

PRELUDE: "St. Thomas"

setting by Bernard Wayne Sanders

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

"The Advent of Our King" (LSB 331)



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT:

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Save us, we pray, | O Lord!*

O Lord, we pray, give | us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord!*

We bless you from the house | of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*

you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

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.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

KYRIE:

(LSB 186)



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ADVENT STANZA:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357, vs 1)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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:

Isaiah 2:1-5

P: The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL:

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: **righteous and having salvation.**

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

EPISTLE:

Romans 13:11-14

P: Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming

of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Nicene Creed (LSB 191)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

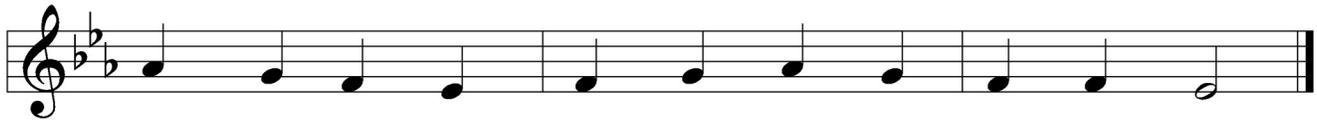
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

*“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (LSB 345)
(please stand for last stanza)*

1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! “Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 Δ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the

near,” we hear it say. “Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav’n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 192-193)

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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, 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 Stellhorn, Milton Theobold III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: pages 194-202ff.

PREFACE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Please let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:

(LSB 195)



☐ 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,



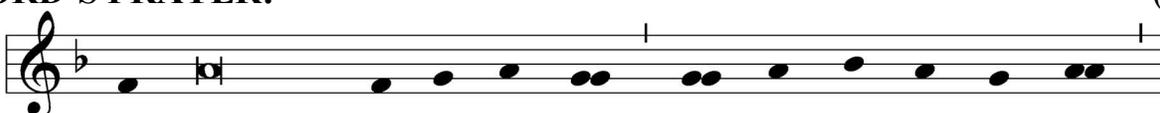
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(LSB 196)



☐ Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

(LSB 197)

P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Û bod - y, which is giv - en for you.
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI:

(LSB 197)

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

AGNUS DEI:

(LSB 198)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” (LSB 350)



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” (LSB 514)



1 The Bride - groom soon will call us, “Come to the wed - ding feast.”
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re - deem - er's face;
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum - ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
 From sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least

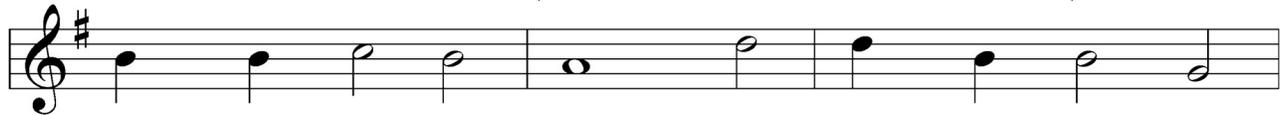


That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
 And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” (LSB 697)



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



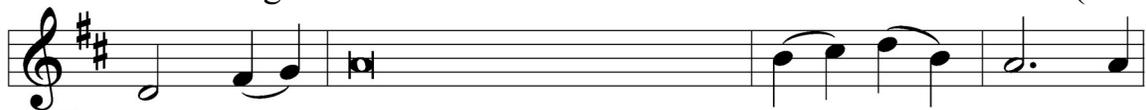
Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

NUNC DIMITTIS : “Song of Simeon”

(LSB 199-200)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING:

(LSB 200)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: Let us pray. 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.**

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

(LSB 201-202)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (LSB 338)



1 Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

POSTLUDE: "Jefferson"

setting by J. Wayne Kerr

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This Week with Our Lord, November 23-December 7, 2025

SUNDAY, November 30-

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

Monday, December 1-

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

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

8:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, December 2-

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

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

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. GBB @ Chester Catholic – St. Mary's

6:00 p.m. BBB vs. TSJ

Wednesday, December 3-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation

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

9:00 a.m. K-5th Grade Christmas Service at School

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

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation

6:30 p.m. K-5th Grade Christmas Service at School

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

Christmas Cottage at School

6:00 p.m. BBB @ RBC (A & C only)

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

Friday, December 5-

Christmas Cottage at School

GBB (A team) Tournament @ Edwardsville Begins

BBB (C team) Tournament @ RBC Begins

Saturday, December 6-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Bryson Williams

SUNDAY, December 7-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Conner Liefer

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:

November 23: Worship: 352; Communion: 98; Adult Bible Classes: 47; Sun. School: 39

Nov. 25-26: Women's Bible Study: *No classes were held. (No Chapel on Nov. 25 & 28)*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 11/23- General: \$30,171.20; School: \$850.00; Debt Elimination: \$5,000.00; LCFS Gifts: \$20.00; Elder Baskets: \$65.00; Lutheran Witness: \$27.85.

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!

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the December 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 January Epistle, please send an email to the office by December 22nd!*

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Micah 7:7

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Attention Parents of Preschool through 1st Grade Sunday School Students!

On Sundays, November 30, December 7, and December 14, we will meet in the front of church to practice our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will begin practice at 9:25 a.m. and will dismiss from there at 10:15 a.m. The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

2026 LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL: Last Call for Lutheran Witness!!

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.

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.

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!

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.

COOKIES ANYONE?

Join us for our annual Cookie Walk at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 522 S Church St, in Waterloo, IL, on Saturday, December 6th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Choose your favorites and pay by the pound. \$10/pound. We'll have other treats available as well. This is a great way to get all of your "baking" done without all of the mess! Come early for the best selection. We'll have a complimentary hot cocoa bar and cookie samples as you wait, and be sure to wear your Christmas best and enjoy our festive Photo Booth! All proceeds benefit Immanuel's Preschool and Mission Team.

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.

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.

MATCHING GIFTS OPPORTUNITIES:

As you have seen in our bulletin, in order to pay our staff and bills this year, our church has borrowed the maximum amount of money allowed from the Estate Funds (\$200,000). There is an opportunity for us to pay this back as we come to the end of the calendar year (and therefore afford us the opportunity to borrow more in the future should need arise). Every dollar you give towards this repayment will be matched, up to \$100,000. On top of that, another \$50,000

matching gift has been put forward to help pay down our expansion loan. Please mark on your envelope which one you would like to give towards.

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11. God abundantly blesses us so that we will bless others and thereby be enriched with God's rewards increasing our praise and thanksgiving to God.

THE BIBLE RECAP CLASS:

Starting in January, on Wednesday evenings, Lori Colbert will be offering a class to go alongside our new worship service. Lori will be walking through the Bible in 1 year using The Bible Recap book. This is a wonderful opportunity to open up the Scriptures and abide in God's Word. Lori will be available for questions following worship in the coming weeks.

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) 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.

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 15th, if you would like to send her a card. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

11/30- Randy Burgdorf, Ryan Valleroy, Addison Gunter, Hazel Veath; 12/1- Erin Cox, Eleanor Liefer; 12/2- Carmen Nichols, Rosemary Collins, Jill Gross, Derrick Voss, McKinley Florreich, Jacob Schrader; 12/3- Pamela Buatte; 12/4- Kathleen Dannenberg, Karson Liefer, Lainey Johnson; 12/5- Patty Salger; 12/6- Todd Wagner, Scot Heller, Riley Candler, Jack Valentine.

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; 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 Uffelman – 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 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. For much of our life, we view our occupations as ways to gather resources necessary to support this life, all blessed by the Lord. Often attached to that “gathering” is a sense to protect what we have gathered. Sometimes, the gathering and protecting distract us from the place where true grace filled blessing is found, in the use of God’s gifts, to reflect Jesus. Your LCMS

Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep this grace filled focus. Contact Scott Radden phone# 618-977-4049 or email scott.radden@lfnd.org.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Being a Gospel-motivated voice for life means loving all our neighbors, regardless of their size, condition, or past. As servants in the Master's house (Matthew 24:43), we not only need to be prepared for Christ's coming (Matthew 24:44; Romans 13:11), we should be eager to make all others ready, preaching the Gospel to them, inviting them "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:3) that they, too, might be brought into the safety of the ark of the holy Church.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

It's time for a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.)! "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" will begin airing this week, with a focus on Paul's two epistles to the Thessalonians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) for a new study on the book of Malachi! Don't forget to join us this weekend for Concord Matters (12/6 at 10 a.m.). In our current study of Luther's Large Catechism, we are taking a deep dive into the Lord's Prayer. Listen in as we discuss the 1st Petition. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Rise and Shine"

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (Romans 13:11). 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.

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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Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741

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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 – 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, Madison Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Tori Muench, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, 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. Joan Ruwald

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Colton Albert; (8 a.m.) Athena Wolfmeier; (10:30 a.m.) Jozlynn Palm

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Kim & Addison Breier; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold

(10:30 a.m.) Jim & Judy Guebert

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

Flower Servers: Amanda Ruhmann & Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Irma Birkner