebusch  
(10:30 a.m.) Layla Kilpatrick  
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold  
(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers  
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breanne Muench  
Flower Servers: Christina Gidley & Andrea Voss Paraments: Virginia Moeller