

**PRELUDE:** : “God Is Our Refuge and Strength”

*arranged by Robert J. Powell*

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

**OPENING HYMN:**

“Sing Praise to God the Highest Good” (LSB 819)



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
of His might All things are just and good and right:  
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

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

**C:** Amen.





**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



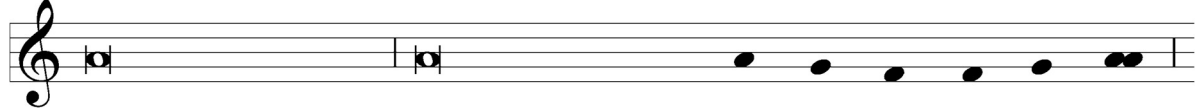
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



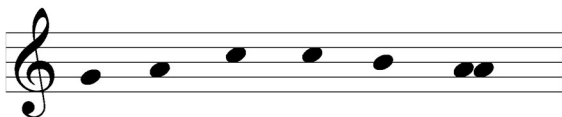
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



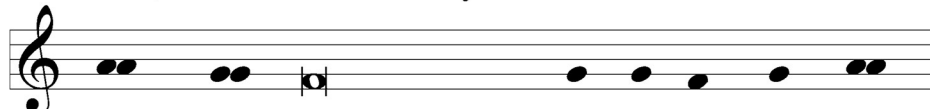
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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:** **Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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)**

(8 a.m.) ANTHEM: "On Eagles' Wings"

Grades 3-8 Choir (LSB 727)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And  
3 You need not fear the \_\_\_\_\_ ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
ar - row that flies \_\_\_\_\_ by day; Though  
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My \_\_\_\_\_ ref - uge, My \_\_\_\_\_  
Un - der His wings your \_\_\_\_\_ ref - uge, His \_\_\_\_\_  
thou - sands \_\_\_\_\_ fall a - bout you,  
on their \_\_\_\_\_ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock \_\_\_\_\_ in whom \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ trust!"  
faith - ful - ness \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ shield.  
Near you it shall \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ come.  
dash \_\_\_\_\_ your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

P: <sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold,

I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

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 8:1-11*

P: <sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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:***John 11:17-27, 38-53*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: <sup>17</sup>When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at

all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**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:**

*“Children of the Heavenly Father” (LSB 725)*



1	Chil - dren	of	the	heav'n - ly	Fa - ther	Safe - ly
2	God His own	doth	tend and	nour - ish;	In His	
3	Nei - ther	life	nor	death shall	ev - er	From the
4	Though He	giv - eth	or	He	tak - eth,	God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (LSB 685)*



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## 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: David Blankenship, Margaret Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, John Hemmer, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Barbara Korves, Kortney Moll, Paul Mollet, Norma Preston, Mary Schultz, Eugene Stamm, Trudy Woolbright; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Andy Amann, Allana Chamness, Mary Gibson, Virgil Gramenz, Shirley Hartmann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Virgil Palm, Ron Pflueger, Mary Jo Shelton, Ted Stellhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

MILITARY: Army- Zachary Beyer, 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 Mary Liefer; died in the Lord on Thursday, March 12

✠those who mourn: family of Charles Guebert; died in the Lord on Monday, March 16

*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.**

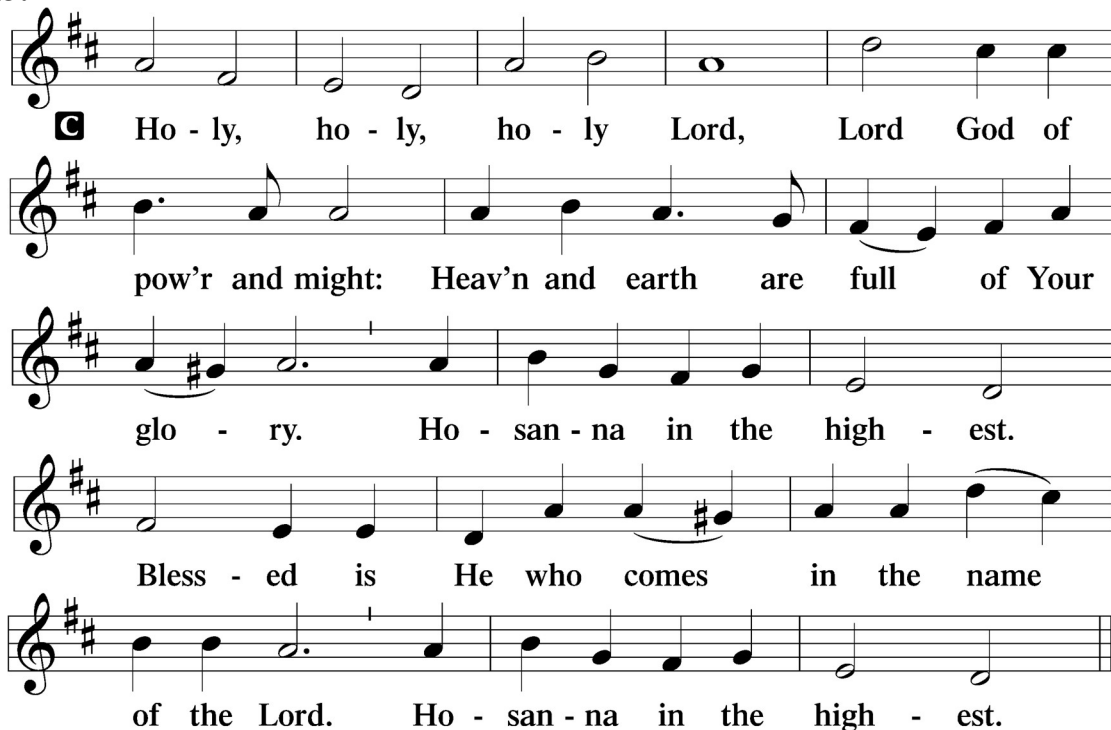
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

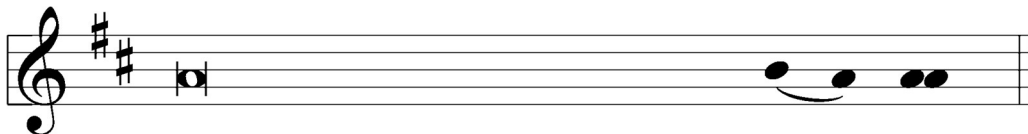
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

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  $\times$  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  $\times$  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.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI:

(LSB 180)



**C** 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)*

“On Eagles' Wings” (LSB 727)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To  
 bide in His shad - ow for life,  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
 ar - row that flies by day; Though  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -  
 Say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, My  
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you  
 rock in whom I trust!”  
 faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 Near you it shall not come.  
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,  
 Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the  
 sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

“Be Still, My Soul” (LSB 752)

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the  
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
 fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let  
 dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His  
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and

and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -

main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” (LSB 722)



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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:**

“Christ Be My Leader” (LSB 861)



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

**POSTLUDE:** “Christ Be My Leader”

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli

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*This Week with Our Lord, March 22-29, 2026*

SUNDAY, March 22-

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. to Sold out Lions Spring for Life BBQ  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Pictures & Retreat

Monday, March 23-

6:00 p.m. Class of 2026 Meeting in Library  
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, March 24- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 25- *Midweek Lent*

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service; Acolyte – Bryson Williams  
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
5:15 p.m. Lenten Meal  
6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service; Acolyte – Cassidy Palm  
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Examination

Thursday, March 26-

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Golf with RBC at NCCC  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, March 27- *11:45 Early Dismissal*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in New School Gym  
10:00 a.m. Arison Concert  
12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Arison Concert

Saturday, March 28-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Abby Stellhorn

SUNDAY, March 29- *Palm Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Emma Guebert  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

*10:30 a.m. Rite of Confirmation*

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Aiden Kiefer

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

March 15: Worship: 306; Communion: 124; Adult Bible Classes: 42; Sun. School: 40

March 18: Worship: 282; *No Communion; No Chapel* (Midweek Lent)

March 17-18: Women's Bible Study: 10; Bible Recap: 17; *No Chapel* (Midweek Lent)

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 3/15/26- General: \$35,041.96; School: \$1,050.00.

### **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.

### **VOTERS' MEETING:**

First Quarter Voters' Meeting will be held on **April 29** at 7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **ALTAR GUILD MEETING:**

The Altar Guild will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 31st** at 6:30pm to practice for Maundy Thursday Service(s).

### **SPRING FOR LIFE BBQ:**

On **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** in our school parking lot (or school gym lobby, if it rains) from 10:15am to sold out, Red Bud Lions will be hosting their Spring for Life BBQ. Menu: Pork steaks or brats, with sides by our Evening Guild. Desserts available – Provided by Southwest IL Lutherans for Life & Youth Group. Sponsored by Red Bud Lions Club & Thrivent Financial. To Benefit Life Network of Southern Illinois.

### **UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

Palm Sunday	Sat. Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. & Sun. Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup> 8 a.m.
Rite of Confirmation	Sun. Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	Thurs. Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday	Fri. Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Resurrection Festival Service	Sat. Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. & Sun. Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:**

We will hold services on Wednesday, March 25, at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A Lenten supper will precede the evening service (ham, potato casserole, & heavenly carrots) 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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

3/22- Kristine Neff, Samuel Wright, Loreli Aubuchon; 3/23- Kathryn Chunn, Stanley Langrehr, Kathleen Salger, John Hemmer, Kenneth Wild Jr, Jarrett Fleming; 3/24- Laurie Gunter, Jason Guebert, Emma Neumeyer, Kole Guebert, Oskar Driesner; 3/25- Mary Kueker, Larry Schleifer, Pamela Liefer; 3/26- Mark Voss, Brad Stechmesser, Chad Buch, Bruce Quinn Jr; 3/27- Tyson Russell, Luke Kennedy; 3/28- Linda Wessel, Derek Voges, Kylie Voss, Haley Hemmer, Vivian Breier.

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

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 8:1

### **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.

### **EASTER LILY FORMS:**

Easter Lilies will be on display again this year. We thank the Altar Guild for taking on this project each year as it is such a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. The cost is \$8 and you may return it to our church office or by way of the offertory plate by **Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Forms are on the tables in the entryway. Thank you!

### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Charles Guebert who died in the Lord Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the age of 86 years. He received a Christian funeral here on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

✠ We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Mary Liefer who died in the Lord Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 92 years. She will receive a Christian funeral here on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

### **LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: *Please Return Baby Bottles!!***

If you received a baby bottle on Life Sunday, please return it to the table in the front hall of the church or to the school as soon as possible. If you have any bottles from previous years, you can also return them to church or school. For each bottle not returned, Life Network has to pay \$2.00 to replace it so it is important to return the bottles whether they are filled with change or not. 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.

### **SPRING RENEWAL:**

LWML Southern Illinois District Lower Kaskaskia Zone invite you to their Spring Renewal on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 9a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 1699 West Point Rd, Campbell Hill, Illinois. Registration from 8:30-9a.m. Theme: "Compassion, Forgiveness, and Mercy" with guest speaker: Deb Mevert on the Mercy Ship (Floating Hospital Mission).

### **CLASS OF 2026 DC TRIP MEETING:**

We need to schedule a meeting before we leave for the 8th grade class trip. **March 23** at 6pm in the library.

### **STONIE'S SAUSAGE FOR SALE:**

The Class of 2028 is selling Stonie's sausage to help raise funds for their DC trip. A 12oz Summer Sausage stick, \$10 each, comes in a variety of flavors. Orders are due **March 26<sup>th</sup>** for delivery before Easter. Please contact Devon Albert or any 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent to order.

### **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](mailto: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 Cougar Prowl Fun Run, Faulty Gift Coordinator 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.

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES IN GERMAN:**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Wartburg will host Good Friday services in the German language on **April 3, 2026**. The service begins at 10 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Darwin Schreder of Lebanon will be the guest preacher. Rev. Lyle Buettner, pastor at St. Paul, New Athens and Trinity, Darmstadt, Illinois will serve as the liturgist. The service folder with Scripture readings and hymns will be printed in the German language. St. Louis Radio Station KFUE at 850 AM will broadcast and live stream the service.

Holy Cross, Wartburg was founded by German immigrants in 1841. A German Good Friday worship service has been held annually, except for the Covid years. Worship is in the beautiful stone church which was built in 1863.

We invite the community, students and friends to join us to experience worship in the language of our forefathers. Holy Cross/Ladies Aid will be hosting a luncheon after the German service.

### **TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION:**

Christian Friends of New American's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Check-in starts at 6 p.m. and Trivia will start at 6:45 p.m. Location: Lutheran High School South, 9515 Tesson Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63123. Cost: \$30 per person or \$200 per team of eight. Please bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. Be prepared for a fun evening as we work together to support our new American friends. Register today at [cfna-stl.org/trivia](http://cfna-stl.org/trivia).

### **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](mailto:siddpaa@gmail.com).

### **LUTHERAN OLDER ADULT RETREAT IN GRAFTON:**

The Lutheran Older Adults Retreat has been scheduled for **April 15 & 16** at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, Illinois. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Lois Eclert at 618-282-8241 for more information.

### **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; 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, 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 Uffelmann – A. Zeller- Elder Tyson Russell (618/612-6227)

### **CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCH:**

**Date:** Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026; **Cost:** \$20 per person; **Deadline:** April 17, 2026

**Program:** Three Hymns by Martin Hans Franzmann; *Dr. Jon Vieker, Dean of Chapel;*

**11:30 a.m.:** Registration in Koburg Hall; **Menu:** White meat chicken salad, croissants, broccoli salad, vegetable tray with ranch dip, fruit salad, lemon meringue pie; **Noon:** Luncheon and

*Installation of Officers;* **Checks:** Make payable to Concordia Seminary Guild; Mail: 3375 Dana Drive, Arnold, MO 63010-4255; **Questions?** Call Ellyn Petrovic at 314-952-8202

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Meeting You Where You Are”**

Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been. (1 Corinthians 9:19-23) 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.

### **LCMS FOUNDATION:**

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. The truth is that with creating a Christian estate plan, we need an entire team, to assist us to make sure that our plan is well grounded. It may very well be that part of your planning has included insurance. Those insurance needs change during different eras of life. Past insurance plans to guard against potential disasters, might now provide great inheritance opportunities for family, or even a charitable gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in conversations with your insurance representative to make sure your insurance policies are coordinated in your plans. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

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

**Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”**

This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

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

Continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), we're picking up with chapter 32! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) as Pastor Booe guides us through the book of Numbers. This week's studies will take us through chapters 26-29. Join us this Wednesday for the final broadcast of our Lent service from Peace Lutheran here in St. Louis (3/25 at 11 a.m.). On Concord Matters this Saturday (3/28 at 10 a.m.), we'll be concluding our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as discussed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

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

Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition.

## **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!



# **FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT**

**Friday, March 27, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**St. John's Lutheran School Gym**

**Christian singer and  
songwriter, Jennie  
Williamson from AriSon  
Records, will be putting  
on a concert that will be  
for ALL ages!**



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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, Danielle Schmitz, and Tammy Roscow.

*Church Council*

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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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

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Aliviah Gulley; (*8 a.m.*) Sutton Jones; (*10:30 a.m.*) Austin Stellhorn

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Linda Guebert & Chris Doerr

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

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

Flower Servers: Linda Guebert Paraments: Virginia Moeller