

PRELUDE: "Christ Be My Leader"

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli

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

**OPENING HYMN:**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (LSB 686)



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

## 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.*

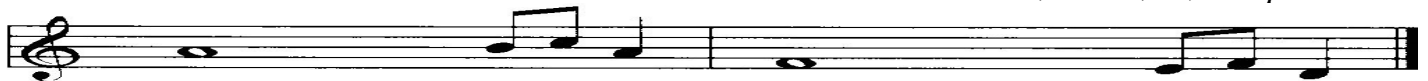
C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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:

*P salm 55:1,12–14,16; antiphon: v. 22*



Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you;\*

**he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.**

Give ear to my prayer, | O God,\*

**and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!**

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;\*

**it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could | hide from him.**

But it is you, a man, my | equal,\*

**my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.**

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;\*

**within God's house we walked | in the throng.**

But I | call to God,\*

**and the Lord will | save me.**

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.**

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you;\*

**he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.**

## KYRIE:

*(LSB 204)*



**☐ 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: Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING:

*Jeremiah 23:16-29*

P: Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly. “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:**

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

P: Fear the Lord, you his saints,

**C: for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

**EPISTLE:**

*Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3*

P: By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they

had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to 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.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**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 12:49-56*

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

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

[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to

interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Nicene Creed

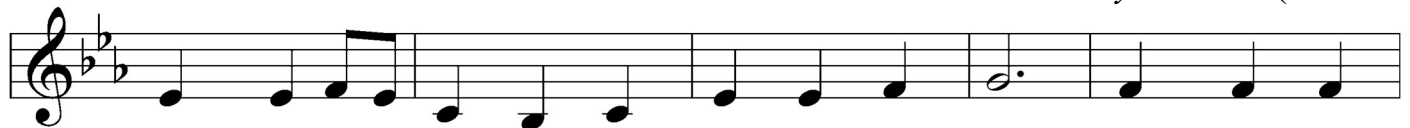
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"Christ Be My Leader" (LSB 861)*



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

## SERMON

**OFFERTORY:***“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (LSB 411, vs. 3)*

3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to be with Je - sus.

When we have run with pa - tience the race,

We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

**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, Eunice Wiatr; *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.

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**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** pages 208-212ff.**PREFACE:****P:** The Lord be with you.**C:** And also with you.**P:** Lift up your hearts.**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

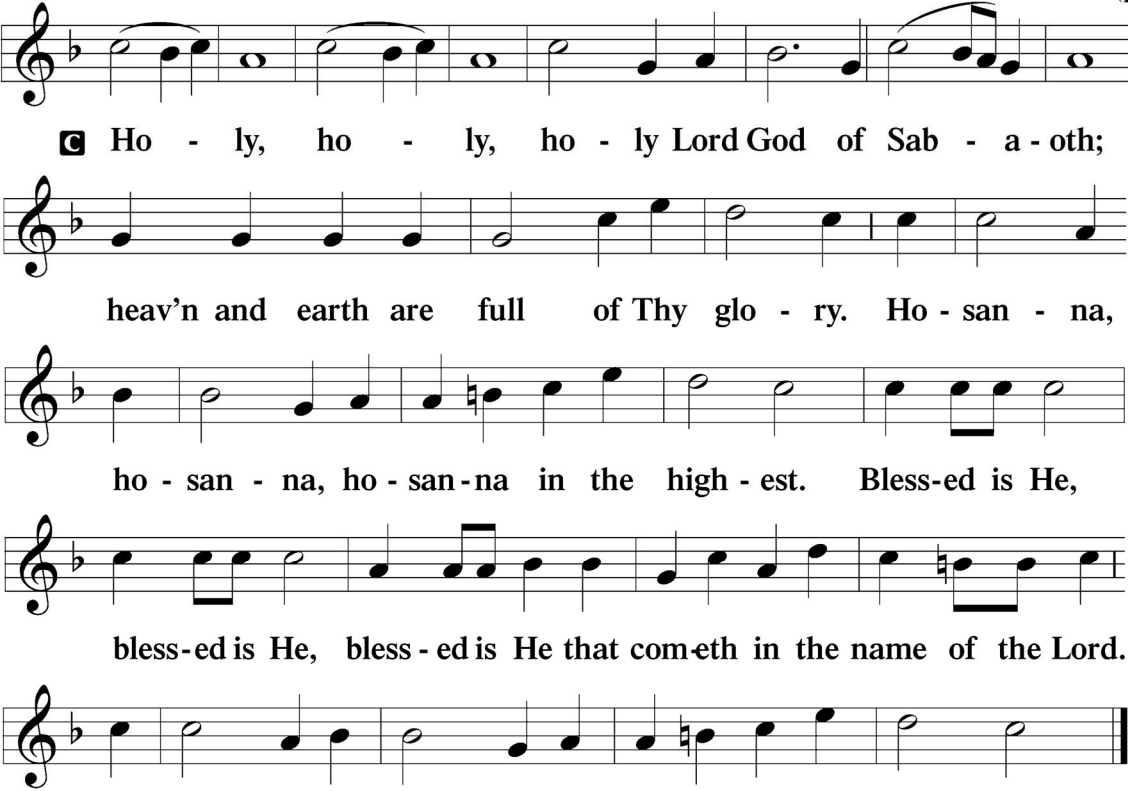
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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)*

"I Know My Faith Is Founded" (LSB 587)



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

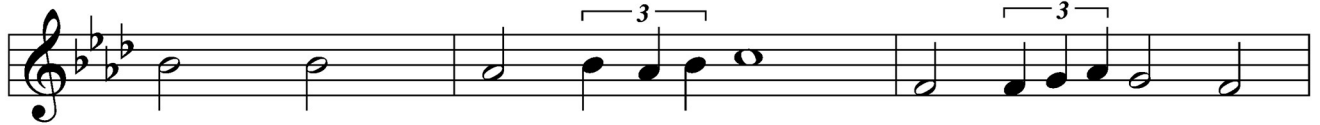
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,  
 And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
 Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow  
 Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Thy Strong Word” (LSB 578, *please stand for last stanza*)

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth  
 speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -  
 light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

**5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!**

**6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

“Song of Simeon” (*LSB* 211)

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.

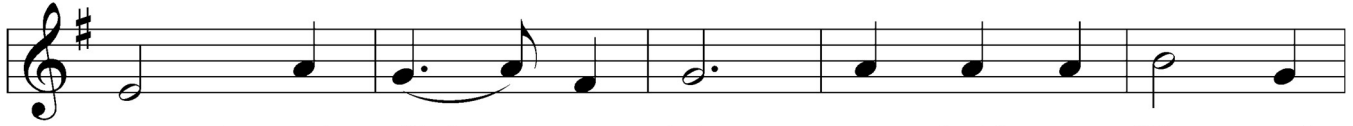
C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN:

*“Fight the Good Fight” (LSB 664)*



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

## POSTLUDE: “The Rock of Salvation”

*by Franklin Ritter*

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### ***This Week with Our Lord, August 17-24, 2025***

#### SUNDAY, August 17-

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

11:00 a.m. BBQ Fundraiser for Class of 2026

1:00 p.m. Sonshine Meeting in Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, August 18-

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

#### Tuesday, August 19-

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

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 20-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

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

9:00 a.m. 3rd through 8th Grade Chapel at Church

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

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

Thursday, August 21- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

4:15 p.m. Softball Game at Evansville

6:30 p.m. Palmer Music Parent Meeting

Baseball Zion Tournament

Friday, August 22-

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

Baseball Zion Tournament

Saturday, August 23-

8:00 a.m. Cemetery Workday

1:00 p.m. Spreading the Word in the Community

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Grant Florreich

Baseball Zion Tournament

Baseball/Softball “B Team” Tournament at Home

SUNDAY, August 24-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Aiden Arbeiter

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:**

August 10: Worship: 340; Communion: 78; Summer Family Sunday School: 40

August 6: New Member/Catechism Study: 19

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 8/10- General: \$13,894.63; School: \$820.00.

**ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:**

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. Please have completed form(s) turned into the office.

**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:**

+ 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:**

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30–31

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY:**

Will be held Sunday, August 17 starting at 9:30 am. We will gather in the new gym and weather permitting we will be outside for fun and snacks. This will begin the tracking of perfect attendance for the first quarter.

### **SPREADING THE WORD:**

The week is here! We have been preparing and getting ready to spread the Good News to all people in Red Bud. We need your help (yes, you!). We will meet this Saturday at 1pm at the school gym (new). Pamphlets will be handed out and we'll head to our respective areas of town to welcome people to St. John's. Hope to see many of you there. Any questions, call Bruce at 618-521-0028.

### **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!

### **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!



### **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.

### **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.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS:**

The Women's Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study will be on Psalms. The same material will be studied on both days. All women are invited to participate.

### **MEN'S CLUB BBQ:**

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Thursday, September 4th. It will start at 6:30pm with a BBQ meal. We will meet at the Lion's Club Park pavilion.

### **YOUTH ROOM CLEAN OUT:**

On Sunday, September 7th at 1:00pm we will be in the youth room downstairs in order to clear out anything that is no longer used, needed, or is broken. We'll gladly take helping hands. If there are any items that you want us to keep, please speak up and/or show up and be prepared to find another place for it or to bring it home. I look forward to using that room for more youth activities in the years to come. ~Pastor Mark

### **SECRET ANGELS:**

Secret Angels serve our 8th grade students (day school students only this year) by praying for their students and encouraging them in their studies with regular notes and small gifts and occasional (e.g. birthday, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day) larger gifts. You will be given a Secret Angel Information Form that the students will complete once school has begun so you will know their interests and likes. Please contact Mr. Becker if you are willing to serve in this way. Also, do not contact your student until after Mr. Becker has given you your information form. Secret Angels will be revealed to their students at the Rite of Confirmation.

### **5<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS MEETINGS:**

Mark your calendars!! August 25 will be the night for 8th grade trip class meetings. 8th grade starts off at 6 p.m. 7th grade at 6:30 6th grade at 7:00 pm and 5th grade at 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the cafeteria. Upcoming fundraising, plans for trip, and other important items are on the agenda. No school games or practices are scheduled for that evening.

### **ROOM PARENTS NEEDED:**

PTL is looking for a room parent volunteer(s) for **7th & 8th grade**. Responsibilities may include coordinating the class dinner auction project, collecting money for teacher appreciation gifts, assisting with holiday parties, & supporting the teacher in other tasks. **Many of these tasks are done outside of school, so this volunteer opportunity will fit many schedules.** Contact Lara Voss, or Chrystal Kiefer, if you are interested in supporting your child's class, their teacher, & our school in this way. Thank you!

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

**Date:** Friday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025; **Cost:** \$20 per person; **Deadline: August 30, 2025**

**Program:** *"In the Name"; Dr. Kevin Golden, Dean of Theological Research & Publication;*  
**11:30 a.m.:** Registration in Koburg Hall; **Noon:** Luncheon and business meeting; **Menu:** Soup and salad buffet, tomato bisque soup with crackers and French bread crostinis, garden salad tossed with grilled chicken strips; **Checks:** Make payable to Concordia Seminary Guild; Mail: 3375 Dana Dr, Arnold, MO 63010; **Questions?** Call Ellyn Petrovic at 314-952-8202; follow this link <https://concordiasem.regfox.com/seminary-guild-luncheon-2025-09>

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

8/17- Kenneth Lohman, Rex Roehrkasse, Scott Liefer, Angela Junge, Cody Hess, Sophia Uffelmann; 8/18- Leonard Koester, Randy Miller, Darren Liefer, Cameron Jackson, Carter Maloney; 8/19- Brian Guebert, Gil Stelhorn, Julie Stelhorn-Falk, Lanie Pensoneau, Tobias LaChance; 8/20- Heather Voges-Hemmer, Kevin Zeiger, Alyssa Cowell, Logan Cowell; 8/21- Pamela Miller, Jason Langrehr, Chris Schield; 8/22- Elsie Miller, Rebecca Junge; 8/23- Alex Adams, Jenna Salger.

### **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.

### **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)

### **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? There are stories attached to the assets that we now manage in our estates. Celebrating those stories and allowing new stories to be written by family or ministries with these same gifts is exciting. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in anticipating those new stories. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

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

**Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”** Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

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

Proclaiming and practicing the Word of the Lord doesn't always make people glad (Luke 12:51-52). Discomfort and persecution come with speaking truth and showing love (Hebrews 11:36-38). But Almighty God's insistence on the sanctity of every human life, though occasionally unpopular, always brings precisely the community, fellowship, and belonging that we all need (Hebrews 12:1-2).

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Stuttering Man of Destiny"**

Archives August-Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12). 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.

### **KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) we are beginning a new series: "Majoring in the Minors." We'll be walking through the minor prophets, studying the books of Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we dive into the book of Zechariah! Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.)! This week we continue our study of the 4th commandment. How does honoring our parents prepare us to bless and serve others? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

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

**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.

### **CASEY'S REWARDS:**

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to St. John's school through the Casey's app.

### **ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:**

We are in Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

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

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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   Jr High Science – Sara Shepherd  
Athletic Director – Scott Voss   Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle  
Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck  
School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

### 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, 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, 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: Pastor Mark Winkelman  
Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak   (5 p.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker  
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Kellen Herriman; (8 a.m.) Carson Moll  
(10:30 a.m.) Maya Macbeth  
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Kalin & Kathy Liefer  
(10:30 a.m.) Jim & Judy Guebert  
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm   Communion Cloths: Breanne Muench  
Flower Servers: Christina Gidley & Andrea Voss   Paraments: Virginia Moeller