

PRELUDE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arranged by John Behnke

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

OPENING HYMN:

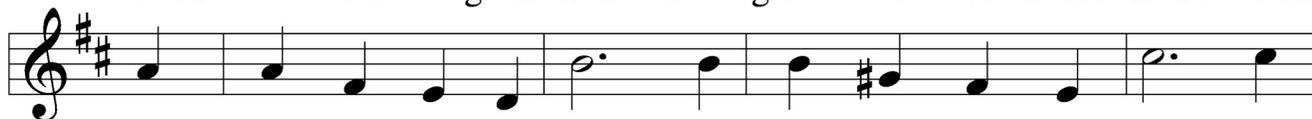
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (LSB 525)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence to reflect on God's Word and self-examination.*



HYMN OF PRAISE:

“This Is the Feast” (LSB 155)

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:***Malachi 3:13–18*

P: “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****GRADUAL:***Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.****EPISTLE:***Colossians 1:13–20*

P: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****ALLELUIA and VERSE:***(LSB 156)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL:***Luke 23:27-43*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**  
 And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:** “*Oh, He’s King of Kings*” (AGPS 188)

**Chorus:** *Oh, He’s King of kings, Oh, He’s Lord of lords!*

*Jesus Christ, the First and Last, No man works like Him.*

*1. I know that my Redeemer lives. No man works like Him,  
 And by His love sweet blessings gives, No man works like Him. (Chorus)*

*2. Victorious at God’s right hand, No man works like Him,  
 He calls His saints from ev’ry land, No man works like Him.*

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY:***“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (LSB 549)*

1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael’s cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid’s line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

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And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

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And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

## SERMON

### OFFERTORY:

(LSB 159-160)



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**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.**

**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:** Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Vernon Koester, Kevin Liefer, Mary Liefer, Paul Mollet, Norma Preston, Jay Prigge, Mary Schultz, David Snyder; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Doug Burford, Mary Gibson, Shirley Hartmann, Tina Heinemann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Oliver Scarbie, Sue Schreier, Lorraine Serio, Mary Jo Shelton, Ted Stelhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

**MILITARY:** Army- Casey Vallett, 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, 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, Chad Buch, 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 Roland Dannenberg; died in the Lord on Wednesday, Nov. 19

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

*(10:30 a.m.)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** pages 160-166ff.

**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 161)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 ✠

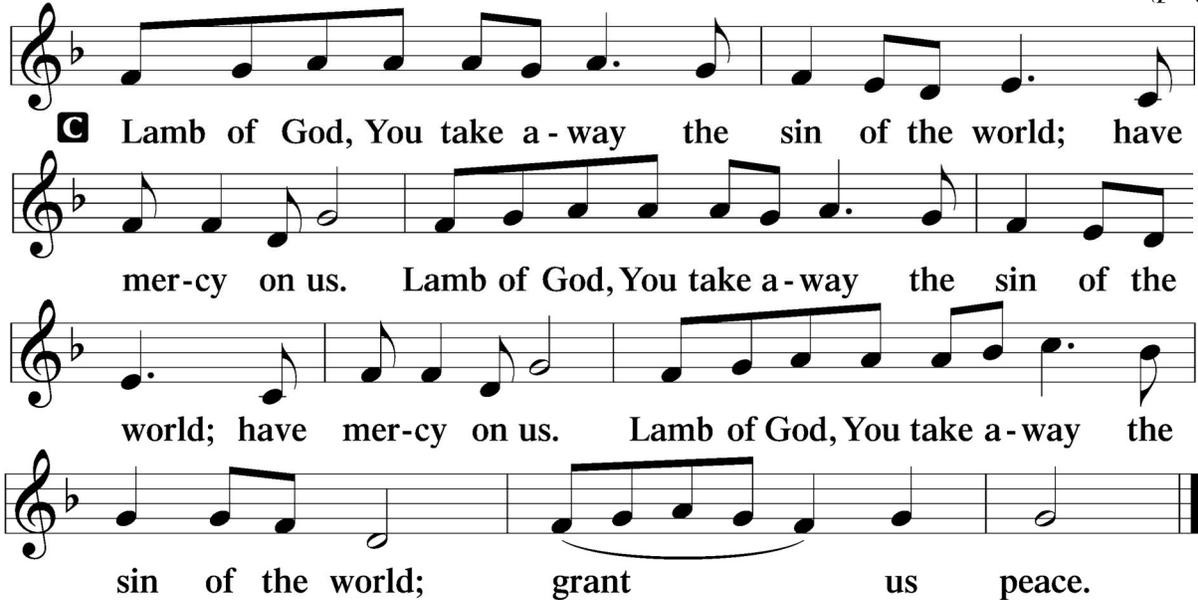
blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A-men.

**AGNUS DEI:**

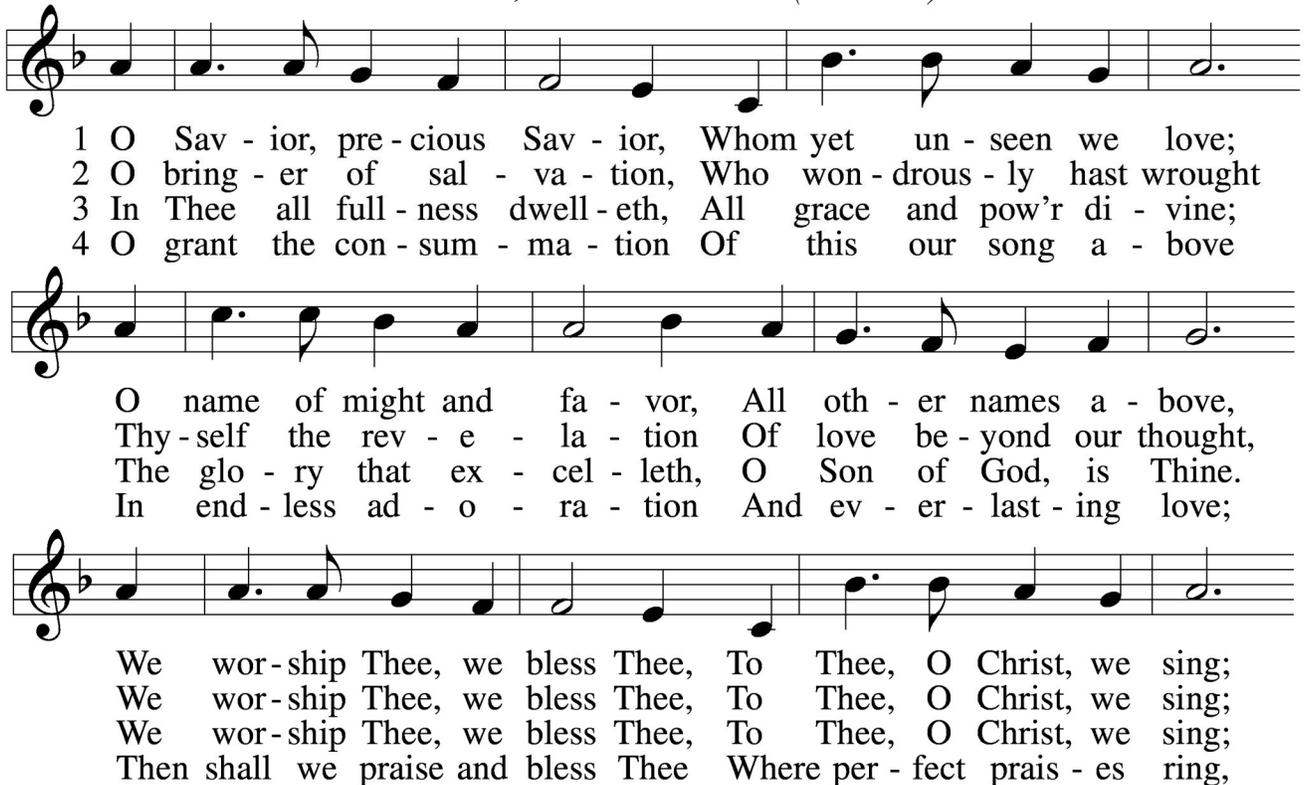
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□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** (please be seated)

“O Savior, Precious Savior” (LSB 527)



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought  
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove

O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,  
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,  
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;

We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

“Since Our Great High Priest, King Jesus” (LSB 529)



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -  
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,  
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at  
4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing  
tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,  
God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,  
and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our  
Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our  
His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High  
Might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!  
low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.  
Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.  
glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” (LSB 631)



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

**5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;**

**Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;**

**Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:**

**Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.**

**6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;**

**The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;**

**The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;**

**Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.**

**7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,**

**Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,**

**Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,**

**The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

**“Thank the Lord” (LSB 164)**



**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.**



**He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy**



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**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.

**BENEDICTION:**

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:**

*“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” (LSB 495)*



1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; See the Man of  
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown Him! Rich the tro - phies  
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus the  
4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri -



Sor - rows now! From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious,  
Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en - throne Him  
Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a - round Him,  
um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion;



Ev - 'ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Own His ti - tle, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Oh, what joy the sight af - fords! Crown Him! Crown Him!



Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns be - come the  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Sav - ior  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread a - broad the  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and



vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.  
King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior King of kings.  
vic - tor's fame. Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.  
Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

**POSTLUDE:** "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus" *arranged by Walter L. Pelz*

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***This Week with Our Lord, November 23-30, 2025***

**SUNDAY, November 23-**

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

12:00 p.m. Sonshine Visits Meeting

**Monday, November 24-**

3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting

6:00 p.m. BBB @ PDR

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

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

**Tuesday, November 25-**

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

6:00 p.m. BBB @ New Athens (A & B only)

6:00 p.m. GBB vs. RBC

**Wednesday, November 26- *No School***

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

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

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Blake Horrell

**Thursday, November 27- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off***

***No School/Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day***

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Lucy Kuehn

**Friday, November 28-**

***No School/Office Closed***

**Saturday, November 29-**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Colton Albert

**SUNDAY, November 30-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Athena Wolfmeier

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Jozlynn Palm

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

November 16: Worship: 411; Communion: 185; Adult Bible Classes: 45; Sun. School: 43  
Nov. 18-19: Women's Bible Study: 15. Chapel on Nov. 19: 119; Chapel on Nov. 21: 115

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/16- General: \$16,685.00; School: \$500.00; Debt Elimination: \$250.00; Christmas Decoration Fund: \$600.00; LCFS Gifts: \$270.00; Elder Baskets: \$485.00; Lutheran Witness: \$83.55.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

This year we have borrowed the maximum allowed (\$200,000) from our Estate Fund to cover monthly expenses because our offerings have fallen short. As the year ends, our goal is to repay this full amount so we can start 2026 with a clean slate. Should the Lord encourage you to give an extra year-end gift, please mark it "Estate Fund Repayment". This will go directly toward restoring the fund. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers!

### **2026 LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL:**

If you are currently receiving or would like to be added to receive the Lutheran Witness subscription, please call the office at 282-2394. We will need to submit our renewal order by December 1st. The 2026 subscription payment of \$27.85 may be turned into the office or collected in the offertory. Please have checks made payable to the church.

### **SONSHINE:**

Sonshine Visits Meeting, **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments to be served.

### **DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, November 28th around 2pm.

### **BREAKFAST WITH BABY JESUS:**

St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin is having a Breakfast with Baby Jesus on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the school gym. Children 8yrs old and younger with supervising adult(s), are invited to learn the story of the birth of baby Jesus. Admission is an option of one canned good per child, which will be donated to the Baldwin Food Pantry. Please rsvp to Jeff Rowold at 314-920-6996 or Clint Reiman at 618-318-1143 by November 30th. We can't wait to see you!

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND UPDATE:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Decoration Fund! We've reached our goal and can refresh many of our bows, ribbons, and ornaments. Special thanks to Jo Ellner for generously giving her time and talent to remake the bows and purchase the supplies needed. Your support helps make our church shine this Christmas season!

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings will start a new study on December 2 "No Stranger in the Manger" by Donna Snow. The study material is no charge. All women are invited to participate. For more information contact Chris Doerr at 618-343-5329.

### **ELDER BASKET DELIVERIES AND DONATIONS:**

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas gifts for our homebound and shut-in members, please place your gift in an envelope marked "Elder Baskets" and put it into an offering plate at church or bring/send it to the church office. Deliveries will take place the morning of Saturday, December 6.

### **EVENING GUILD MISSION PROJECTS:**

Musketeer Market food drive: Any canned items and new or gently used coats of all sizes are welcome. ComWell's Homeless Care Kits to be distributed in Randolph County. The kit bags need warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks, puzzle books, baby wipes, and snacks. Monetary donations to either of these are also accepted and welcome.

### **SECOND THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:**

We will be having a Holy Communion Service on the second Thursday of the Month. So, mark your calendars. Service will be held on Dec. 11th, and Jan. 8th at 3:00 pm. Feel free to come and join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office or Pastor Mark Winkelman.

### **KINDERGARTEN TEACHING POSITION:**

St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud is looking for a Kindergarten homeroom teacher. We invite interested applicants to use this link <https://forms.gle/a6nEts8pyapaiDcR7>, to learn more about the position and send in a resume for review. You may also email ([office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org)) or call the office (618-282-3873) Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 for more information. We have competitive pay and a great benefits package which includes insurance for the employee and a pension. We look forward to the responses that come in and await the plans and people God has in store for St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud. Deadline for submission of applications is January 9, 2025.

### **FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:**

+ To have flowers in worship please call the office at 618-282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

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

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

### **POINSETTIA GARDEN:**

We thank the Altar Guild for taking on this project each year as it is such a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. You may find the Poinsettia Garden forms in the back of church in the Epistle basket. The cost is \$8 and you may return it to the office or by way of the offering basket by **Friday, December 19**. Thank you!

### **SENDING BIRTHDAY CARDS:**

Mary Schultz is making progress as she has moved to an Assisted Living apartment. Here physical address is 727 S. Laclede Station Rd, Apt. 271, Webster Groves, MO 63119. And her mailing address is 9556 Parkfield Place Dr., St. Louis, MO 63126. Mary's birthday is December 15<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to send her a card. Thank you.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

11/23- Terry Harms, Shane Seiber, Cyndi Liefer, Maybre Falkenhain; 11/24- Sydney Krick; 11/25- Grace Richards; 11/26- Willard Uffelmann Jr., Aaliyah Bert, Aliyah Cox; 11/27- Diane Stenzel, Nancy Jones, Sandra Mehner, Brayden McCarthy; 11/28- Karen Buch, Kenneth Wetzel, Brandon Hick, Cailee Strong, Brody Stellhorn, Jackson Neff, Hayden Schlimme; 11/29- Bunny Schnepel, Athena Wolfmeier, Elise Uffelmann.

## **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; 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, 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, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman.

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

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

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

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

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis Stellhorn (618/623-8495)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER NEEDED:**

The Southern IL District of the LCMS is looking for a part-time (20 hour/week) bookkeeper to cover accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and other common bookkeeping tasks. The District office is located in Belleville and the role will require some set hours to be worked at the District office while others may be done remotely. Interested candidates with experience in non-profit bookkeeping and familiarity with common bookkeeping software should send a resumé to SID Business Manager, Mr. Jeffrey Fick via email [sidlcmsage@gmail.com](mailto:sidlcmsage@gmail.com) by Dec 8, 2025.

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. An estate transfer can be a simple financial transaction, harsh and cold. Or the transference of gifts to family or ministry can be a faith guided, prayer covered, activity including specific plans to shower others with the grace of Jesus. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep this focus. Contact Scott Radden phone# 618-977-4049 or email [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

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

When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction: “Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed” (Luke 23:29). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us to view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God’s gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the “refuge and strength” of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His “treasured possession” (Malachi 3:17).

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

**Matthew 25:2** – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.” A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life, and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

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

We're continuing our series, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! Each day, we'll study a new hymn of Thanksgiving from Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we wrap up our study of the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 26-27. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (11/8 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters! We're beginning a new study of the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUO Radio app!

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “An Unlikely King”**

Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (Philippians 2:5-11). Listen on KFUO AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

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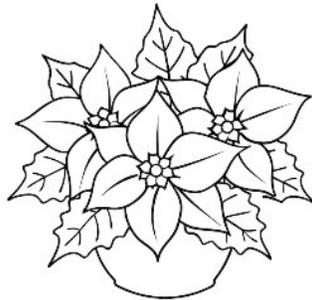
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Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

*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 – Lara Vause

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, Ally Hodges, Reagan Birkner, and Olivia Noethen.

*Church Council*

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Rebekah Liefer

*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Blaine Rohlfing; (8 a.m.) Austin Stellhorn

(10:30 a.m.) Aliviah Gulley

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: Amanda Ruhmann & Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Irma Birkner