

PRELUDE: "Lift High the Cross"

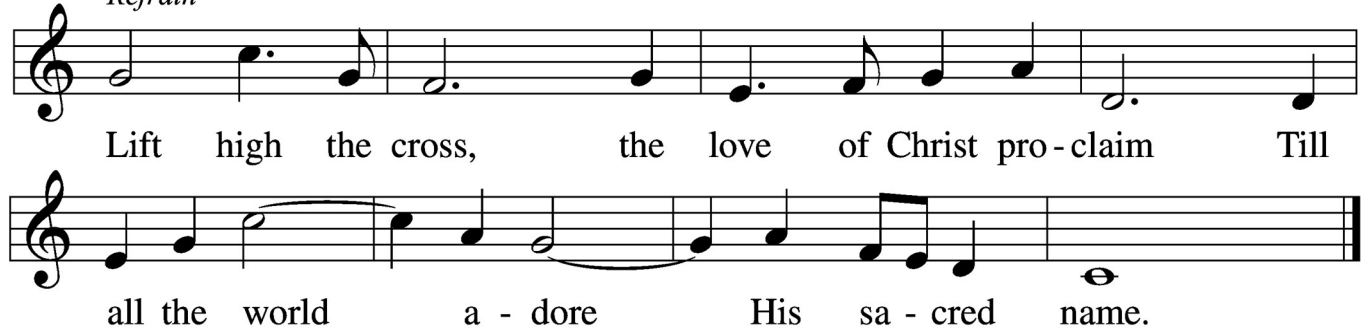
arranged by John Eggert

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


OPENING HYMN:

"Lift High the Cross" (LSB 837)


*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



*Refrain*  
Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### INTROIT:

*Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2*



The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\*

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*

**make a joyful noise before the | King, 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.**

The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

### 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:** **Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

*(8 a.m.)* **ANTHEM:**

*"The Wonderful Cross" (Grades 3-8 Choir)*

1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*Chorus:* O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die, And find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here, By grace draw near, And bless Your name.

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. *(Chorus)*

Ending: Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

*Numbers 21:4–9*

**P:** From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For

there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:**

*Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15*

P: “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,

C: **and raise my signal to the peoples,” [says the Lord.]**

P: So must the Son of Man be lifted up,

C: **that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

**EPISTLE:**

*1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

P: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

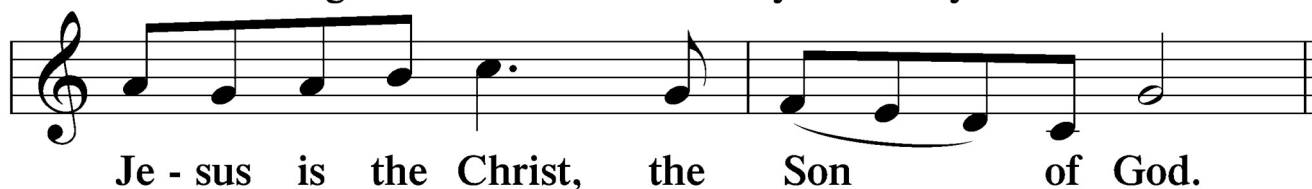
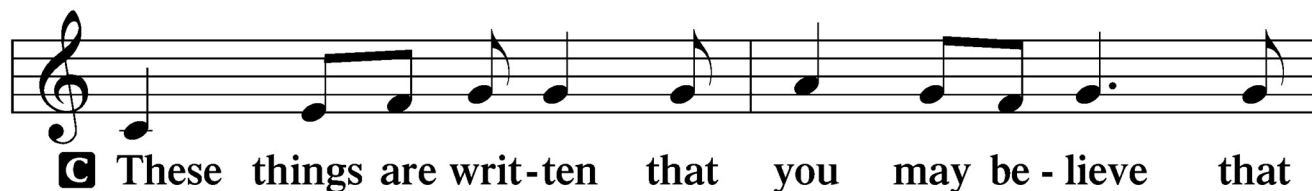
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:**

*(LSB 205)*





## **HOLY GOSPEL:**

*John 12:20-33*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**  
Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.  
“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

**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:**

*"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"* (vs. 1-3)

1. There is a green hill far away, Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell what pains He had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us, He hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiv'n, He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by His precious blood.

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

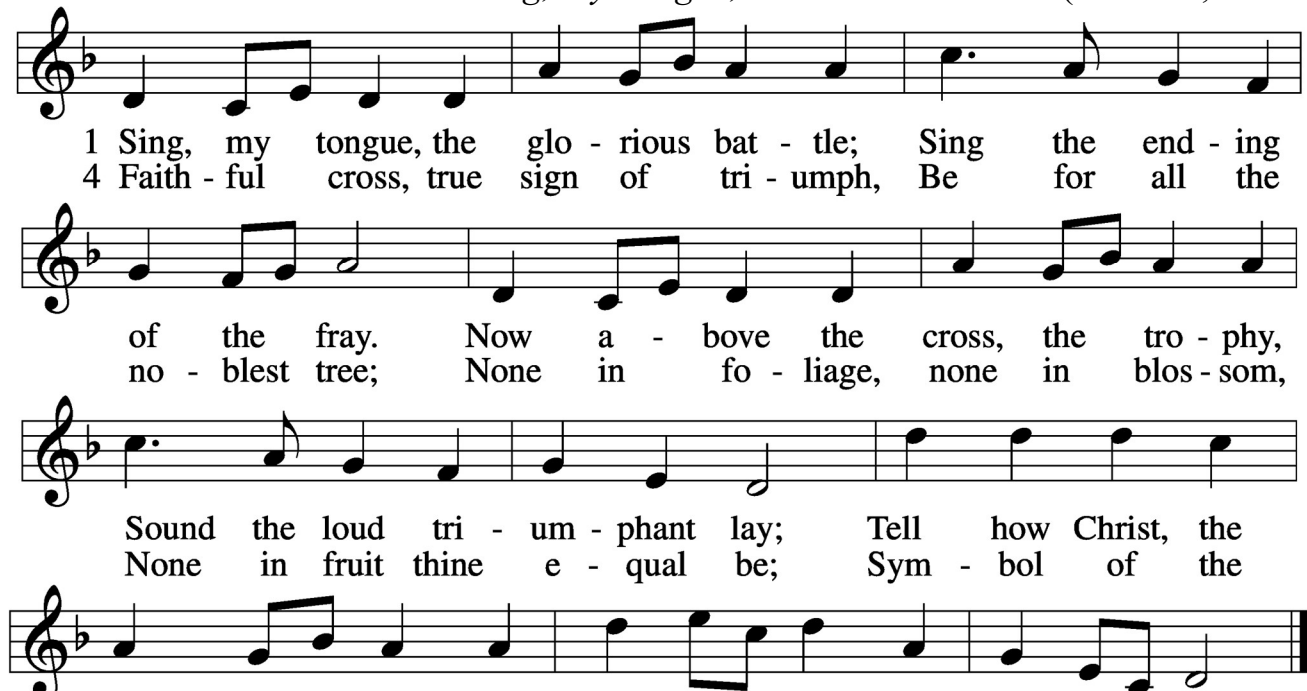
**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* (LSB 427)

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the  
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no  
sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

**SERMON**

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION:** (8 a.m.) *Tyson Russell & Bruce Quinn* (LSB 272-274)

**OFFERTORY:***“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” (LSB 454, vs. 1 & 4)*


1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
 of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
 Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
 world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

**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:** Kenny Althoff, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Susie Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Nancy Langrehr, Kevin Liefer, 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 Stellhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, 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

+ birth of a daughter to Erick & Megan (Grohmann) Thien on Aug 20

+ birth of a daughter to Justin & Rosa Deterding on Sept 9; Grandparents Mike & Juli Deterding

*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)



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)*

**“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”** *(LSB 702)*



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** *(LSB 425)*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

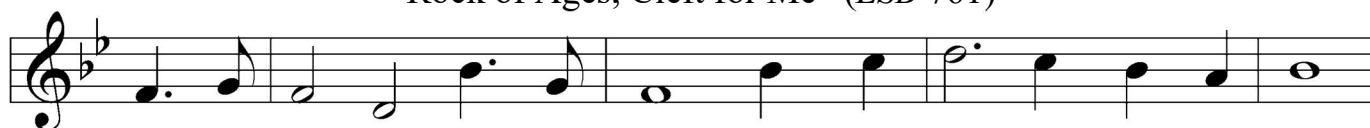


Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

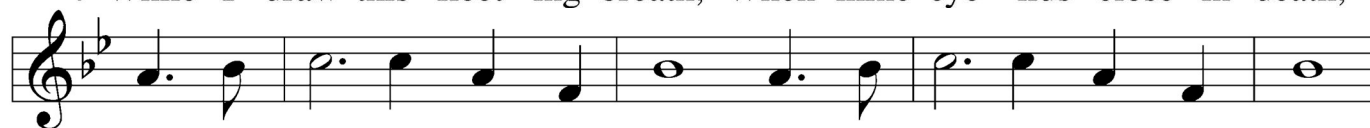


count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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



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



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



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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

“Nunc Dimittis” (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 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 -



### 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:

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

1. **On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suff’ring and shame;  
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Refrain:* **So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down.**

**I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it someday for a crown.**

2. **O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. (*Refrain*)**
3. **In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see; For  
‘twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. (*Refrain*)**
4. **To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; Its shame and reproach gladly bear. Then  
He’ll call me someday to my home far away, Where His glory forever I’ll share.  
(*Refrain*)**

### POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Minor”

*arranged by JS Bach*

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***This Week with Our Lord, September 14-20, 2025***

**SUNDAY, September 14-**

**Voters’ Meeting following Service(s)**

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

Monday, September 15-

4:15 p.m. Baseball/Softball games at Valmeyer

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, September 16-

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. RBES

7:00 p.m. Women in Mission group (Evening Guild) in Fellowship Hall

Cross Country at Foley Park

Wednesday, September 17-

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. Softball game at Home vs. New Athens

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

Thursday, September 18- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

4:15 p.m. Baseball/Softball (B-Team) games vs. RBES

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, September 19- *Epistle Articles are due!!*

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

Baseball Regionals Begins

Saturday, September 20-

Edwardsville Cross Country Meet

St. John's Golf Scramble at NCCC

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

SUNDAY, September 21-

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Payton Liefer

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

September 7: Worship: 443; Communion: 189; Adult Bible Classes: 49; Sunday School: 50

September 3-10: Mom's Bible Study: 15; September 10-12: Chapel: 239

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 9/7- General: \$13,586.00; School: \$510.00; Debt Elimination: \$160.00.

**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:**

This Saturday and Sunday, we will have a short Voters' 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.

### **WOMEN IN MISSION GROUP (EVENING GUILD) MEETING:**

On Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m., the Lutheran Women in Mission group (Evening Guild) will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and all women of St. John's are welcome to attend. The theme is Comfort in the Psalms, and Chris Doerr will lead the bible study. Refreshments served by Paula Wiley, Gladys Brand, and Janet Braun.

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

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

### **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.

### **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to the 8 adults and 7 kids who helped with the youth room (and kitchen) clean out. Thank you also to the Trustees for carrying some items out for us and to Stephanie Liefer (and any help she had) who did a lot of prep work and cleaning before we arrived. We look forward to the next step - re-decorating.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

+God has blessed Erick and Megan (Grohmann) Thien with the birth of their fourth daughter, Acelynn Jean, on August 20th. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

+God has blessed Justin and Rosa Deterding with the birth of a daughter, Sophia Ann, on September 9th. Grandparents Mike & Juli Deterding. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

9/14- Scott Voss, Brittany Schaefer, Crewe Wagner; 9/15- Diana Burgdorf, Kyle Liefer, Blayton Sutton; 9/16- Alice Hick, Jody Stapleton, Joshua Horner; 9/17- Peggy Crafton-Hanebutt, Lori Moses, Allison Tribo, Emme Deterding; 9/18- Barbara Homer, Danielle Shannon, Christian Hagan, Clint Schaefer; 9/19- Dale Burmester, Nicole Bumann, Shamus Korves; 9/20- Phyllis Notter, Jessica Jackson, Adam Maes, Laney Henry.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

Our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament will be held on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** at North County Country Club. As in the past the tournament will be a four-person scramble with a 9 a.m. start. If you are interested in playing, registration forms are available in the school office. The registration

deadline is **September 14th**. All proceeds will benefit our school athletic fund. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Stellhorn at 618-334-3182.

### **LIFE TRIVIA NIGHT:**

Life Network of Southern Illinois is holding a Life Trivia Night at WHS Cafeteria on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 5pm and start at 6pm. Bring your own snacks, Soda and water will be available for purchase. Reserve Today at 618-939-4224.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SINGING:**

On Sunday, Oct. 5 at the 10:30 service we are inviting the students in grades three through eight to sing “*Unshakable Joy*”. We will be using the “hand clappers” whenever we hear the word joy as we sing. Your children will be invited to come forward as we sing in the front of the church. After singing there will be a Children’s message that the other students in attendance will be invited forward to listen to. Thank you! *Mr. Becker*

### **CHURCH CHOIR HAS STARTED:**

Adult Choir has begun! 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!

### **PASTOR’S APPRECIATION DAY:**

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, we would like to cordially invite you to celebrate our Pastors. The event will take place on October 19th in the Shoe Factory Room at Lieferbrau starting at noon and continuing until three pm. A cake will be provided as well as the meat and potatoes, but we do ask each family attending to please bring a side dish for the event. Drinks will be each individual’s responsibility. Please RSVP to the school office by October 19th, we hope to see you there! Contact: [office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org) or 282-3873.

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “It’s All on God; It’s All on Us”**

"A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience." (Deuteronomy 1:31). 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.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

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.

### **TRAVEL TRIP OPORTUNITY:**

The current 8th grade class of 2026 has **5 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](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, Mary Liefer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Pearl Luttman, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman.

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

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Barb Korves, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.



### **ELDER ZONES FOR 2025-2026:** (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis 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)

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

Jesus made His cross a decidedly public proclamation, lifted up and appealing to everyone (John 12:32). Christianity knows nothing of private convictions and personal choices. We get to speak openly, courageously, and compassionately that no other deliverance exists (Psalm 40:10), not even abortion or assisted suicide. Every human life belongs to Him alone who has drawn all unto Himself.

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. A big decision about estate gifts centers on whether they should be given all at once or spread over time. If inheritance is to be all at once, it can easily be given by bequests from a will or trust, or even through a beneficiary designation. If it should be spread over time, that might signal a great opportunity for a charitable trust to spread inheritance over up to 20 years, using those same 20 years to create a charitable gift as well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you see clear pathways. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

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

**Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”** Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.

### **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.

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

We're studying the minor prophets on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! This week, we'll be spending time in the book of Jonah. 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 Nehemiah 5-9. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (9/20 at 10 a.m.)! We'll be studying the 8th commandment as confessed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio 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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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 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

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.) Natalie Kassing; (8 a.m.) Elle Sutton

(10:30 a.m.) Layla Kilpatrick

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: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Diana & Briana Becker Paraments: Carol Turner