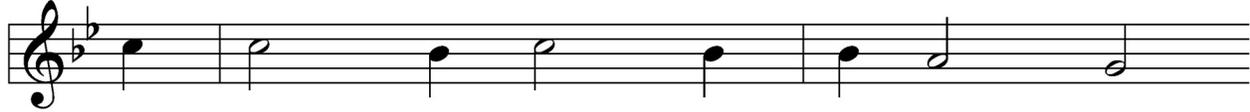


PRELUDE: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) "Basse et Dessus de Trompette" by Louis Nicolas-Clerambault
(10:30 a.m.) "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: "O Love, How Deep" (LSB 544, please stand for last stanza)



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

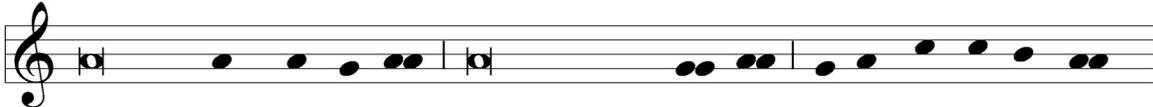
5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



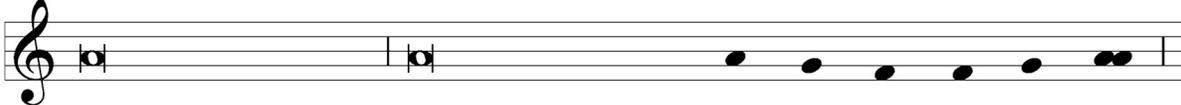
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



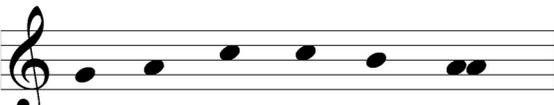
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



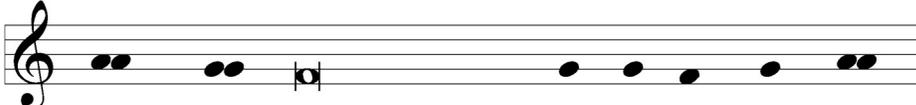
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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)

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “Oh, How I Love Jesus”

Bell Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 3:1–21

P: ¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:*Hebrews 12:2*

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

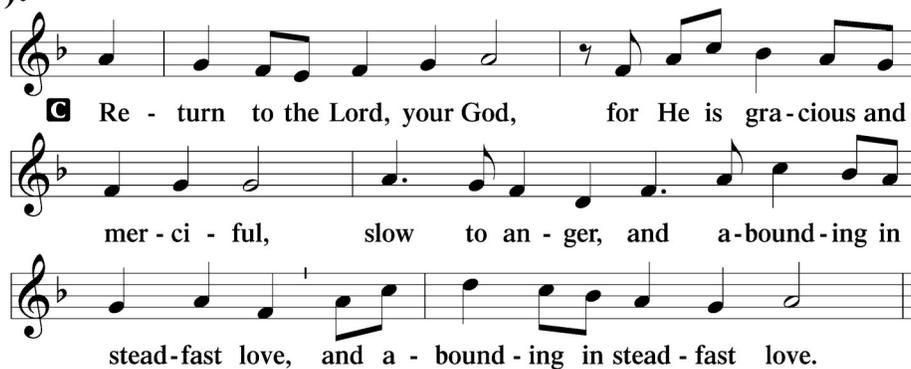
C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**EPISTLE:***Romans 5:12–19*

P: ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.**VERSE (LENT):***(LSB 173)*


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL:*Matthew 4:1-11*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: ¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him,

“Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (p 175)

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 174)

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:**

“Do Lord!: Psalm 27”

Refrain: Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me! Look away beyond the blue!

1. You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!

You're the stronghold of my life, by you all things were made.

Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,

For I move in the strength of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" (LSB 418)

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

SERMON

OFFERTORY:

(LSB 176)

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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, Barbara Korves, Mary Liefer, Kortney Moll, Paul Mollet, Norma Preston, Jay Prigge, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Trudy Woolbright; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Andy Amann, 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, Michael 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 Rev. James W. Rhiver; died in the Lord on February 13
+those who mourn: family of Marian Knop; died in the Lord on February 19
+the Installation of Rev. Jonathan Winterfeldt on February 22

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 177-183ff.

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE: (we speak the responses)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

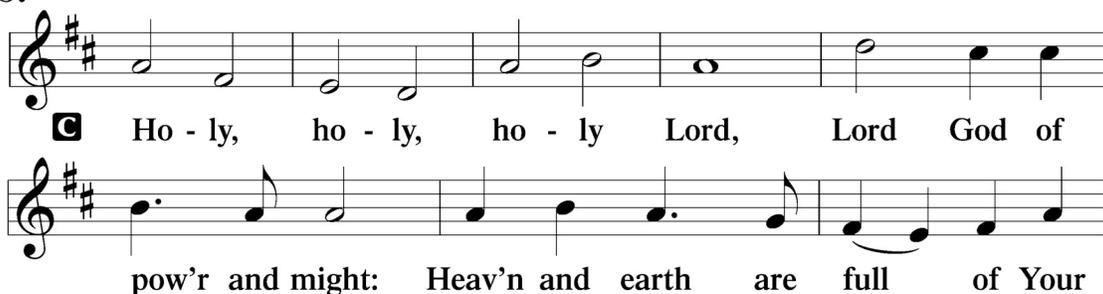
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

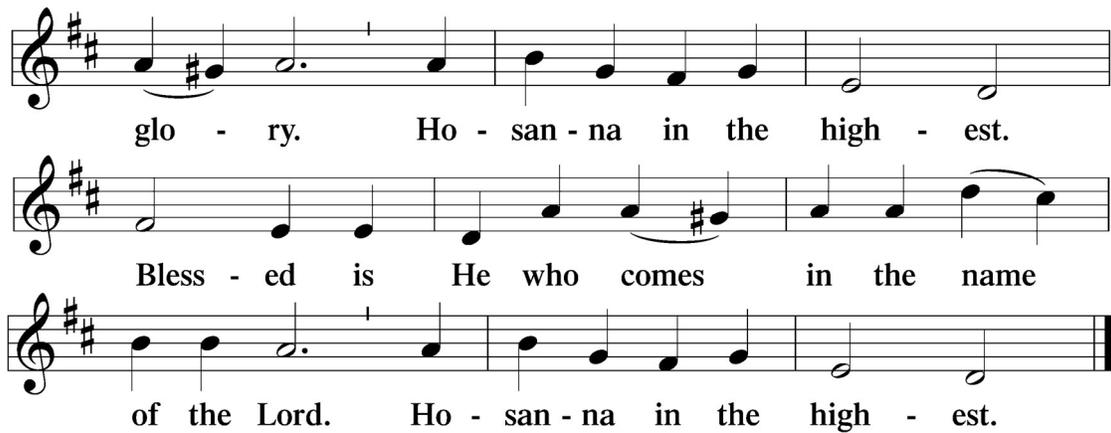
P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:

(LSB 178)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

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

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

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

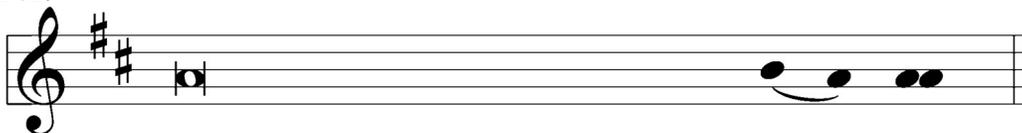
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI:

(LSB 180)



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



♩ A - men.

AGNUS DEI:

(LSB 180)



♩ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



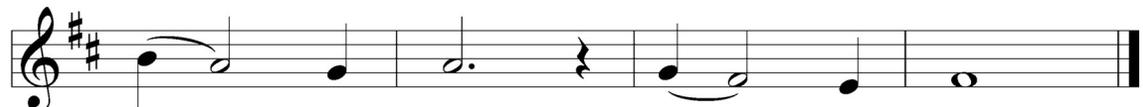
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

“The Lamb” *Bell Choir*

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” (LSB 424)



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
 2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
 4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
 Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
 Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
 Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
 Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

“Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken” (LSB 521)



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
 raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
 From his heav'nly perch on high,
 As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Wounded by a wound eternal
 Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
 When the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
 Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
 Overthrow at last the dragon;
 Send him to his fiery grave.

NUNC DIMITTIS : “Song of Simeon”

(LSB 182)



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT:

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.

BENEDICTION:

(LSB 183)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (LSB 656, please remain standing)

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arranged by Johann Pachelbel

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This Week with Our Lord, February 22-March 1, 2026

SUNDAY, February 22-

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

Monday, February 23-

5:30 p.m. VB at Holy Childhood

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

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

Tuesday, February 24- *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

5:30 p.m. VB vs Holy Trinity (A & C only)

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

Wednesday, February 25- *Midweek Lent*

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lent Service; Acolyte – Haydn Albert

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

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

3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class

5:15 p.m. Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Service; Acolyte – Maverick Cowell

Thursday, February 26-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. VB vs Chester Lutheran

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

Friday, February 27- *Early Dismissal at 11:20a.m.*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting

Volleyball C Team Tournament at RBL

Volleyball A Team Tournament at Chester Lutheran

Saturday, February 28-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Lucas Summers

Volleyball A Team Tournament at Chester Lutheran

SUNDAY, March 1-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Colton Albert

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:

February 15: Worship: 298; Communion: 226; Adult Bible Classes: 42; Sun. School: 31

February 18: Worship: 312; Communion: 164; *No Chapel* (Ash Wednesday)

February 17-18: Women's Bible Study: 16; Bible Recap: 17; Feb. 20: Chapel: *unknown*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 2/15/26- General: \$10,607.00; School: \$980.00.

GIVING STATEMENTS:

The 2025 giving statements have been mailed out. Please notify the office if there are any discrepancies or if you have not received yours yet.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:

Did you know that we do electronic funds transfer from your account to ours on a bi-weekly or monthly basis? It's a simple process! Complete the form with your contribution request and we'll do that for you. Those can be changed at any time, that works best for you, just contact the office with any changes. Feel free to pick up a form in church or school office. Please have completed form(s) turned into the office.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

+ The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Brian and Becky Liefer in celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary on February 18.

+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.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:

Class of 2026 will host a euchre tournament this 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!!

THE BIBLE RECAP – SCHEDULE CHANGE:

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, until summer, The Bible Recap will meet at 6:00p.m. verses 6:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

We will hold services on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The evening service will be preceded by a Lenten supper (spaghetti, lettuce salad, and garlic bread) beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The eighth-grade class will assist with bringing desserts & serving these meals. The free will offering will go towards their class trip in April.

EASTER LILY FORMS: *(See Insert)*

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NEARBY LENTEN FISH FRYS:

+ St Peter UCC in Red Bud will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, February 27 & March 13th from 4-7pm. Dine in or Carry Out. Call 618-282-2417 for carry out orders. Cash or Check only.

+The class of 2027 will host an all-you-can eat Fish Fry Fundraiser at Ratzkeller on March 21st starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/person and include unlimited fried fish, sides, and draft beer. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, and the event is dine-in only. Please contact any 7th grade family to purchase tickets or for more information.

DINNER AUCTION: *You don't want to miss this!! Get your tickets now!*

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!

JOB OPENING – PART-TIME:

The After School Care Program is in seek of additional assistance. We are looking for a responsible and caring individual to assist with overseeing after-school childcare. Duties include supervising children, helping with homework, and leading fun activities. Ideal candidates enjoy working with children and are reliable team players. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and available to start at 2:45p.m. Please contact Mrs. Courtney Schoenbeck for more information via cschoenbeck@stjohnsredbud.org.

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

The PTL is looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers to help make a difference at St. John's. There are multiple ways to pitch in, including Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinators, New Student Welcome Sign Crew, Fall Festival Chair, Cougar Prowl Fun Run, and PTL Secretary. See the Cougar Tracks for details on each opportunity to serve your child's school! Contact the school office or any current PTL officers if you are interested.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – STARTING NEW BOOK:

The Tuesday & Wednesday Women's Bible Study has started a new study by David Lawrence Coe titled "Provoking Proverbs", A study of wisdom and the Ten Commandments. For more information, contact Chris Doerr via email chrisdoerr9@gmail.com or call 618-343-5329.

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 **until February 27th**. A table here at school is set up in the lobby to collect these items. Another table is 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!

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>.

SID GOLF OUTING – HELP WANTED! :

Over the years our District Golf Outing each June has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to support church work students from Southern Illinois. The current leadership team has committed to training a new leadership team (2-3 people) this year. If you would like to help contact siddpaa@gmail.com.

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 8th from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Slaw, Drinks, & Desserts: Adults \$16, Children \$8, under 4 are Free. Proceeds to support Lutheran Schools in Red Bud, Prairie, Steeleville, & Chester.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

2/22- Darla Allen, Kelly Teets, Sarah Wetzel; 2/23- Doug Sachtleben, Jennifer Falkenhain; 2/24- Charles Hartmann, Diana Becker, Scott Brown, Beth Kilpatrick, Ava Kiefer; 2/25- Daniel Liefer, Brandon Mayberry, Ryan Stamm, Jordan Schneider, Megan Henry, Amelia Guebert, Brynlee Liefer; 2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Robert Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow; 2/27- Eugene Liefer; 2/28- Terry Oettle, James Liefer, Hayden Donjon, Brooke Stellhorn, Finn Liefer.

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, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2026-2027: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

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 Kollin Liefer (618/830-7140)

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

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

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

Zone 9: D/K Uffelman – A. Zeller- Elder Tyson Russell (618/612-6227)

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:

Date: Friday, March 27th, 2026; **Cost:** \$20 per person; **Deadline:** **March 13, 2026**

Program: Support Services for Seminary Wives; *Grace Uhm Hilton, Women's Coordinator, Families in Transition*; **11:30 a.m.:** Registration in Koburg Hall; **Noon:** Luncheon and business meeting; Adoption of new projects for 2026-27; Election of president, and recording secretary; **Checks:** Make payable to Concordia Seminary Guild; Mail: 3375 Dana Drive, Arnold, MO 63010-4255; **Questions?** Call Ellyn Petrovic at 314-952-8202

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

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. Sometimes we don't know the possibilities of things we could do, especially on our own. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can show you those gifting opportunities. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 21! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as we look at the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 11. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this week (2/28 at 10 a.m.)! We'll be concluding our study of Baptism as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. What does it look like for believers to walk in their Baptisms daily? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or in the KFUEO Radio app!

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "As Through Fire"

To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. (1 Corinthians 3:13) 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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God's Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil's words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil's temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

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Lilies have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of:

Lilies have been given to the Glory of God in honor of:

Lilies have been given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for:

They are a gift from _____.



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Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741

Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy Fourth Grade – Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Jr High Science – Sara Shepherd

Athletic Director – Scott Voss Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians – Wil Krick, 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 Makayla Liefer.

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Connie Muench Board of Finance: Becky Biffar

Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair: Jacob Arbeiter

Trustee Chair: Jeremy Voss Estate Fund Chair: Thomas Mulherin

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Sunday*) Pastor Mark Winkelman; (*Saturday*) Pastor Daniel Ostlund

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (*8 a.m.*) Lector & Children's Message: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Sutton Jones; (*8 a.m.*) Henry Schnepel; (*10:30 a.m.*) Holden Wagner

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: Alice Guebert Paraments: Ella Hemmer