

PRELUDE: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

arranged by Timothy Shaw

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

**OPENING HYMN:**

"Come, We That Love the Lord" (LSB 669)



1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred  
4 Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be



known; Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,  
God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,  
sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,  
dry; We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground,



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord And thus sur -  
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King May speak their  
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the  
We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground To fair - er



round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.  
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on;



We're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, The beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

**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 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*



Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;\*

**we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the Lord!**

Praise the Lord, all | nations!\*

**Extol him, all | peoples!**

For great is his steadfast | love toward us;\*

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. | Praise the Lord!**

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.**

Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;\*

**we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the Lord!**

**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-shipped 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, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 66:18–23

P: “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:**

*Psalms 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 12:4-24*

P: In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of

a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:**

(LSB 205)

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

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

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

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

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

*Luke 13:22-30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

*(5 p.m. & 8 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.)* **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.**

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

*"We Are the Church"*

*Refrain:* I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

2. We're many kinds of people, With many kinds of faces, All colors and all ages, too, From all times and places. *(Refrain)*

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” (LSB 648)*



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you  
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all  
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing  
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,  
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er  
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner  
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's  
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the  
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -  
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.  
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.  
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

## SERMON

### OFFERTORY:

*“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” (LSB 651, vs. 1 & 5)*



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

**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, Amber Piel, 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 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, 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

*The 5 p.m. & 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer,  
a Closing Prayer, Benediction, and Hymn.*

*(10:30 a.m.)* **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.

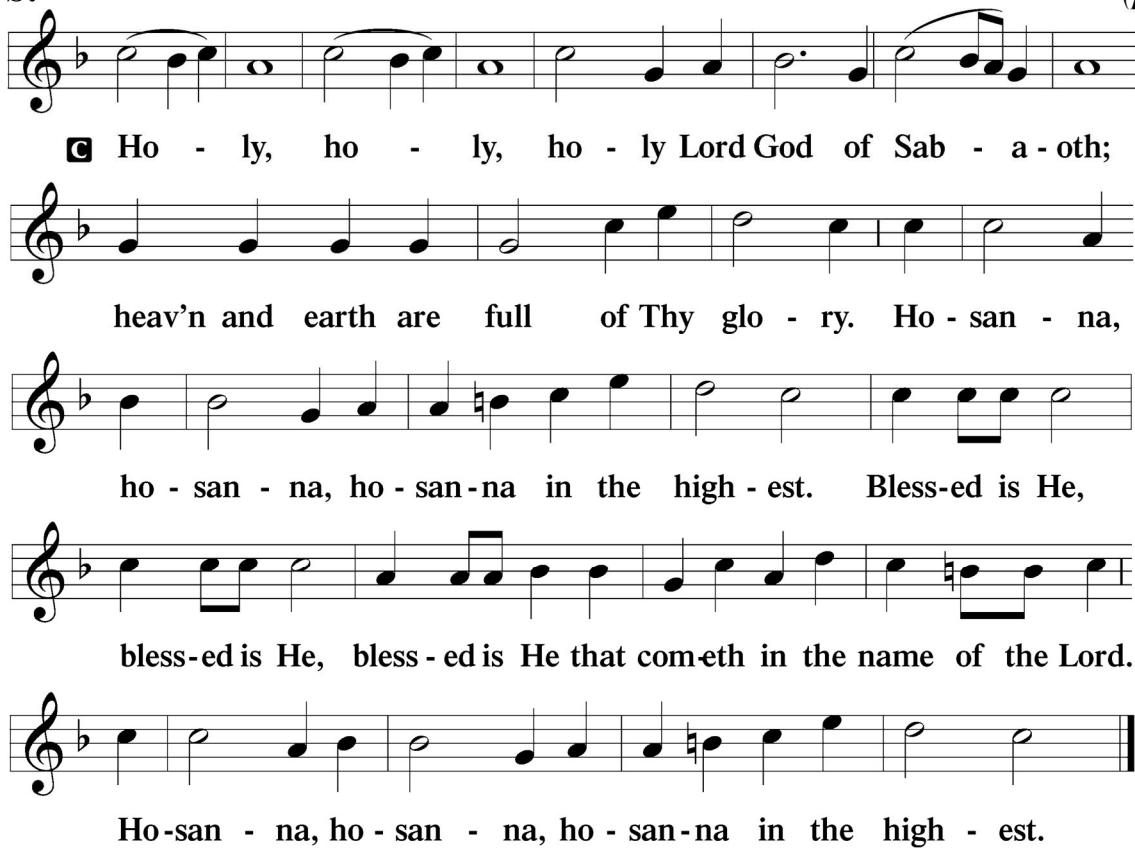
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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)



**C** 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)

**C** 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)*

**“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”** *(LSB 915)*



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

**“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”** *(LSB 563)*



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

**5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,**

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” (*LSB 680*)



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Nunc Dimittis” (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:***“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (LSB 662)*

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

*Refrain*

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

**POSTLUDE: “Onward, Christian Soldiers”***arranged by Lani Smith*

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***This Week with Our Lord, August 24-31, 2025***

**SUNDAY, August 24-**

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

**Monday, August 25-**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Class Meetings (6th-8th Grade)

**Tuesday, August 26-**

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

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, August 27-**

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

4:15 p.m. Acolyte Training at Church

4:30 p.m. Baseball game at Home vs. ICS

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

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

Cross Country at ICS (Columbia)

**Thursday, August 28- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off***

Cougar Run Kick Off

4:15 p.m. Baseball/Softball games at St. Mary's

**Friday, August 29- *No School/LESA Professional Development***

**Saturday, August 30-**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Alexa Cheek

**SUNDAY, August 31-**

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Cooper Wingerter

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

August 17: Worship: 368; Communion: 153; Adult Bible Classes: 36; Sunday School: 72

August 13: New Member/Catechism Study: 18

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 8/17- General: \$20,678.20; School: \$1,950.00; Sunday School Rally Day: \$300.00.

**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.

### **VOTERS' MEETING:**

On **September 13th & 14th** we will have a short Voter's Meeting following each worship service in order to elect our church's lay delegate to send to our Circuit Forum on September 20th. At the Forum we will elect one lay delegate from our Circuit to send to next year's Synodical Convention.

### **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:**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

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

This Monday, August 25, there will be 8th grade trip class meetings. 8th grade starts off at 6pm, 7th grade at 6:30, 6th grade at 7pm, and 5th grade at 7:30. 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.

### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING:**

Immediately following the class meeting on Aug. 25th, Pastor Mark will meet with 8th grade parents to discuss plans for confirmation. The meeting will last approximately 15 minutes.

### **SUPPORT THE COUGAR PROWL FUN RUN: *Become a Sponsor!***

PTL is seeking business sponsors for our upcoming Cougar Prowl Fun Run on September 9! A \$250 sponsorship helps cover the cost of the event t-shirts, classroom rewards, and essential supplies—all to ensure a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved. If your local business is interested in supporting this exciting community event, please let us know by **August 26**. We truly appreciate your generosity and partnership! Thank you for helping us make the Cougar Prowl a success!

### **THANK YOU:**

The Class of 2026 would like to thank all who helped make the class BBQ & Bake Sale so successful!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

8/24- Amy Minemann, Samantha Lucht, Blake Horrell, Jonah Liefer; 8/25- Daniel Rahn, Matthew Liefer, Megan Laurent, Kortney Moll, Lara Voss, Jacob Liefer, Kullen Liefer; 8/26- Trent Minemann; 8/27- Robert Carnahan, Ronald Schleifer, Kelsie McDaniel, Devin Chandler, Ezra Stines; 8/28- Darlene Lohman, Raymond Kaaz, Steven Hanebutt, Kourtney Meier, Austin Stellhorn; 8/29- Aubrey Valleroy; 8/30- Wayne Donjon, Tracy Vallett.



### **ACOLYTE TRAINING:**

Acolyte Training will be held on Wednesday, August 27 & September 3, 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 after the Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> training. 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

### **SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENT:**

Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 9pm. Eckert's Bonfire and Fun Farm – 2719 Eckert Orchard Lane Millstadt, IL. We'll meet in the school parking lot at 5pm for anyone who needs a ride, but you can also meet there. We have bonfire site #43 reserved. Hot dogs, chips, smores, and drinks provided. The junior youth fund will cover the cost for junior youth, but siblings and parents cost (if you want to come along) is \$12 if you buy tickets online ahead of time. Included in admission: petting zoo, carnival rides, pig races, corn trail, wagon train, and haunted hayride. Please text Erin at 618-581-5928 for more information and to rsvp.

### **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.

## **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 crostini’s, 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>

## **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 Winkelmann.

## **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? It is tempting to try to control the Lord's things, especially for the days after He has called us from this life. With that sense of control, also comes great anxiety. God's gifts are meant to be blessings, not curses. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you rediscover that blessing. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

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

**Luke 13:26 – “Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'”** Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word but ignored it and refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but also doers of Jesus' Word. We want not only proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him and return thanks.

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

Proverbs 3:8 promises that fearing the Lord and turning from evil brings healing to “your navel.” Belly buttons testify to gestation. Scripture's prescription for surprise pregnancy encourages rejecting death. If the Apostle Bartholomew gave his very skin trusting in the resurrection body (tradition suggests his martyrdom flayed him alive), the Gospel leaves no room for “my body, my choice.”

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Gideon, the Farmer General”**

Archives August—Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27). Listen on KFUO 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 studying the minor prophets! This week, we'll continue in Hosea, picking up with chapter 6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we continue our series on the return of Israel's exiles. This week's study will take us through several chapters of Zechariah. Don't forget to tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.)! We'll be continuing our newest series: "Portraits in American Lutheran Sacred Music." Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

### **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!

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is an “acolyte”?

The acolyte is the person (or persons) who lights the candles before the service. The word acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos* which means “follower.” In English, the word acolyte sometimes means “attendant.”

## Why do we use acolytes in the Church?

Acolytes have always been an important part of worship. For centuries, acolytes have attended to the service of God’s people by helping the pastor in many different ways. In our churches today, acolytes

primarily serve by lighting the candles. Acolytes wear robes and sit apart from the congregation because they are helping the pastor to serve God’s people during the service. Wow! What an important job!



### Parents:

During the Divine Service, point out the acolyte to your children. If they are too young at the time, encourage them that one day they will get the opportunity to be an acolyte. Remind them that being an acolyte is a very important job for children to have in the church.



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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 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, Brittany Smith, Madison Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Ashlynn Crafton, Ally Hodges, and Reagan Birkner.

*Church Council*

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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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 (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Grant Florreich; (8 a.m.) Volunteer Needed

(10:30 a.m.) Sydney Krick

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Linda Guebert & Christine Doerr

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Diane Kunkelmann

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

Flower Servers: Christina Gidley & Andrea Voss Paraments: Virginia Moeller