

PRELUDE: "Old Hundredth"

setting by Wilbur Held

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

OPENING HYMN: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (LSB 791, please stand for last stanza)



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom  
Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the  
praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

**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, 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.*

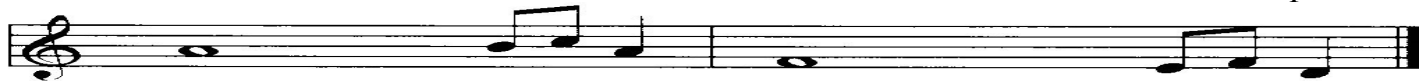
C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7*



It is God who executes | judgment,\*                      putting down one and lifting up an- | other.  
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your | name is near.\*

**We recount your | wondrous deeds.**

At the set time that | I appoint\*                      **I will judge with | equity.**

For not from the east or | from the west\*                      **and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up.**

But I will declare it for- | ever,\*                      **I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.**

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.**

It is God who executes | judgment,\*                      putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

### 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 of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Proverbs 25:2–10*

P: It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

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 13:1-17*

P: Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**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 14:1-14*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well

on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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:

*“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” (LSB 857)*



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -  
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in  
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

## SERMON

### OFFERTORY:

*“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (LSB 636, vs. 5)*



5 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, Tru - est



friend, and dear - est trea - sure, Peace be - yond all un - der -



stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Hum - bly now, I bow be - fore You; Love in - car - nate,



I a - dore You; Wor - thi - ly let me re -



ceive You And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave You.

**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, 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  
+ Prayer of Thanksgiving for Wayne & Joyce Mesnarich's 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**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:**

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**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.**

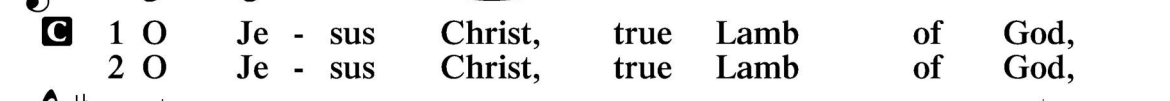


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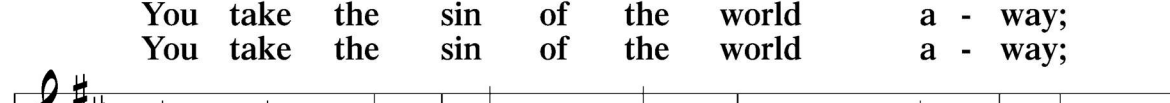
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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)*

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LSB 842)



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

**“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (LSB 641)**



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
grat - i - tude That You should count us  
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

*Refrain*

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617)



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Nunc Dimittis” (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:***“How Great Thou Art” (LSB 801)*

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

**POSTLUDE: “A Joyful Trumpet”***arranged by Patricia Lou Harris*

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***This Week with Our Lord, August 31-September 7, 2025*****SUNDAY, August 31-****9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class only (No Sunday School)****Monday, September 1- No School/Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 2-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting  
4:15 p.m. Baseball/Softball games at Home vs. Coulterville  
7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Trustee's Meeting

Wednesday, September 3-

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  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation  
4:15 p.m. Acolyte Training at Church  
6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Meeting Room

Thursday, September 4- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

4:15 p.m. Baseball game at Home vs. Prairie du Rocher  
6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting at the Lion's Club Park Pavilion

Friday, September 5-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at School  
1:00 p.m. Civil War Day at School  
Baseball Tournament at Trinity Edwardsville  
Cross Country at RBL (Lincoln Park)

Saturday, September 6-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Emma Guebert

SUNDAY, September 7-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Evan Muench  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Lucy Kuehn  
1:00 p.m. Youth Room Clean Out

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

August 24: Worship: 397; Communion: 115; Adult Bible Classes: 42; Sunday School: 55  
August 20: 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. 8/24- General: \$20,817.24; School: \$770.00.

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### **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:**

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

There is no Sunday school for Sunday, August 31. We will resume on Sunday, September 7.

### **ACOLYTE TRAINING:**

Acolyte Training will be held on 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 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 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

### **CHURCH CHOIR STARTING UP:**

Adult Choir will begin Monday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> (a week after Labor Day) @ 7pm in the School Music Room. Choir practices weekly, every Monday, from September through May, with a Christmas break in between. We sing approximately 2 times a month, mostly at the 8am service on Sunday. However, on Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, we will sing at the 10:30 service instead. Choir also sings at major church festivals and holidays such as Reformation (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>), All Saints Day (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>), Thanksgiving (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas Day (on a Thursday this year). Choir is always looking for more members!! If you have an interest in singing, come check us out! We're a very laid-back group and we love to have fun and even crack jokes while we sing!! We sing mostly 4-part music, but we also occasionally sing 3-part, 2-part, and even unison pieces. I make sure to adequately rehearse all of the parts in practice so that everyone feels comfortable singing their part! We welcome anyone who wants to sing with us!

### **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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

8/31- James Schneider, Mitchell Fleming, Brady Hemmer; 9/1- Cheryl Walker, Chad Voss, Christopher Voss, Alex Quinn, Macie Brown, Ellie Stelhorn; 9/2- Kimberly Herriman, Nancy Horrell, Tammy Kueker, Doreen Schnepel, Amanda Liefer, Kara Wagner, Macey Liefer, Carson Moll, Amelia Cheek; 9/3- Marilyn Oettle, Danny Moll, Savannah Johnson, Makennah Harless, Dallas Doeding; 9/4- John Wiatr, Jordyn Mulherin, Lena Heller; 9/5- Helen Winkelman, Mildred Liefer, Peggy Guebert, Kevin Guebert, Owen Koester, Morgann Grohmann, Claudia Watters; 9/6- Betty Fausz.

### **EPISTLES:**

Paper copies of the September 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 October Epistle, please send an email to the office by September 19<sup>th</sup>!*

### **THANK YOU:**

A big thank you to everyone who helped canvassing Red Bud: the preliminary people, the ward leaders, the people who helped walk the wards, and the people who donated food to feed those who walked the neighborhoods. Thank you for being the Church and spreading the Gospel. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighbors and shine Christ's light here in Red Bud. In Christ our labor is never in vain, may He bless us all to be blessings to those in need.



### **CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU:**

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the cemetery workday last Saturday. We had a great turnout and left the grounds in much better shape. Your willingness to serve was a testament to the care our congregation has for our beloved church members awaiting their bodily resurrection upon the promised return of Christ.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH:**

Have you been looking for a way to serve our church family? Consider becoming a part of our new team of volunteers who help prepare our building for our weekly worship services. This is a great opportunity for those who have a heart for service and prefer to work behind the scenes.

Typical duties include:

- Unlocking doors and turning on lights
- Adjusting heating and cooling
- Updating hymn boards
- Refilling candles
- Ensuring the building is securely closed after the service

No experience is necessary (training will be provided), and you would be scheduled on a rotating basis so the commitment is minimal. Your help will ensure a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who enters.

If you are potentially interested, please add your name to our list by contacting our church office at 618-282-3873 or by sending an email to [office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org). This is for information sharing purposes only and does not commit you to serving. We will simply use this list to gauge interest and provide more details on the responsibilities and rotation schedule, so you can decide if it's the right fit for you. Thank you for your consideration.

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

God in His glory disguises the sanctity of life so that we may know the joy of finding it (Proverbs 25:2). Great delight awaits those who search beyond appearances, behind ages, beneath abilities to receive every neighbor as a blessing. May we with both lips and fingers reach into sin's hiding places to pull sons and daughters out (Luke 14:5).

### **TRAVEL TRIP OPORTUNITY:**

The current 8th grade class of 2026 has 9 spots available for guests on their class trip. The dates of the trip are April 10-18<sup>th</sup>. The following cities and various stops will be included: Petersburg, KY, Charlottesville, VA, Jamestown, VA, Williamsburg, VA, Mt. Vernon, VA, Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, PA, Somerset, PA, and Dayton, OH. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your spot by **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** and will be deducted from the remaining balance due by March 1, 2026. Several meals, all entrance fees, and hotel costs are included. An estimated per guest cost for sharing a double room is \$1,500. An estimated single guest room will be \$2,000. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please let Mr. Bill Becker know at your earliest convenience at 618-282-2958.

### **THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers.

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

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Mary Gross, Jean Menke, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care-Waterloo: Martha Rohlfing; 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? Control would indicate our absolute ownership of things. Our faith instructs us that everything belongs to God and He calls us to manage His things well. The reluctance we might face toward giving away everything probably stems from that awkward sense to control what we think we own. A Christian estate plan acknowledges that “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (James 1). In Christ, everything is a gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you focus on Jesus in your plans. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

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

**Luke 14:11 – “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). That’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

## **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Life Narrows Down”**

"Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28). 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:**

We're continuing our study "Majoring in the Minors" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll wrap up the book of Hosea, covering chapters 11-14. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we study the return of God's people from exile. This week, we'll take a look at Ezra chapters 5-8. Don't forget to join us Friday morning for this month's Free Text First Friday episode! Pastor Booe and guest Timothy Winterstein will discuss the Council of Nicaea and the history of the Nicene Creed! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE 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!

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### Faculty and Staff

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Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Jr High Science – Sara Shepherd  
Athletic Director – Scott Voss Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle  
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School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

### Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams,  
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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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### Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman  
Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald  
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Alexa Cheek; (8 a.m.) Aiden Kiefer  
(10:30 a.m.) Cooper Wingerter  
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Kimberly & Addison Breier; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke  
(10:30 a.m.) Gerald & Jill Hanebutt  
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breanne Muench  
Flower Servers: Christina Gidley & Andrea Voss Paraments: Virginia Moeller