

PRELUDE: (Saturday) "Thy Word"

Bell Choir

(Sunday) "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche

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

OPENING HYMN:

"Christ, the Eternal Lord" (LSB 829)



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,  
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,  
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.  
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

**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 19:1-4a, b; antiphon: v. 14*



Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*

**O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.**

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*

**and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.**

Day to day | pours out speech,\*

**and night to night reveals | knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor | are there words,\*

**whose voice | is not heard.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.\*

**In them he has set a tent | for the sun.**

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.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*

**O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.**

**KYRIE:**

*(LSB 186)*



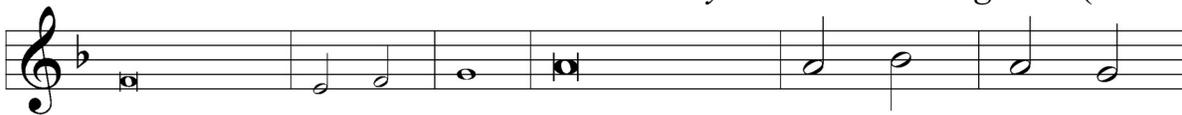
**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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:** 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)*

**ANTHEM:** (Saturday) “Lift High the Cross”

*Bell Choir*

(Sunday) “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

*Choir & Congregation*

*Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, then I shall not be put to shame. Lord, keep us steadfast. Lord, keep us steadfast.*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

**1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.**

*And Jesus said, and Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are truly*

*My disciples, you are truly My disciples." Lord, keep us steadfast. Lord, keep us steadfast.*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we may sing Your praise eternally.**

*There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope for which we live, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, one God and Father of us all.*

*Lord, keep us steadfast. Lord, keep us steadfast. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

**3. O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.**

*Lord, keep us steadfast. Lord, keep us steadfast.*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Isaiah 49:1–7*

P: Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:***Psalm 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:***1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

P: Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:***John 1:29–42a*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two

who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"All for Christ I Have Forsaken" (LSB 753)*



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have  
 2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good  
 3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -  
 4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this  
 5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its  
 thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at  
 plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through  
 be the day I die, God will keep my  
 clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped



fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.  
 peace I fol - low Where He leads me ... why look back?  
 death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.  
 spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.  
 path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

## 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, Kortney Moll, 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, James Spencer, Ted Stelhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Judy Wilson, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

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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 Dale Phelps; died in the Lord on Wednesday, January 14

**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 &cross; 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 &cross; 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)*

*(Sunday) Anthem: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"*

*Choir*

1. *Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shalt be.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've sought, or hoped, or known,  
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.*
2. *Let the world despise, forsake me, They have left my Savior too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might.  
Foes may hate, yea all may shun me, Show Thy face, and all is bright.*

3. *Go then, earthly fame and treasure, Come, disaster, scorn and pain.  
 In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain.  
 I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee,  
 Storms may howl, and darkness gather, All must work for good to me. Amen!*

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” (LSB 526)



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

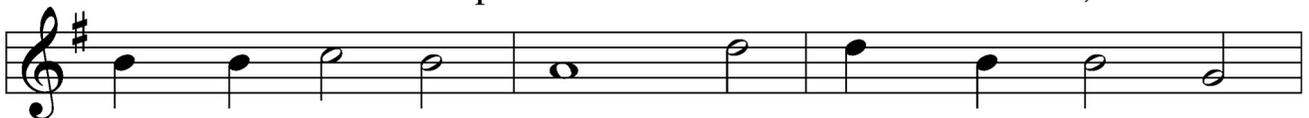


God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (LSB 528)



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

**5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own  
Your God, ye fallen race.**

**Look and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.**

**6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.**

**His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.**

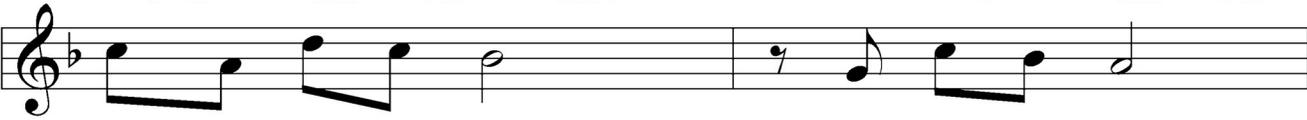
**7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n**

**By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

“What Is This Bread?” (LSB 629)



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be - lieve	



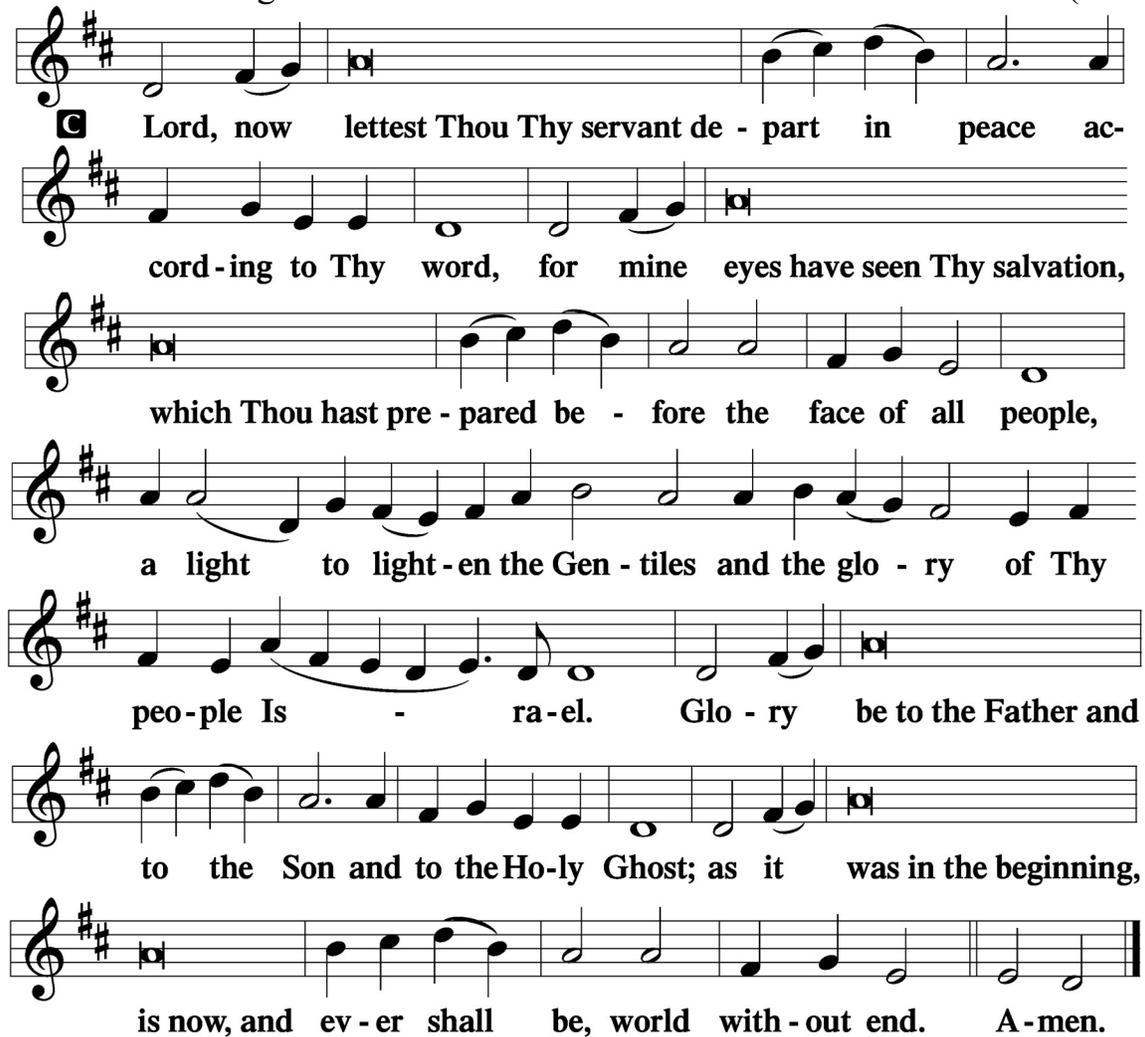
This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em - brace	Of	life	and	love	un - til	I		
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pres - ent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	His		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

# 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:***“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (LSB 575)*

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*

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

**POSTLUDE: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”***arranged by Ryan Meyer*

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***This Week with Our Lord, January 18-25, 2026*****SUNDAY, January 18-**

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

**Monday, January 19- No School & Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

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

**Tuesday, January 20-**

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

5:00 p.m. BBB @ Valmeyer (A/B/C)

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Meeting

Wednesday, January 21-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at Fellowship Hall  
3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
4:00 p.m. Worship Committee  
6:30 p.m. Divine Service  
VB "A" tournament @ RBC begins

Thursday, January 22- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church  
BBB ALT "A" Tournament begins

Friday, January 23- *Epistle Articles are Due!*

8:30 Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, January 24-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Blaine Rohlfing

SUNDAY, January 25- *National Lutheran Schools Week begins!*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Presley Liefer  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Jozlynn Palm  
12:00 p.m. Luncheon following service served by Sr. Youth  
**1:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Voter's Meeting**

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

January 11: Worship: 376; Communion: 93; Adult Bible Classes: 49; Sun. School: 41  
January 14: Worship: 36; Communion: 30  
January 13-14: Women's Bible Study: 13; Bible Recap: 27; Chapel: 122

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/11/26- General: \$12,062.00; School: \$270.00; Debt Elimination: \$915.00.

**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.

**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.

**VOTERS' MEETING:**

Voters' Meeting will be held **Next Sunday, January 25**, at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

<b>Vote for 1:</b>	Chairman: (1 year)	Mike DeRousse
	Vice-Chairman: (1 year)	Kevin Guebert
	Treasurer: (1 year)	Connie Muench
	Secretary: (3 years)	Joan Ruwald
	Estate Fund: (5 years)	Brian Guebert
<b>Vote for 2:</b>	Trustees: (3 years)	Steven Falkenhain, David Fuhrhop, Jason Guebert, Kenneth Langrehr, Kenneth Wetzel
	Education: (3 years)	Larry Gielow, Kristopher Liefer, Kyle Liefer, Kortney Moll, Kimberly Schlueter, Kim Valentine
<b>Vote for 3:</b>	Elders: (3 years)	Dustin Bowles, Kollin Liefer, Kevin Muench, David Reinhardt, Kenneth Wetzel
	Finance: (3 years)	Marlene Deterding, Beth Diewald, Chrystal Kiefer, Lori Langrehr

## **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*

## **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>.

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Roger Hanebutt who died in the Lord on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the age of 78 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

## **THANK YOU:**

A big thank you to everyone who stayed after church on January 4th 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:**

1/18- Hailey Nichols; 1/19- Lois Mesnarich, Melissa Gramenz; 1/20- Kimberly Moll, Easton Lucht, Estella Cowell, Madelyn Guebert; 1/21- John Liefer, Eva Perry, Chase Guebert; 1/22- Brian Stellhorn, Cathleen Harms-Thompson, Aliviah Gulley, Noah Hernandez; 1/23- Mary Ann Wegener, Sally Ratliff, Kevin Matzenbacher, Angela Rahn, Abigail Brundage, Brianna Hudson, Harlow Sutton; 1/24- Jeffrey Moll.

### **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.

### **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 library. If you would like to help with 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)!

### **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!

### **HYMN FESTIVAL:**

Everyone is invited to a hymn festival commemorating the liturgical Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25. Four SID churches named 'St. Paul' will join together for this hymn festival that afternoon: St. Paul's Columbia, St. Paul Hamel, St. Paul's Troy, and St. Paul Wood River. The Hymn Festival will be Jan. 25, 2026, at 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Troy, 112 N. Border St., Troy, IL. Hymn commentaries will be provided by pastors of participating churches. The organist will be Joseph Meador from St. Paul, Wood River and MELHS. The choir conductor will be Karen Shimkus from St. Paul's, Troy and St. Paul's, Columbia. The accompanist will be Kantor Janet Muth from St. Paul, Hamel. Singers and instrumentalists from all 4 churches and MELHS will participate. In the spirit of St. Paul, a mission offering will be collected for the Seminario Concordia El Reformador in the Dominican Republic (a mission partner of the SID).

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Outstanding Universal Value"**

The Christian faith has the power to make us act better. But that's not the goal. (1 Corinthians 1:18-19) Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

### **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!

### **DINNER AUCTION:**

Our 16th annual dinner auction will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Hecker Community Center beginning at 5pm. Donations are now being accepted in the school office. No item is too small, and each donation will help make this event a success! Tickets are currently available for \$40/person and will include dinner, select drinks, and dessert. We hope you will join us for our SJL County Fair evening, a night that is sure to be a grand prize winner!

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

Life issues (abortion, suicide, sexual identity, physician-assisted suicide to name a few) can often be the result of a person trying to solve their own problems or fulfill their own needs instead of relying upon the Lord to help them. The appearance of our Lord as the sacrificial Lamb of God (John 1) reminds us that God is always faithful (Isaiah 49:7), even at the cost of His own blood. By faith in Christ, we can and should wait patiently for the Lord (Psalm 40:1) and make Him our trust (Psalm 40:4) in any and every situation, and we should invite our neighbors to do the same.

### **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.

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

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
1 John 2:2

## **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. If you are planning gifts to family, it is a wise idea to discuss these with family, imparting Godly encouragement for faithful stewardship. A ministry gift might include a discussion with current ministry leaders. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate these discussions. 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

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

**John 1:29** – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

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

We're continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! Tune in as we discuss chapters 4-7. Join us on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.) this Wednesday as we welcome Dr. Cameron MacKenzie back to the show for our latest history series, "The Battle for the Augsburg Confession." On Concord Matters this Saturday (1/24 at 10 a.m.), we'll be looking at the 6th Petition of The Lord's Prayer. What do we do with temptation? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

## **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.

**This 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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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (Sunday) Pastor Mark Winkelman; (Saturday) Pastor Lyle Buettner

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (8 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Cassidy Palm; (8 a.m.) Emma Guebert

(10:30 a.m.) Easton Ruebusch

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke

(10:30 a.m.) Gerald & Jill Hanebutt

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

Flower Servers: Vickie & Sarah Heller Paraments: Ella Hemmer