

PRELUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arranged by Johann Gottfried Walther

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LSB 790)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

(10:30 a.m.) Rite of Holy Baptism, pages 268ff.

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 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7



Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;*

make melody to our God | on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*

he makes grass grow | on the hills.

He gives to the | beasts their food,*

and to the young ravens | that cry.

His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*

nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who | fear him,* **in those who hope in his | steadfast love.**

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.

Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;*

make melody to our God | on the lyre!

KYRIE:

(LSB 204)



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Gloria in Excelsis” (LSB 204)



C 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: Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 15:1–6

P: After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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 11:1-16*

P: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

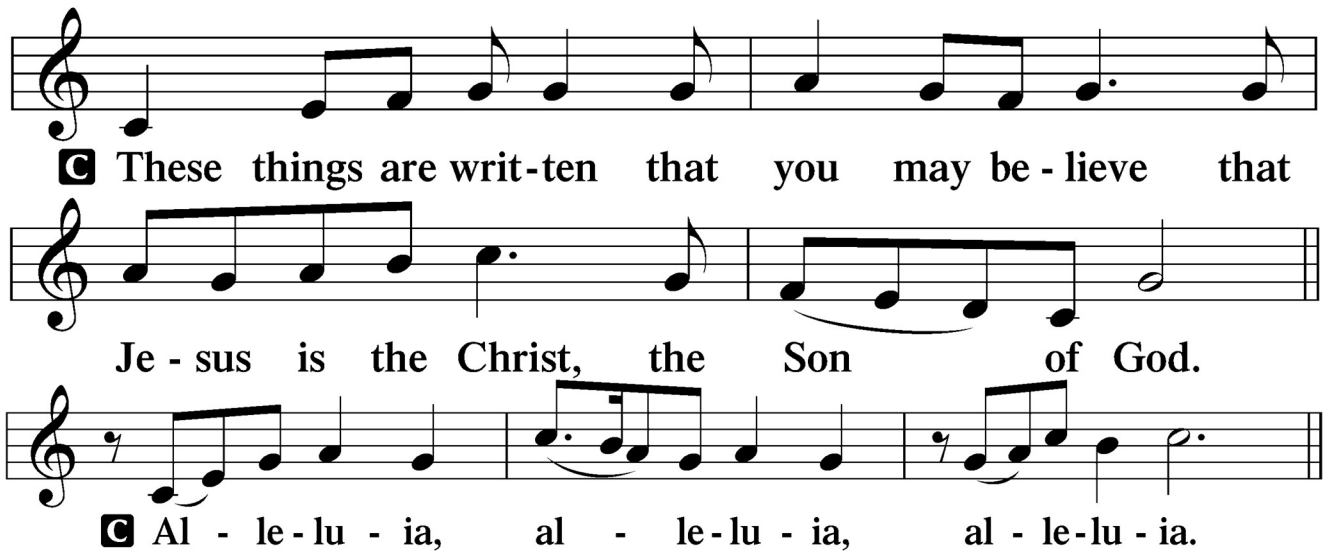
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE:*(LSB 205)*



HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 12:22-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**
 [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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:

"Seek Ye First" (LSB 712)

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

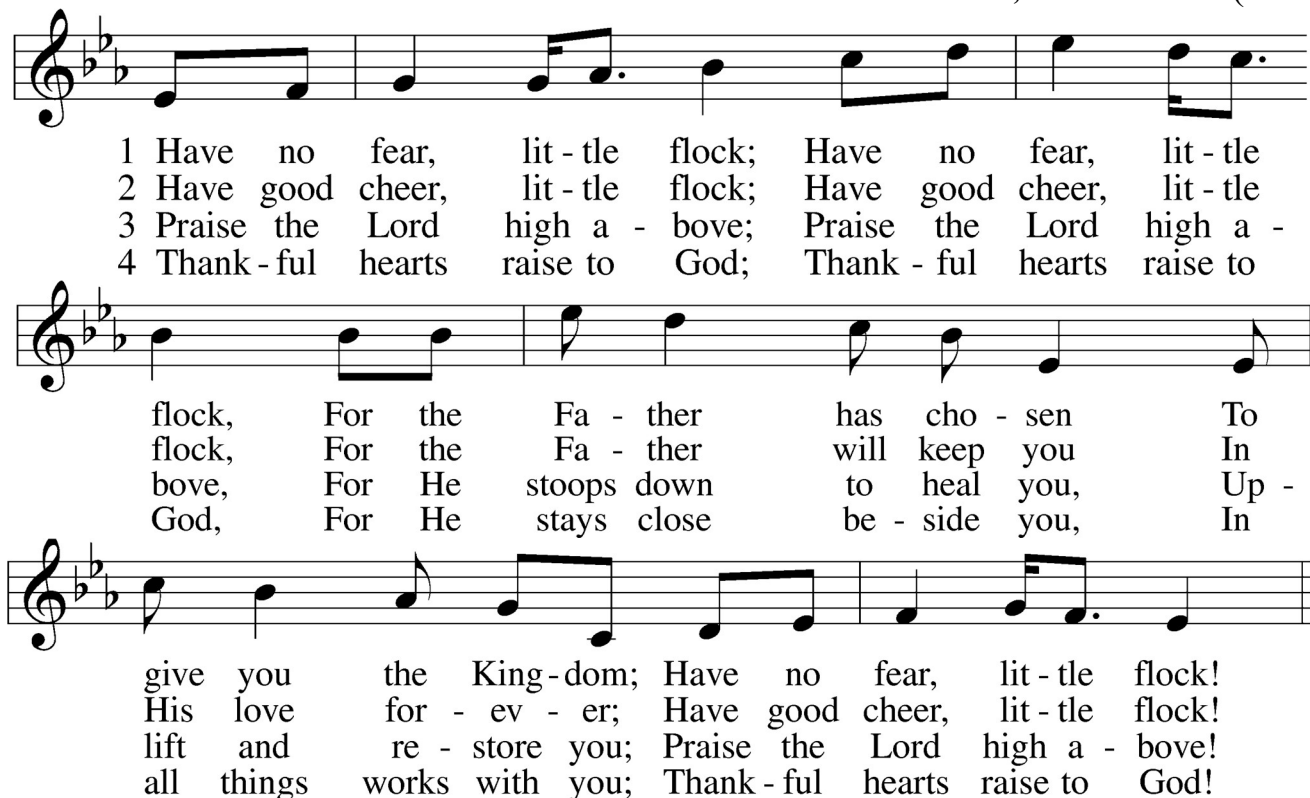
righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” (LSB 735)



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In

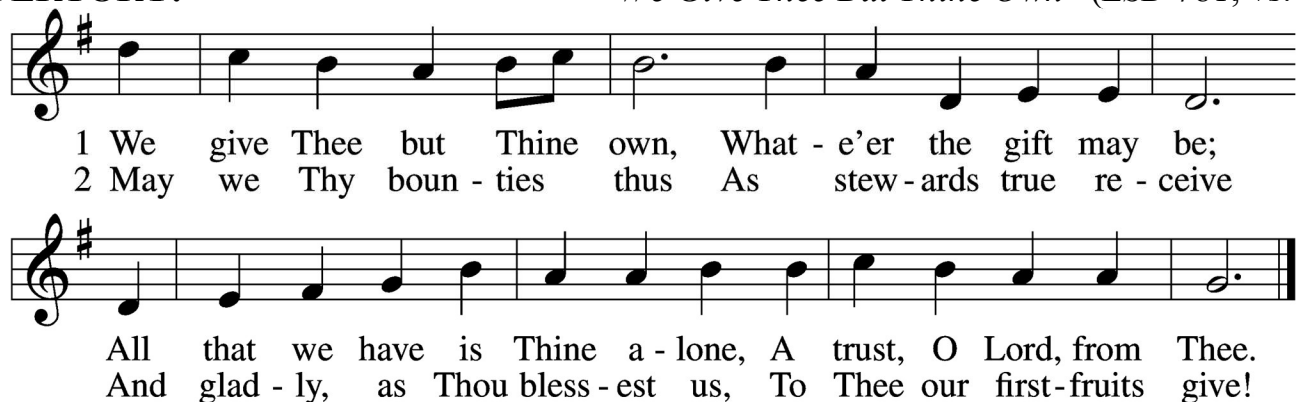
give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

SERMON

(8 a.m.) Installation and Re-dedication of Teachers, Daycare and Staff

OFFERTORY:

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



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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(please stand if you are able)*

(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Mary Liefer, Norma Preston, Jay Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Mary Gibson, Taylor Gregory, Shirley Hartmann, Ruby Hering, Orville Heller, Gerald Hitzemann, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Oliver Scarbie, Sue Schreier, Ted Stellhorn, Matthew Vallett, Roger Womack.

MILITARY: Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus,

Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler, Abbey Vallett; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Kaleb Barriger, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan

+those who mourn: family of Gary Schwartzkopf; died in the Lord on July 31

+God's blessings upon teachers, daycare workers, students and staff at opening of new school year

+for Clara Ann Langrehr, daughter of Ryan & Julie (nee Krupa) Langrehr, as she comes to the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 10

+ Vernon Koester's 90th Birthday on Tuesday, August 12

*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)

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 Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (LSB 729)

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

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

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

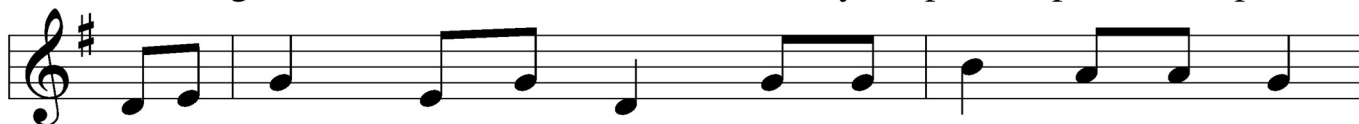
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

“How Firm a Foundation” (LSB 728)



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



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



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



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

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” (LSB 720)

1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice And cry “My Lord and God!”
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Song of Simeon” (LSB 211)

1 O Lord, now let to 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



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.

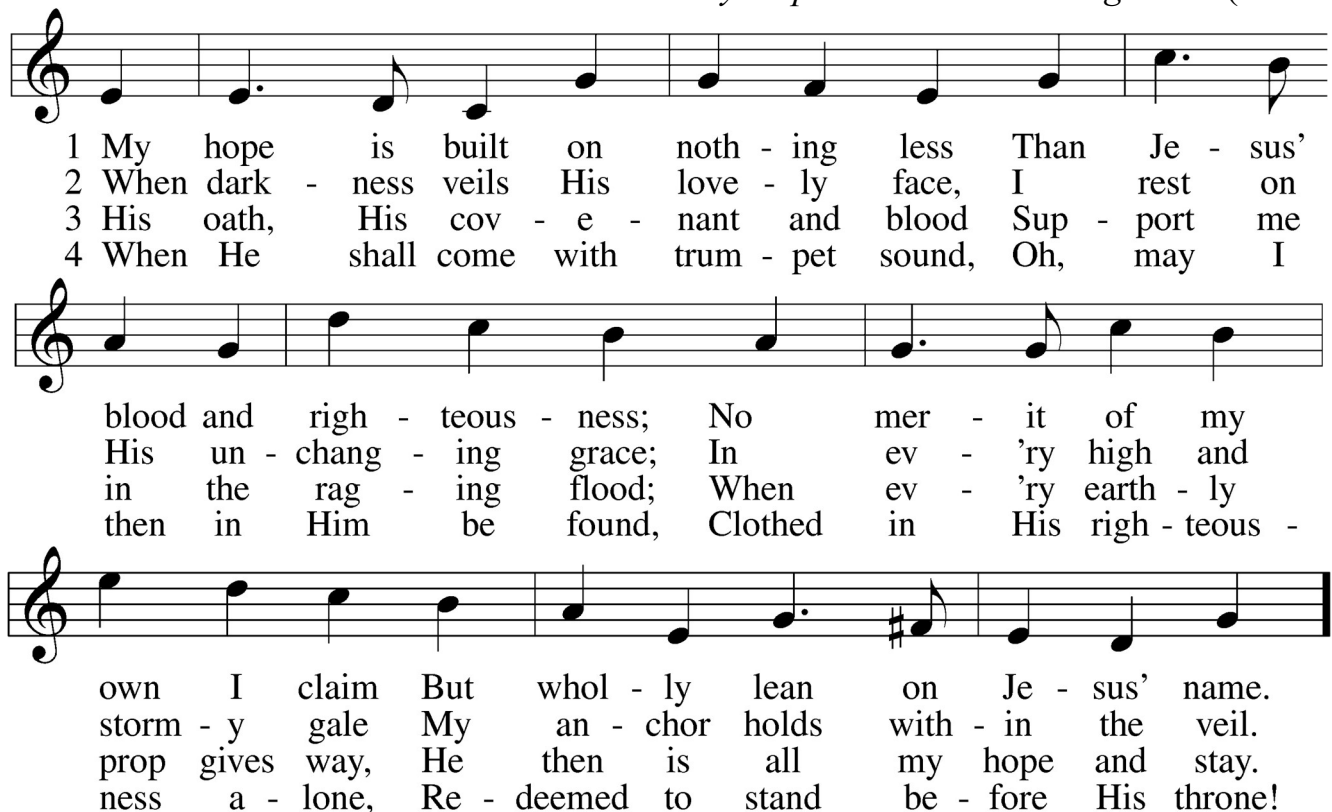
C: Thanks be to God.

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:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (LSB 575)





On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

POSTLUDE: "A Little Fugue"

arranged by David Schelat

Acknowledgments Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

This Week with Our Lord, August 10-17, 2025

SUNDAY, August 10-

8:00 a.m. Teacher Rededication

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

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

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

Monday, August 11-

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Quilt Mission Project

12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Quilt Mission Project

6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting

Tuesday, August 12- *First Day of School – Welcome Back!*

8 a.m. First day of School – 1:45 p.m. dismissal

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

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

4:15 p.m. Baseball game at Pr. Du Rocher

4:15 p.m. Softball game at Home vs. RBC

Wednesday, August 13-

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

4:15 p.m. Baseball game at Home vs. Sparta

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

Thursday, August 14- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

Baseball/Softball Marissa Tournament

Friday, August 15-

10:30 a.m. Palmer Music Student Demonstration

Saturday, August 16-

Baseball/Softball Marissa Tournament

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Kellen Herriman

SUNDAY, August 17-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Carson Moll

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Maya Macbeth

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

August 3: Worship: 275; Communion: 135; Summer Family Sunday School: 38

July 30: New Member/Catechism Study: 16

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 8/3- General: \$23,252.00; School: \$420.00; Debt Elimination: \$460.00.

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 22nd!*

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

+ The flowers on the pedestal this weekend are in Thanksgiving to God for making Clara Ann Langrehr His child in baptism.

+ 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:

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION:

After Sunday's 8 a.m. service we will recognize the following for their years of service: Pam Henry (25 years to St. John's); Justin Palm (15 years to St. John's); Amy Williams (5 years to St. John's).

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.

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.

5TH-8TH 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.

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!

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.

MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S:

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

MEMBERSHIP CLASS & CATECHISM STUDY:

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

PART-TIME JOB OPORTUNITY:

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for about 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Sunday morning service ONLY. Training provided. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See Leonard Salger or Justin Palm.

SPREADING THE WORD:

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

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Gary Schwartzkopf who died in the Lord July 31st at the age of 69 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Wednesday, August 6th. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

HOLY BAPTISM:

+We welcome Clara Ann Langrehr into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late Sunday service. She is the daughter of Ryan and Julie (Krupa) Langrehr. Her baptismal sponsor(s)/witness(es) are: Zachary Langrehr, Katie Agen, & Grace Langrehr. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

8/10- Matthew Moeller, Lynleigh Wingerter; 8/11- Martha Rohlfing, Kathy Liefer, Scott Whelan, Michael Moll, Mackenzie Dilley, Katelyn Koester, Boone Foster; 8/12- Vernon Koester, Audrey Mueth; 8/13- Loretta Bievenue, Payton Burmester, Oliver Brown, Chase Henry; 8/14- Sandra Ehlers, Gary Schleifer, Pamela Henry, Jacob Koen, Colby Voss; 8/15- Nancy Langrehr, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessica Mueth, Colton Hick, Sophia Voss; 8/16- Joyce Lopez, Dion Chandler, Ty Voss.

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.

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? Throughout our lives, we have been responsible for directing and stewarding things God has placed in our purview. The temptation is to think we can control them, even from the grave. A Christian estate plan understands the transfer of God's blessings that have been His all along. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through and apply this perspective. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lcmd.org.

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 Stelhorn (618/623-8495)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman-Elder Ron Liefer (618/282-3950)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 5: W/M Krick thru J. Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6 : P. Malik thru L. Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru D. Schrader- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/282-8228)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – Z- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 7:17 – “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.” As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity — we are the “new man in Christ” as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous — don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The Heavenly Father hopes for human offspring as numerous as the stars (Genesis 15:5) and countless as grains of sand (Hebrews 11:12). So Christians encourage our communities to share our joy in regarding children – no matter what size, skills, or circumstances – as more precious than any amount of income, possessions, or pets (Luke 12:22-24).

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Writing Him Off”

After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32). 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 of the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 124, 131, 135, 142, and 148. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we are moving to the Old Testament and beginning a new study of the books of Ezra, Haggai, and Zechariah! Join us on Saturday morning (8/16 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters. We are tackling part two of our study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. How does the command to honor our parents also extend to civil authorities? 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.

St. John's Lutheran Church – LCMS 508 Bloom Street, Red Bud, Illinois

Church Office & School: 808 S Main Street 618/282-3873 Fax 618/282-4087

E-mail: office@stjohnsredbud.org Web address: www.stjohnsredbud.org

Senior Pastor Mark Winkelman 815/499-1135

Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741

Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

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

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Kristin Wolter

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Brooke Supancic, Pam

Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz,

Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Madison Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements,

Tori Muench, Diane Everding, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Ashlynn Crafton,

Ally Hodges, 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 (8 a.m.) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Brody Rahn; (8 a.m.) Brayden McCarthy

(10:30 a.m.) Brooke Wolter

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

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Donna Burgdorf

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

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