

PRELUDE: (5 p.m.) "Seek Ye First"

Bell Choir

(8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) "Son of God, Eternal Savior" arranged by Paul D. Weber

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

OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (LSB 904, please stand for last stanza)



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

**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,

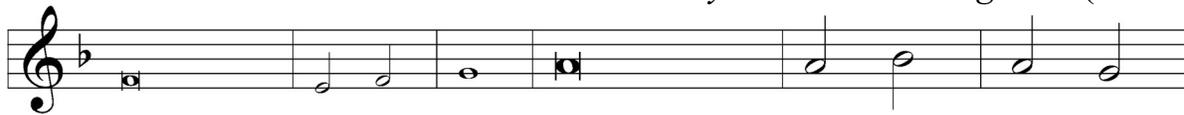
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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



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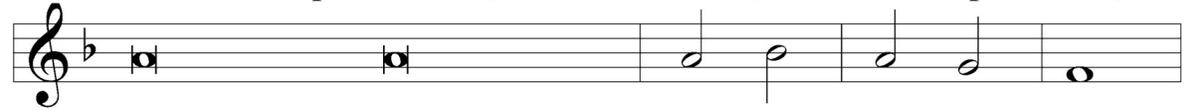
*“Glory to God in the Highest” (LSB 187-189)*



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



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



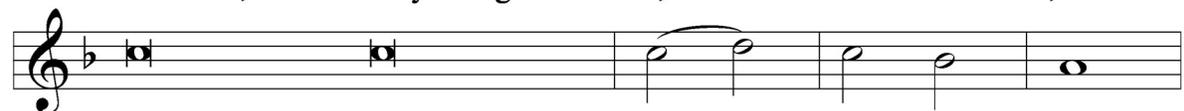
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



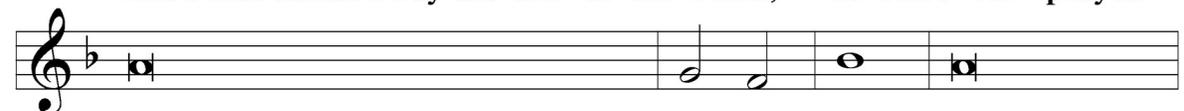
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



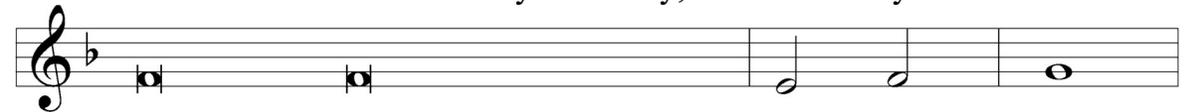
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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 God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: (5 p.m.) “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*Bell Choir*

(8 a.m.) “Blest Are the Pure in Heart”

*Choir*

*Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christ's abode. Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God!  
Lord, we Thy Kingdom seek; May ours this blessing be; Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
A temple meant for Thee. Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God!  
For they shall see our God! Amen.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING:

*Micah 6:1–8*

P: Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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 1:18–31*

P: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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:***Matthew 5:1-12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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.) 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.**

*(10:30 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.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

*"Seek Ye First" (LSB 712)*

- 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!*
- 2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be open unto you, Allelu, alleluia!*
- 3. Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!*

*(10:30 a.m.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples” (LSB 932)



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a  
 2 “Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the  
 3 “Bless-ed are God’s sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing



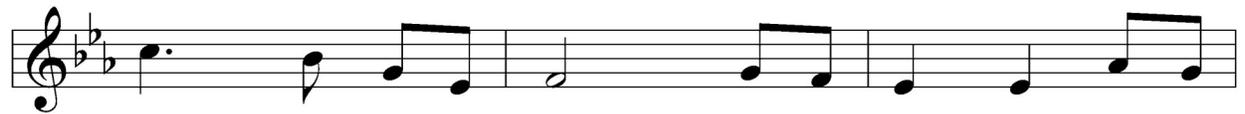
moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo - ple  
 earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be  
 peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:  
 ho - ly, They are bless’d and will be filled.  
 cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;



“Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en’s  
 Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy  
 Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and  
 will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are  
 king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My



mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.  
 bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.  
 suf - f’ring And re - joice to know My love.”

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:** Charles Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Mary Liefer, 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, 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

+thanks for the birth of a daughter, Paisley Mae, to Austin and Brie Dillow on January 30; Great-Granddaughter of Vickie Heller

*The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, and a Closing Prayer.*

(*5 p.m. & 8 a.m.*) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** pages 194-202ff.

**PREFACE:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

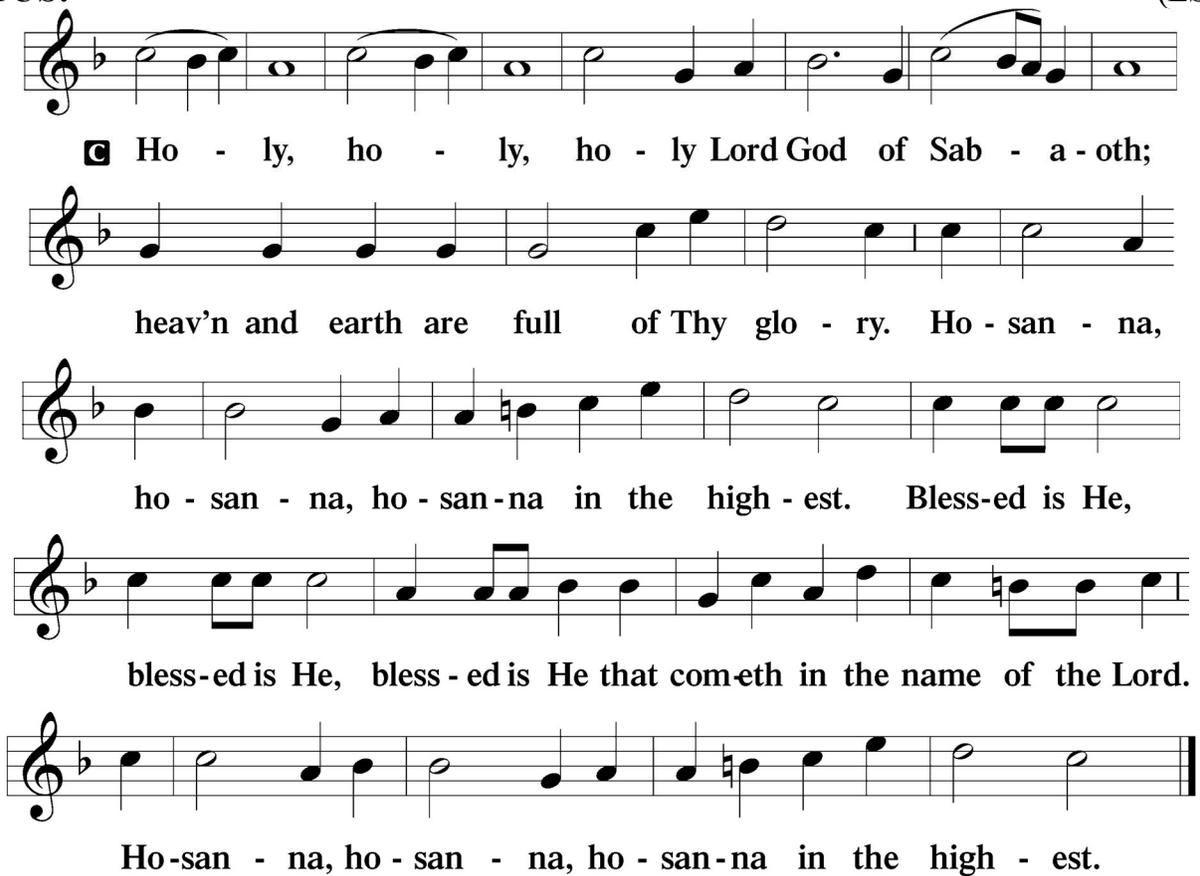
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

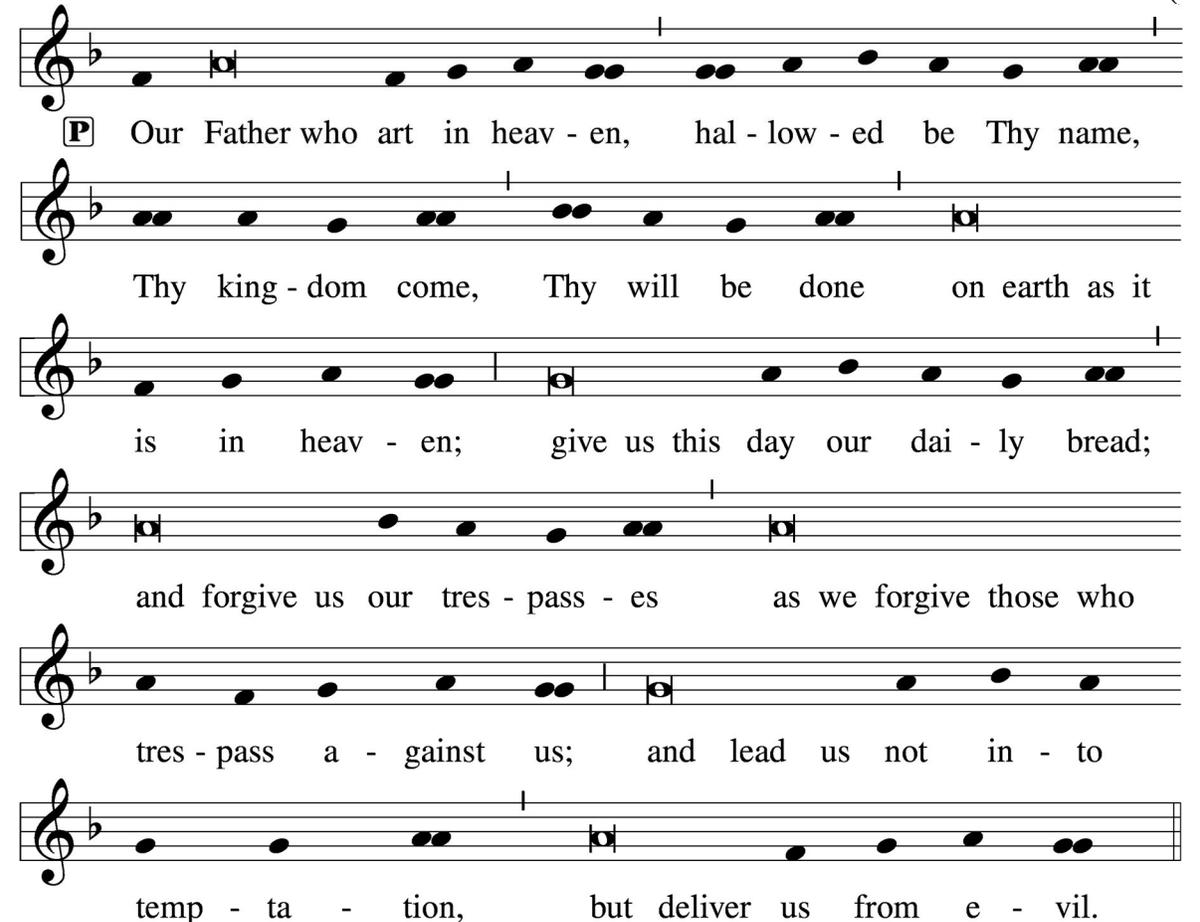
P: Please let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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)*

**C** 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)*

*(8 a.m.) Anthem: "Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man"*

*Choir*

- 1. Jesus, Jesus, Son of God and Son of man; Jesus, Jesus, Savior of the world.  
Jesus, Jesus, Came to earth a tiny babe; Jesus, Jesus, Came to save us all.  
He left the glory of heav'n above to walk the dust of earth.  
He was born in a lowly manger, Yet angels sang at His birth.  
Jesus, Jesus, Son of God and Son of man; Jesus, Jesus, Savior of the world.*
- 2. Jesus, Jesus, Came to serve, not to be served; Jesus, Jesus, Came to set us free.  
Jesus, Jesus, Crucified upon a tree; Gave His life willingly, died for you and me.  
He was not just a man from Galilee who was a carpenter by trade.  
But he was the precious promised one, He was the Son of God, of God.  
Jesus, Jesus, Rose in triumph from the grave; Jesus, Son of God, Savior of the world.*

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LSB 842)



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

“You Satisfy the Hungry heart” (LSB 641)



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

“O God of Mercy, God of Might” (*LSB 852, sung to the tune of "Drawn to the Cross"*)



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
 2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost  
 3 Teach us the les - son Thou hast taught: To feel for  
 4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O



pit - y in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
 world might live there - by, O hear us; for to  
 those Thy blood hath bought, That ev - 'ry word and  
 Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and



in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.  
 Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.  
 deed and thought May work a work for Thee.  
 grace pro - vide To love them all in Thee!

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
All those who live in Thee.

**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:**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (LSB 850)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

**POSTLUDE:** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli

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*This Week with Our Lord, February 1-8, 2026*

SUNDAY, February 1-

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

12:00 p.m. Luncheon following service served by Sr. Youth

**1:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Voter's Meeting**

Monday, February 2-

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

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

8:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 3- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 4-

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 at 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, February 5-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. VB @ St Libory (A & C only)

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

Friday, February 6-

8:30 Early Childhood Chapel @ School –New Gym

Volleyball A Team Tournament @ St. Mary's Begins

Saturday, February 7-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Finn Liefer

BBB SIJHSAA State

SUNDAY, February 8-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Evan Muench

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Aubrey Valleroy

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

January 25: Worship: 118; Communion: 111; Adult Bible Classes/Sun. School: *No Classes*

January 28: Worship: 66; Communion: 45

January 27-28: Women's Bible Study: *No Class*; Bible Recap: 19; January 30: Chapel: 238

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/25/26- General: \$7,455.00; School: \$170.00.

**VOTERS' MEETING:**

Voters' Meeting will be held **THIS Sunday, February 1**, 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
Estate Fund: (5 years)	Brian Guebert
<b>Vote for 2:</b> Trustees: (3 years)	Steven Falkenhain, David Fuhrhop, Jason Guebert, 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, Tyson Russell
Finance: (3 years)	Marlene Deterding, Beth Diewald, Chrystal Kiefer

## **MEAL BEFORE VOTERS' MEETING MENU:**

The Senior Youth will be serving a free will offering lunch before Voters' meeting Sunday, Feb. 1 at noon. The menu will consist of mostaccioli, salad, and garlic bread. Assorted desserts will be provided too. Lemonade, tea, and coffee will also be served.

## **EPISTLES:**

Paper copies of the February 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 March Epistle, please send an email to the office by February 20<sup>th</sup>!*

## **GIVING STATEMENTS:**

The 2025 giving statements have been mailed and you should be receiving them soon. Please notify the office if there are any discrepancies.

## **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.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE:**

On behalf of the Elders. If there is any reason to close the church due to inclement weather an email will be sent. The email address used will be the same ones used for the sending of the Weekly Bulletin. If you do not receive an email with the Weekly Bulletin, want to be added to the email address, or would like to update the email address we have on file, please send an email to [office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org) with your first and last name and email address to be added. Thank You.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

2/2- Lois Fuhrhop, Debra Liefer, Clint Crafton, Willa Henry; 2/3- Robert Pratt, Diane Guebert, Faye Reinhardt, Carrie Beshoar, Mackenzie Donjon; 2/4- Megan Henry, Molly Ellner, Lilly Minemann; 2/5- Timothy Hollmann, Juli Deterding, Oliver Schrader; 2/6- Harold Liefer, Carl Ellner, Avery Moll; 2/7- Brenda Salger, Zach Williams, Dylan Falkenhain, Carolyne Mulherin, Milla Neff, Sloan Brennan.

### **LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLES:**

Lutherans for Life will be distributing Life Network baby bottles at the end of the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service on February 1st in remembrance of Life Sunday. Please pick up a bottle, fill it with change and return it to the fellowship hall in the clear bins marked Life Network any time before Sunday, February 22nd. All proceeds will go to Life Network pregnancy care center with offices located in Red Bud and Waterloo. If you have any bottles from previous years, you can also return them to the clean bins. Thank you again for your years of support Life Network through their baby bottle fundraiser. Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366) for any questions or concerns.

### **COLLECTING BABY ITEMS:**

As our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod celebrates the sanctity of human life during the month of January, so our 2nd graders will be celebrating also by doing their mission project to support human life. They will be collecting diapers or other baby items for Life Network of Southern Illinois from January 20-30. This coincides with our school celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week as well! A table here at school will be set up in the lobby to collect these items. Another table will be set up at church. Everyone is welcome to help support the 2nd graders' mission project. Please place your items on the table at school or at church. Thanks so much!

### **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>.

### **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!

### **CLASS MEETINGS:**

The month of January is sneaking away on me. We need to schedule class meetings for grades seven through five for February 9. As I look at the calendar, it is one of the few dates with availability. Let's start at 6 pm with 7th grade, 6:45 pm for 6th grade, and 7:30 pm for 5th grade. All meetings will take place in the cafeteria. Any questions let Mr. Becker know.

### **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:**

Class of 2026 will host a euchre tournament on Sun. Feb. 22nd beginning at 1pm. It's \$15 (Cash only) per person paid for at the door. Food will be served from 12pm-3pm by SLAM Catering, with to go orders available to the public. Contact for reservations: Chrystal Kiefer at 618-201-7683 (call or text), or email at ChrystalKiefer@gmail.com. WALK INS are Welcome!!

### **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN DINNER:**

St. John Lutheran Church-Baldwin is having their All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner! It will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 1:30pm with Carry-Outs Available (1/2 Chicken only with sides). Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Slaw, Home-made Desserts, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee. Prices: Adults \$16, Children \$8, under 4 are Free. Proceeds to support Lutheran Schools in Red Bud, Prairie, Steeleville, & Chester.

### **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!

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Rotten Tomatoes"**

Boasting gone wrong—it's the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we've earned and deserved. (1 Corinthians 1:30-31) Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

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

Tragically there are many people who do in fact sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for the sins of their soul (Micah 6:7), killing their own children to undo or cover up the sinful choices they've made. How foolish is the so-called "wisdom" of the world (1 Corinthians 1) that calls death life! And though the Lord could rightly bring an indictment against His people for this evil (Micah 6:2), He instead shames the "strong" and "wise" among us by sacrificing His only begotten Son to cover the sins of the entire world (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). In Christ crucified, all who believe will inherit the kingdom of heaven, and those who mourn the wanton destruction of life will be comforted forevermore (Matthew 5:3-4).

### **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, 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)

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

**1 Corinthians 1:20 – “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”** God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says, “hold on, hold back and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

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

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we're continuing our study through the book of Genesis! This week we'll cover chapters 11-13. 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 on The Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m.) — we'll be introducing the all-new online edition of the Book of Concord from CPH, sharing this month's Searching Scripture feature, and bringing you Episode 5 of our latest history series, "The Battle for the Augsburg Confession." Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. An automated will or trust generator may not be able to capture family nuances pertaining to inheritance. Hiring legal counsel to make sure these issues are addressed is pursued. To prepare for working with an attorney, your Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

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

If we are faithless, He remains faithful — for He cannot deny Himself. 2 Timothy 2:13

### **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 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, 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.

**Sunday, February 8**, 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.

**February 10**, 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.

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*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

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School Custodians – Wil Krick, Bob Schramm, Christian Stechmesser, and Cheryl Fehr

*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, Kaitlin Schmitz, Madison

Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Mycah Clements, Zandra Harless,

Tori Muench, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Reagan Birkner,

Olivia Noethen, and Lauren Eckart.

*Church Council*

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

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

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Abby Stellhorn; (8 a.m.) Kellen Herrimann

(10:30 a.m.) Kaydence Proctor

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Kimberly Ellis & Addison Breier; (8 a.m.) Chris Doerr & Lisa Quinn

(10:30 a.m.) Ron & Donna Burgdorf

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

Flower Servers: Alice Guebert Paraments: Ella Hemmer