

**PRELUDE:** "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

*arranged by Robert J. Powell*

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

**OPENING HYMN:**

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" (LSB 590)



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

**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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\* **my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**  
I will tell of | the decree:\*

**The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.**  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*

**and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**  
You shall break them with a | rod of iron\* **and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\* **be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**  
Serve the | Lord with fear,\* **and rejoice with | trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\* **Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* **and to the Holy | Spirit;**

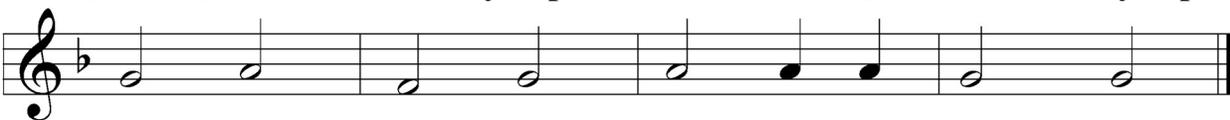
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\* **my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

**KYRIE:**

*(LSB 186)*



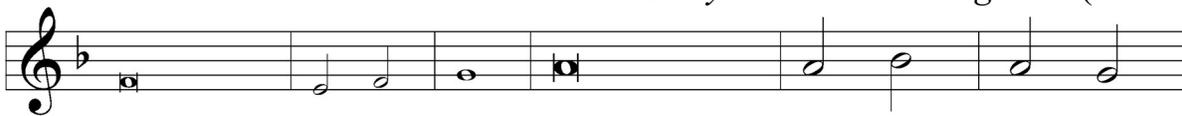
**Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -**



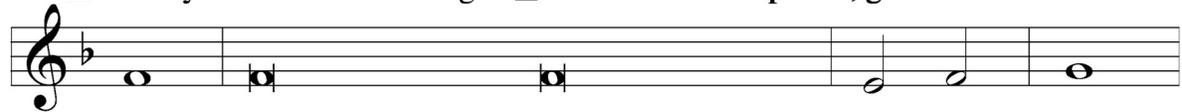
**on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

*“Glory to God in the Highest” (LSB 187-189)*



**Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward**



**men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,**



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spirit.

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:***Isaiah 42:1-9*

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****GRADUAL:***Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8*

P: Praise the Lord, all nations!

**C: Extol him, all peoples!**

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**C: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**C: bring an offering, and come into his courts!****EPISTLE:***Romans 6:1-11*

P: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****ALLELUIA and VERSE:***(LSB 190)*

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL:**

*Matthew 3:13-17*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

P: Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

## **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (p 192)*

**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 (p 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.**

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:** "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605)

**Refrain:** *Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.*

**1.** *Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. **Refrain***

**2.** *In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. **Refrain***

**3.** *Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. **Refrain***

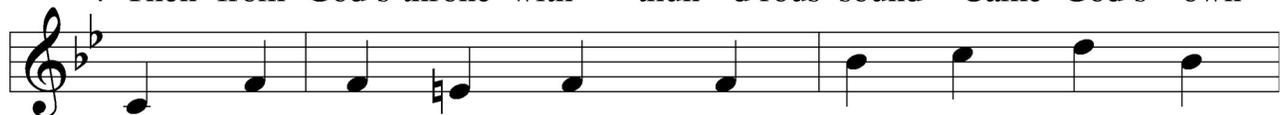
(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (LSB 405)



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY:

(LSB 192-193)



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, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Mary Liefer, Pat Malik, Paul Mollet, Norma Preston, Jay Prigge, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Andy Amann, Doug Burford, Mary Gibson, Shirley Hartmann, Tina Heinemann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Sue Schreier, Mary Jo Shelton, Ted Stellhorn, 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 Vernon Koester; died in the Lord on Saturday, January 3

+those who mourn: family of Roger Hanebutt; died in the Lord on Thursday, January 8

*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 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)



**P** 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



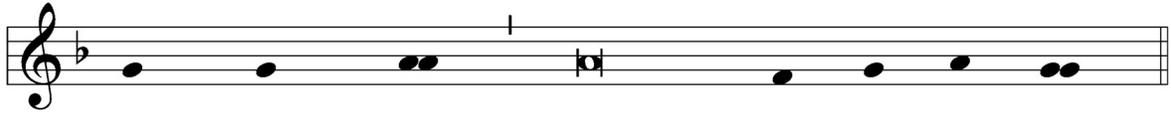
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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*)

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (*LSB 394*)



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” (LSB 404)



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less  
3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



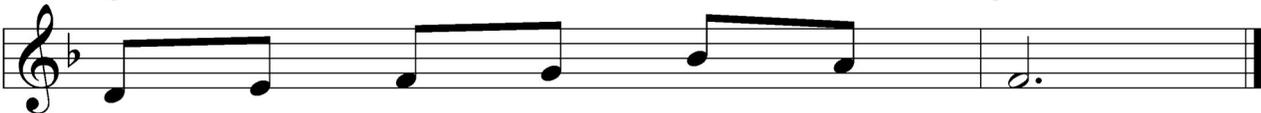
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion  
Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s  
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,  
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“Hear My Son, the One I love.”  
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
O - ver us the cross You trace.

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” (LSB 540, please stand for last stanza)



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing

To the Father's home on high,

Christ, the truth that frees the captive,

Christ, the life that cannot die.

Mediator to the Father,

Sacrifice and great High Priest:

Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,

There to share Your wedding feast.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.

**NUNC DIMITTIS : "Song of Simeon"**

(LSB 199-200)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**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:**

*“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” (LSB 594)*



1 God’s own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth’s  
 Je - sus’ cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I’ll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I’ve trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith’s as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

**POSTLUDE:** "A Little Fugue"

*by David Schelat*

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***This Week with Our Lord, January 11-18, 2026***

**SUNDAY, January 11-**

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

12:00 p.m. Senior Youth meeting

**Monday, January 12-**

BBB OVC "A" Tournament @ Trinity Prairie begins

6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting

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

**Tuesday, January 13-**

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

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

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class at Fellowship Hall

GBB Regional begins

**Wednesday, January 14-**

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Quilting at Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel @ Church

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

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Divine Service

**Thursday, January 15- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off***

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

**Friday, January 16-**

8:30 Early Childhood Chapel @ School –New Gym

**Saturday, January 17-**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Cassidy Palm

**SUNDAY, January 18-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Emma Guebert

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Easton Ruebusch

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

New Years Eve: Worship: 83; Communion: 60

January 4: Worship: 313; Communion: 243; Adult Bible Classes: 46; Sun. School: 24

Jan. 6-7: Women's Bible Study: 15; Bible Recap: 39; Chapel: 113

January 7: Worship: 23; January 8: Worship: 6

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/31/25- General: \$23,492.11; School: \$250.00; Debt Elimination: \$9,000.00. 1/4/26- General: \$19,811.00; School: \$200.00.

## **VOTERS' MEETING & NOMINATION OPENINGS FOR 2026:**

St. John's Lutheran Church and School will elect officers and board members at the annual Voter's Meeting which will be held on **Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall**. If you are interested in serving your church and school in this manner, please contact Stuart J. Langrehr at 618-663-4890 for additional information.

## **OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026:**

Offering envelope boxes for 2026 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one with your name(s) on it or have one that you do not intend to use, please call Cynthia in our office (282-2394) so she can adjust the list.

## **FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:**

+ Flowers on the Altar this weekend were donated by the family of Vernon Koester.

+ 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.

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Vernon Koester who died in the Lord Saturday at the age of 90 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

## **CHURCH UPDATE - TITHELY APP:**

Pastor Mark has been working diligently to set up a new church app. Currently, you can view services and create prayer requests through the app. In the future, online giving will also be available. Click the following link to download the app and begin enjoying its features:

<https://tithely.app.link/stjohnsredbud>.

## **NEW WORSHIP SERVICE:**

On Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm we will have a spoken word service. We know our lives have become busier, travel is easier, and the world increasingly does not care about Church as it schedules more and more activities even on Sunday mornings. However, it is our desire to help our members prioritize worship while also living in this world (though we are not of the world). When Lent and Advent seasons arrive, we will transition the worship service appropriately to mid-week services. We will also offer Bible studies and Gatherings throughout the year on Wednesdays (schedule to come). As your pastor, I hope to see more and more attend weekly worship, receiving our Lord's precious gifts and encouraging one another as we travel through this world together with our Lord.

*Rev. Mark Winkelman*

### **UPDATE ON MATCHING GIFTS OPPORTUNITIES:**

We sincerely Thank you for your generosity these last couple months to not only meet but to exceed our matching goals. We were able to repay the borrowed \$200,000 back to the Estate Fund on December 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition to that, we will be able to make a sizeable payment towards our School Expansion Loan in January too. While our matching gifts were met, we continue to collect offerings towards the expansion loan as we still owe on that.

### **DONATION FROM PTL:**

The PTL has graciously donated \$75,000 to help the school and church from having to borrow from the Estate Funds in the foreseeable future. We appreciate your generous contribution.

### **MISSION QUILT DAY:**

Tuesday, January 20, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Bring scissors. We welcome anyone who would like to support this worthwhile mission project to join and help for an hour or the day.

### **EVENING GUILD MEETING:**

Evening Guild Gathering, Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 pm. Devotions: Vickie Heller.

### **RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

A retirement committee needs to gather for Mrs. Betty's Schmitz's upcoming celebration. Help is needed in many areas and will be initially discussed in a meeting to be held Thursday, Jan. 22 at 4:00 pm. in the school's library. If you would like to help in this preparation please attend or let Mr. Becker know what you are willing to help with.

### **TRIVIA NIGHT:**

Join us for some friendly competition and fellowship at our annual Trivia Night on January 24th! Where: Camp Wartburg in the Negwer Dining Hall. When: Doors open at 6:00 pm, Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$20 per person, teams of 8. How: To reserve a table, email Theresa Thorburg at [theresa\\_thorburg@lcfs.org](mailto:theresa_thorburg@lcfs.org)!

### **GET YOUR GAME DAY FAVORITES – SUBS & NACHO CHEESE:**

7th Grade is selling sub sandwiches and white nacho cheese for the Super Bowl to support their class trips in 2027! 6-inch subs are \$7 and 1 quart of white nacho cheese (queso) is \$13. Orders are due by January 26. Pick-up will be at school on Feb. 7 from 11:00 - 12:00 and Feb. 8 during Sunday School. Contact any 7th-grade family to place an order!

### **NEW DEVOTIONAL FOR MEN:**

Men, are you interested in pursuing a path of Christian masculinity and discipline? Check out Memento at [www.memento70.com](http://www.memento70.com). Memento is a new men's devotional and discipline system backed by LCMS pastors and theologians. Its foundation is built on discipline, devotion, and brotherhood, drawing from the historic rhythm of the Church Year to provide a path that is both ancient and deeply relevant today. Please let us know if you are interested in joining a group of us on this journey by contacting Pastor Mark ([mwinkelman@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:mwinkelman@stjohnsredbud.org)) or Mike DeRousse ([derousse@gmail.com](mailto:derousse@gmail.com)). The program officially begins on **February 1st** so don't wait!

## **THANK YOU:**

+ Family and Friends of St. John's, I am truly blessed to serve at a place that thinks so highly of God's servants. The many well-wishes, cards, treats, and gifts were too much. Thank you for blessing me this CHRISTmas season, and I will continue to work my hardest to be an asset to St. John's Lutheran Church, School, and Daycare. *Mr. Justin Palm*

+ Dear Members of St. John's. Thank you so very much for all of the thoughtful and generous gifts and cards you have given to me and my family this Christmas season! Your generosity never ceases to amaze me! I am very blessed and grateful to be here and serve our Lord together! May God bless you in this new year and always! In Christ, *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

+ Thank you, St. John's, My kids and I thank you greatly for your overwhelming generosity and love shown this Christmas season. Your cards and gifts caused us to overflow with thanksgivings to our God. May you be blessed with abundance and generous hearts to all throughout the year, increasing the praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ. *Rev. Mark Winkelman*

+ A big thank you to everyone who stayed after church last Sunday to help take down the Christmas decorations. Thanks to all the helping hands, we were able to re-label and condense our storage containers, and everything came down in record time! We're so grateful for the volunteers from the congregation, Pastor Mark and his family, and our awesome Junior Youth. We couldn't have done it without you! — *Kourtney Meier & Morgan Buch*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

1/11- Laureen Koen, Scott Nobbe, Justin Papenberg, Madison Proctor, Cadin Voss, Everett Liefer; 1/12- Marcy Rahn; 1/13- Norma Preston, Nathan Salger; 1/14- Alan Schwegel, Liam Kilpatrick; 1/15- Doris Stamm, Jim Schluter, Grace Langrehr; 1/16- Nicholas Mounts, Samantha Kuehner; 1/17- Mary Guebert, Mary Sachtleben, Mark Thompson, Jeffrey Neff, Orin Koester.

## **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, Martha Rohlfing, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; 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)

## **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We live in a “I can do it myself” culture. That has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet the question is, “Do I need help to create my Christian estate plan?” This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any others in life. But what is the value of meeting with an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor if I already plan on meeting with an attorney? The answer is, that your counselor can assist you in getting organized, thinking through your goals and becoming specific about them, and encouraging you to spend time considering who you might choose for a personal representative, trustee or the one named in your power of attorney documents. This decision should be carefully made, not rushed. Prayer should be included. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started now. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

## **CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCHEON:**

**Date:** Friday, Feb. 13, 2026 **Registration:** 11:30 a.m. in Koburg Hall **Luncheon:** Noon

**Program: Serving Those Who Serve: LCMS Military Ministry Since the Civil War**

*Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces, LCMS*

**Menu:** Grilled chicken with artichoke cream sauce or lemon pepper cod fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, triple layer chocolate cake

**Cost: \$20 per person** **RSVP Deadline: Jan. 30, 2026**

Mail reservation with your check(s) made payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to:

Ellyn Petrovic, 3375 Dana Dr, Arnold, MO 63010 **Questions?** 314-952-8202

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

Jesus was baptized to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15), that all whom God created and gave breath to (Isaiah 42:5) might be baptized into His death and resurrection and have everlasting life (Romans 6:4-5). Living in that new life in Christ and dying to sin (Romans 6:7-8) means that we are to cherish all life the way God does, caring about our neighbor’s physical life and wellbeing, as well as their everlasting life in Christ.

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

**Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’”** The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The

whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

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

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we've begun a new study in the book of Genesis! This week's study will take us through chapters 2 and 3. Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we look at the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels! Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this weekend (1/17 at 10 a.m.) — we're continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer with the 5th Petition! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or in the KFUEO Radio app.

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

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Solidarity"**

Solidarity is how Christians understand their relationship to Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, went where we had gone so that we might go where He goes. (Romans 6:5). Listen on KFUEO 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.

### **2026 BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:**

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville are once again hosting a series of six presentations on the Bible. This year's Bible Presentations will focus on Hebrews 11 and its list of great Old Testament men and women who lived by the faith worked in them by God, their Father. Light refreshments will be served after each presentation.

**Sunday, January 18**, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be an introduction to Hebrews 11 and God's working faith in those who believe in the Genesis account of Creation. The presentation will be by Rev. Jonathan Winterfeldt, St. John's Ruma/St. Peter's Evansville.

**Tuesday, January 20**, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be the faith of Cain and Abel, Enoch, and Noah. The presentation will be by Rev. Scott Hojnacki, Trinity Lutheran, Red Bud.

**Sunday, January 25**, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be the faith of Abraham and Sarah. The presentation will be by Rev. Tony Troup, Retired.

**Tuesday, January 27**, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The presentation will be by Rev. John Lukomski, Retired.

**Sunday, February 1**, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be the faith of Moses and the Exodus. The presentation will be by Rev. Randy Fischer, Retired.

**Tuesday, February 3**, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be the faith of "The Rest and Conclusion". The presentation will be by Rev. Rodney Benkendorf, Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

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*Church Council*

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*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.) Sophia Zeiger; (8 a.m.) Jackson Carnahan

(10:30 a.m.) Brayden McCarthy

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia & Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Linda Guebert & Chris Doerr

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Diane Kunkelmann

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Vickie & Sarah Heller Paraments: Ella Hemmer